
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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April and May Calendars

Thu-Sat Apr 8-10	All-State Band/Orchestra
Thu Apr 15	Band Patrons meeting, 7:30 pm
Fri-Sat Apr 16-17	Solo & Ensemble Festival @ Frost MS
Tue Apr 20	Pre-trip rehearsals
Wed-Sun Apr 21-25	Band Spring Trip to Disney
May 3-17	Spring Band Auditions
Wed May 19	Jazz Band Concert 7:30 pm
Wed May 26	Spring Band Concert 7:30 pm
Fri May 28	Marching band registrations due

From the Band Patrons' President

You'd have to agree March came in like a lion and kept roaring. Not only did the Concert and Symphonic bands perform very well at the District Festival--securing the second jewel in yet another Honor Band crown for Woodson--but the Jazz Band earned exceptional scores at the Chantilly Jazz festival one week later. Top that with the Winter Guard's superb showing at the Atlantic Indoor Championships--"best Winter Guard in Virginia". Sincere thanks to the volunteer chaperones and equipment handlers who enabled the students to perform at their peak. Make no mistake: your support makes a difference. Those of you who attended the events know what a difference it makes to have the crowd behind the performers. It's with no small measure of pride that you can say "I support Woodson."

If you have been waiting for the right time to weigh in on preserving elementary school instrumental in the 2011 Fairfax County Budget, that time is at hand. Public Hearings at the Government Center will be held April 6 at 6 pm, April 7 and 8 at 3 pm. There is still time to sign up to speak if you wish. The Board will conduct mark-up meetings on April 16 and 20,

preparing for formal adoption of the 2011 Budget on April 27. Lots of dates, but the point is: write your Supervisor NOW. Urge him or her to support continued band and strings in elementary school. Would your students be the successful musicians they are without benefit of starting early?

The next Band Patrons' meeting is Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 in the Band room.

The Patrons urgently seek replacements for Scrip Coordinator, Publicity, Fruit Sales and President. Ms. Nancy Muse has agreed to serve as First Vice President next year. Welcome and Thank You, Nancy. With that, "I'm going to Disney World!"

Rich Heathcote

Director's Notes

All-State Band and Orchestra

The following students will be participating in the All-State Band and Orchestra at Great Bridge H.S. 4/8-4/10:

- Rebecca Anderson
- Jenna Cann (1st Alternate)
- Millie Clarke
- Tim Guidry
- Brennan Johns
- James Moon
- Matt Urbanek

Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Solo and Ensemble 4/17 @ Frost Middle School

Reminders:

- Performers should dress nicely. No jeans, shorts, sneakers, hats, etc.
- Be sure to have an **original** score for the judge with the measures numbered
- Performance times may be accessed at the following link:

www.solofestival.com Click on "Schedules" on the homepage and select your school.

Service Opportunities!!!

Students – we need you to work the concessions at Solo and Ensemble Festival on Fri, 4/16 and Sat, 4/17.

We can use 5 students to staff each time slot on both days. If you are performing at the Festival, you can work before or after your performance but make sure that you can work the entire time slot please. It is also very important that you fulfill your commitment

if you sign up and also that you arrive on time. 2 parents will supervise each time slot. There will be a sign-up sheet in the band room.

Friday, April 16, 2010

- 1) 2:45PM-5:00PM
- 2) 5:00PM-7:00PM
- 3) 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Sat, April 17 2010

- 1) 7:15 AM-9:30AM
- 2) 9:30 AM-11:30AM
- 3) 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 4) 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM
- 5) 3:30 PM- 5:15 PM

Disney Trip (*partial itinerary*)

Thursday, April 15th

7:30pm Band Patron meeting. This is also an informational meeting for Disney and parents should attend.

Tuesday, April 20

- 2:15-2:50 Concert Band rehearsal (run-through)
7:00-8:00pm Concert Band luggage/Meds turn-in Cafeteria **B**
7:00-8:00pm Symphonic Band rehearsal (run-through)
8:00-9:00pm Symphonic Band luggage/Meds turn-in Cafeteria **B**

Wednesday, April 21 (Students are expected to attend all classes on this day!)

- 2:30pm Chaperone Meeting (place TBA)
3:00p.m. All members will be seated in the band room awaiting further instructions.
4:00p.m. Depart for Orlando
6:00pm Dinner on the bus –Subway box dinner (**included**)

Reminders:

- Students should bring snacks for the trip. Remember, no nuts of any kind on Bus 3 which includes “nutty” people (They are all on bus 1)
- **Bring hats and sunscreen for the park!**
- **All meals are included on this trip! Money may be brought for souvenirs but that is up to parent discretion.**
- **Don't forget the pre-trip rehearsals!**
 - **Concert Band** Tuesday, 4/20 2:15-2:50 (run-through only)
 - **Symphonic Band** Tuesday, 4/20 7:00pm-8:00pm
- **Uniforms:** Guys need to wash and press their tux shirts. Be sure to have your **SHINY** black shoes and black socks. Ladies should have their black hose and black shoes. These things will be presented to the chaperones at luggage inspection.
- **Dress Code:** Please remember that the FCPS dress code is in effect on the trip.
- **Itinerary:** There may still be changes to the itinerary. Check the band website for any updates.
- **DVD's:** Please bring movies to watch (Ratings: G and PG-13 only). This makes the trip go much faster!

Spring Auditions:

See Band website for Audition info.

It's that time of year again! Marching Band Registrations will be due May 28, 2010. Registration forms will be available soon.

Chaperone & First Aid News

Chaperone News

Thank you so much to all of the parents who helped out with the Pre-Festival Concert on Wednesday, March 10th and the Festival concerts on March 12th and 13th. A special thank to you Betty Lynch for handling chaperone coordination at the March 13th concert.

If you are chaperoning the trip to Disney, please make sure to attend the chaperone meeting at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, April 21st, location to be determined. We will go over details and information about the trip just prior to our departure.

If you have any questions, please contact Stefan at stefan13@cox.net.

Thanks,
Stefan & Chris

First Aid News

For the upcoming Spring trip to Disney, please make sure your medication forms are up-to-date. If there are any new medications your students are taking, please make sure to have the forms filled out by his or her doctor in advance, so there are no problems at the medication check-in just before the Spring trip.

Medication check-in for the Spring trip will on Tuesday, April 20th between 5:30 and 8 pm in the hallway outside of Cafeteria A. Please bring all medication in their original bottles with dosage and instructions for use.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Schwarz at cs129@cox.net or Sue Kohn at sekohn@cox.net.

Thanks,
Chris Schwarz & Sue Kohn

Concessions

Request Parent Volunteers to oversee WTW band student concession workers:
Frost Middle School solo and ensemble:

Friday, April 16, 2010 (expecting over 700 students)

2 parents needed for each slot:

- 1) 2:45PM-5:00PM
- 2) 5:00PM-7:00PM
- 3) 7:00 PM-closing

Sat, April 17 2010 (expecting over 1400 students)

2 parents needed for each slot:

- 1) 7:15 AM -9:30AM
- 2) 9:30 AM -11:30AM
- 3) 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 4) 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM
- 5) 3:30 PM- closing

Please contact Tony Woo direct at runsilent3@yahoo.com for time slots. Thanks.

Winter Guard

On March 27 in Chesapeake Virginia, with over 40 friends and family cheering them on, the Woodson Winter Guard reclaimed their spot as the top Winter Guard in the state of Virginia by finishing 4th in the AIA Championships behind three teams from North Carolina.

Thank you to the band and band patrons for all of their support throughout this snowy winter season. We couldn't have succeeded without you.

Cavalier Card help for 2010-2011 Season

Wanted: Assistant Cavalier Card Chairperson for 2010-2011 Season

Cavalier Cards are an important fundraiser for the Woodson Band, and next year will likely be my last as Cavalier Card chair, so I need a "trainee". The assistant chairperson, ideally someone with a rising sophomore or junior in band, would assist the chairperson during the summer in renewing and soliciting new vendors for the 2010-2011 Cavalier Card, and in selling cards during the fall at back-to-school events and home football games. The summer schedule is very flexible. For football game sales, a loud voice & outgoing personality are helpful, but not necessary.

In addition – all band parents:

- 1) Please send me any suggestions you have for potential new vendors for our card. I am particularly interested in finding vendors in neighborhoods (in Woodson district!) that are currently not well-represented, in order to broaden its appeal. Vendors should be establishments that people would visit multiple times throughout the year.

- 2) I am looking for parents of children in Woodson feeder elementary schools and Frost Middle School in 2010-2011 who are willing to serve as communication contacts, e.g., finding out dates of back-to-school nights, dropping off flyers or posters at school office, etc.

Please contact Jennifer Planert at jplanert@verizon.net. Thank you!