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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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### August Calendar thru end of Band Camp

| Month of August | Band Camp  |
|-----------------|--|
| Sat Aug 6       | Car Wash @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 11-3pm                             |
| Sat Aug 13      | Car Wash @ Calvary Baptist Church, 11-3pm                                |
| Aug 15-16       | Band Leadership /Drumline/ Pit, 9-12                                     |
| Aug 17-19       | Rookie Camp / Drumline /Pit, 9-12  |
| Sat Aug 20      | Car Wash @ Calvary Baptist Church, 11-3pm                                |
| Aug 22-26       | Band Camp, 8am-4pm   |
| Fri Aug 26      | Band Pool Party @ Olde Creek Pool, 6-9pm                                 |
| Sat Aug 27      | Uniform Day, 9-12  |
| Mon Aug 29      | Band Camp, 8-4pm   |
| Tue Aug 30      | Band Camp, 8-4pm (Play at Cav Kick-off, 3pm)                             |
| Wed Aug 31      | Band Camp, 8-4pm   |
| Thu 1 Sep       | Band Camp, 8-4pm, (Picture Day)  |
| Thu 1 Sep       | FB Home (Chantilly), 5:30pm  |
| Fri 2 Sep       | Band Camp, 9-12  |
|                 | <b>*More calendar details under Director's Notes and articles below*</b> |

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**Important Request / Plea from the Director:**

The Woodson Band is very fortunate to have hard-working volunteers who always pitch in to perform amazing feats!!!! District Band the past two years was a great example. I don't usually feel the need to solicit volunteers because they usually just appear but with Football season fast approaching, we have an immediate need for a Concessions Coordinator.

The band operates both Band Patron concession stands in the football stadium and provides concessions for other band-related activities. The coordinator will be responsible for purchasing supplies, securing volunteers, and maintaining upkeep of both stands. The bulk of the activity takes place during football season and never fear, there has always been a wealth of volunteers to man the stands.

Please consider this very important but rewarding position. I cannot tell you how many parents have told me that the band was as big a part of their lives as it was their child's.

If you are interested, contact Melinda McKenzie Hall, Band Director or Jim McDonald, Band Patron President.

Thank you,

Melinda McKenzie Hall  
Band Director

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**Director's Notes**

**Look on the Woodson Band website for any updates. [www.woodsonband.org](http://www.woodsonband.org)**

**Car Washes:**

Please note the dates for the other car washes on our calendar. They are great fundraisers and social events as well.

**US Air Force Band Concert @ Woodson 8/10**

The United States Air Force Band will be in Concert here at Woodson on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. The concert is at 8:00 pm and is free and open to the public. Here is yet another event where band students can receive musicianship points towards their band letters. It will be a great concert and the Theme is Disney and Pixar w/ Major Scott Guidry conducting.

**Don't miss the Drum Corps show – August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm Note: It has been relocated to Liberty HS**

The link below is for the Warrenton Drum and Bugle Corps show. Watching a Drum Corps show is a great experience for any musician but it is especially an eye opener for percussionists. You will see a whole new level of playing and commitment when you go to one of these. You can even go early and watch the drum lines and the horn lines warm up. That is amazing too and again, more musicianship points!!!

<http://www.dci.org/schedule/detail.cfm?event=a136c665-e368-4e2b-a4a1-f6bb20838a55>

**Band Camp Important Information (again!):**

- All students are expected to attend every minute of every day of camp. **Please do not put doctor appointments or anything else during this time.** It is crucial that **everyone** be in attendance. Any questions or conflicts please call immediately (703-503-4665)
- Follow directions! This will make life simpler for everyone.
- Enter the building only through the rear exit of the new band room. Students are not allowed to wander the building.
- Eat Breakfast!
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, not soda. **New this year! We will not provide water for water breaks.** Please bring bottled water or a camel back.
- **Instrument Check-out:** If you need to check out an instrument for the fall, this should be done before camp starts. Call the band office and leave a message (703-503-4665) or e-mail [Melinda.hall@fcps.edu](mailto:Melinda.hall@fcps.edu)

**What to bring:**

- Comfortable shoes and socks (no sandals or flip flops)
- Cool and comfortable clothing (no bathing suits)
- Sun screen, hat, sunglasses
- Bag lunch (students may not leave campus for lunch)
- **Water (Bring a 1 gallon jug)**
- Instrument (reeds, accessories, etc.)
- Marching Band Music (American Heroes, Victors, National Anthem)
- Wind instruments should have their own music lyre and flip folder for their instrument.

**Marching Band Competition Schedule:**

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|---------------|--|
| September 24  | Competition @ Herndon H.S.                       |
| October 15    | Competition @ Woodbridge H.S.                    |
| October 22-23 | Competition (overnighter) @ JMU, Harrisonburg    |
| October 29    | VBODA State Marching Festival @ West Springfield |

**Forms:**

The following forms should be on file for each student:

- Marching Band Registration Form
- Emergency Care Form
- Medication Authorization/inhaler/epi-pen forms (if needed)
- WTW Over the Counter Medicine Sheet
- Uniform Agreement

There are a few students who are still missing forms. If we give them to you because they are not complete, please fill them out and get them back ASAP. Thanks.

**Uniform Day!!! Saturday, August 27th**

**This is for all Band members (including fall athletes) in the Band hall.**

**Schedule: (updated!)**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Upper classmen (A-F)     | 9am  |
| Upper classmen (G-Z)     | 10am |
| All Freshmen/New members | 11am |

**Fall Class schedules:**

I have noticed that several students have been placed in the wrong classes. This will be fixed before the school year starts.

**Picture Day!! Thursday, September 1**

Marching Band students will need to have black socks, black marching shoes and white T-shirt for pictures on this day. You will also have to have the picture order form and money in order to purchase pictures on this day. Order forms will be distributed on the beginning of that week.

**Great news!!** *The Woodson Symphonic Band has been accepted to perform at the CBDNA (College Band Director's National Assoc)/NBA (National Band Association) Southern Division conference at the end of February, 2012. The band is one of only 3 high school bands chosen from all over VA, WV, TN, GA, NC, FL, SC, KY, LA, MS, AL to perform at this event.*



**Chaperone News**

Thanks to everyone who assisted at our first band car wash. We could not have been so successful without your assistance and monitoring of our students during the first fundraising event of the marching season.

Band camp begins on Wednesday, August 17th. You recently received the band camp schedule and information for what to do the day of your shift. This schedule and information will be sent again a few days before rookie camp begins. We will be sending out daily reminders at the beginning of each week, to give you a heads-up about your scheduled chaperone day. Thanks again for your assistance in keeping the kids safe during their practices.

We have several events coming up in August. Thanks to all who have already replied to past notes about the car washes in August. We are currently in need of chaperones for the following events in August:

- Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – car wash – 11-3 pm (need 4 additional chaperones per shift)
- Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – car wash – 11-3 pm (need 4 additional chaperones per shift)
- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Ultrazone Laser Tag (band camp social event) – 8-11 pm (6 chaperones needed)
- Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> – car wash – 11-3 pm (need 4 additional chaperones per shift)
- Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fuddruckers night (band camp social event) –6-8pm (4 chaperones needed)
- Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Ice Skating at Fairfax Ice Arena – 8:30-10 pm (4 chaperones needed)
- Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Pool party @ Somerset/Olde Creek pool – 6-9 PM (10 chaperones needed)
- Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Cav Kickoff – 2:30-4 pm (5 chaperones needed)
- Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Movie night at University Mall Theatres – Time TBD – (6 chaperones needed)
- Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bowling at Bowl America Fairfax – 7-9 PM (6 chaperones needed)

We have some events coming up in September. We are currently in need of chaperones for the following events in September:

- Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – home football game – 5:30-10 pm – (10 chaperones needed)
- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Elementary School tour – all day – (4 chaperones needed)
- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - away football game @ Madison – 5:30-10:30 pm – (6 chaperones needed)
- Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm – (10 chaperones needed)
- Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – away football game @ Lee – 5:30-10:30 pm - (6 chaperones needed)
- Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Drill day – 10 am – 4 pm – (10 chaperones needed throughout the day)
- Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm – (10 chaperones needed)

For Drill Day, the entire band gathers for the day to get everything ready for competition! If you could spare a couple of hours between 10 am – 4 pm then email us with your availability. Even two hours is fine! If you want to work the entire day you won't be turned down!!!

Thanks!

There are additional events in October and early November where we will need your assistance with chaperoning, but we will send a list of those in about a month. There are plenty of events, so please get involved.

The fall overnigher trip date has been scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The location is James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Details are still being worked out. If you have an interest in attending, please let me know. This does not mean that you are guaranteed to be able to go - as a lot has to be worked out with the committee chairs and the need for pit crew – but, this will give me an idea of interest.

Look for emails containing information about the upcoming events/games/competitions. We will continue to send reminders out weekly for your band camp/after school chaperone schedules and any other events you have signed up to chaperone.

Thanks so much for everyone's help. We could not do this without your assistance. Please send email to Stefan at [WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com](mailto:WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com), to let us know what events you can chaperone.

Stefan & Chris

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**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Tag Day 2011\*\***

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be on Saturday, September 10, 8AM – 4PM.

It's a fun day for marching band members and parents, when band members go door-to-door in the Woodson community circulating information about our performance schedule for the upcoming year and asking for donations. Students are chaperoned. This is mandatory for all marching band members, including color guard, and parental involvement is necessary for the success of the event.

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## Hospitality Info

Hospitality activities are just around the corner, families will soon receive food assignments for upcoming events. Of special note:

Band Pool Party (Friday August 26): The Hospitality Committee provides paper products – the Student Leadership Committee organizes the food assignments.

Tag Day (Saturday September 10): Families are responsible for supplying their assigned food. A list/flier will be forthcoming during band camp with the details. Because all band members participate in Tag Day, provision of all assigned lunch items will be very important.

Marilyn Sitts  
Hospitality Chair

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## Cav Cards!

Cav Cards will be here by the end of August. We have some new vendors like Woody's, Einstein Bros., Coyote Grill and the new popular Josie's as well as our old favorites like AC Moore, Noodles and Co., Yen Chang's, and Robek's.

You have each paid for 4 cards. When you receive your cards you can keep them, give them as gifts or sell them and keep the money for yourself. Students can earn band points for selling extra cards. There are many great opportunities to do this. I need a couple of student reps to attend each elementary school's back to school night as well as at Frost Middle so we can sell cards. Please contact me if your student would like to "take on" an elementary school.

Chrissy Rabayda  
[rabayda@verizon.net](mailto:rabayda@verizon.net)

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## GET YOUR BAND SPIRIT WEAR NOW!!!

### **ONLY ONE ORDER FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Who is spirit wear for? Everyone! Students wear it to school, band practice, and band events. Parents and family members wear it to football games, band competitions, concerts, and band events.

We have short and long sleeve t-shirts, polo shirts, zip and pullover sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, hats, magnets and decals for sale.

New this year is a large duffel bag embroidered with the band logo and your student's name -- perfect for band trips!

Place your order now! **All orders are due on Saturday, September 10th (Tag Day).**  
Order form is attached and may also be found on the band web site.

Completed order forms and payment may be placed in the band mailbox.

Questions? Contact Brenda McDonald: [brendamcdonald@erols.com](mailto:brendamcdonald@erols.com) or (703) 764-3279.



## Support Woodson Band with Scrip Gift Card Purchases – It’s Easy!

The scrip program is an easy way for band families and supporters to help us raise funds. If you’re not already taking advantage of scrip, read on!

### What is “scrip”?

“Scrip” is, essentially, gift cards. You purchase cards for your favorite stores, restaurants, and service providers – where you shop every day -- and the Band Patrons receive a percent (ranging from 2% to as high as 18% or more) of your card purchase. There is no additional cost to you, and you get the full value of your gift card.

### What gift cards are available?

*Hundreds* are available – including Chipotle, Noodles & Company, Kohl’s, Sears, Shopper’s, iTunes, Best Buy, and Walgreens. Buy them for your ongoing, regular purchases, or keep some on hand for birthday or thank you gifts.

### How do I place an order?

Place your orders online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Just create an account (all you need is an e-mail address) and associate your account with our organization, the W.T. Woodson Cavalier Band Patrons, Inc., by entering our Enrollment Code: 787DC8EF2145.

For grocery purchases, you can also purchase grocery store gift cards for Giant, Shoppers, and Safeway at the monthly Band Patrons meetings.

### When can I order gift cards? When will I receive them?

For online orders, we generally submit our group order monthly, on the first Tuesday of the month, to allow for delivery of the cards for distribution at the Band Patron’s meeting (generally the third Thursday of each month); we can also make arrangements to get the cards to you if there isn’t a meeting (like this month) or if you will not be attending. We can also process your order outside of our normal cycle if it’s large enough to cover the shipping costs.

Note that many cards are eligible for “reload” (like AMC Theaters, CVS, Dominos, and Starbucks), which we can process very quickly. Once you receive a confirmation e-mail, you can re-use your card. In addition, the “ScripNow!” e-certificates (including 17 brands like Amazon, Home Depot, and Land’s End) are available *immediately*. Just sign up for PrestoPay (see more information below), and once your order goes through, the e-certificates are e-mailed to you (or your gift recipient if you indicate that). You can print the certificates to take to a store, or use the code for online purchases.

### How do I pay for the gift cards?

You have two payment options:

- 1) Pay by check, right after you submit your order. Submit your check to our Scrip Coordinator (Sue Mickelson) after you submit your order.
- 2) Pay by PrestoPay, online, at the time you place your order. Once you have successfully enrolled and verified your bank account information, the amount will be withdrawn from your bank account for the amount of your order, plus a small convenience fee of \$0.39.

When purchasing grocery store gift cards at a Band Patrons meeting, you must pay by check at that time.

**Whom can I contact with questions about the scrip program?**

Contact Sue Mickelson ([smickelson0961@yahoo.com](mailto:smickelson0961@yahoo.com)) with questions or for more information.

**The purchase of a few gift cards by every band family, each month, will really help!**

**\*\*\* August Scrip Order \*\*\***

We will place our order a little later this month: place your order online by **Thursday, August 4th at 6 am** for delivery of your cards mid-month.

[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

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**Holiday Tunes for Tots - in August?**

Let's get ready for Tiny Tots! What, in August? You bet, that's when I begin by sending out my letter to over 100 pre-schools in the area, so they can get the dates on their activity calendar! Our Holiday Tunes for Tots concerts take place November 30 and Dec 1st this year.

What is "Tiny Tots"? Just after Thanksgiving break, the Band program puts on a one-hour holiday concert geared for preschool aged children on two consecutive mornings in the gym, usually a Wednesday/Thursday morning. There are a cast of characters from a Prince and Princess, Snowmen and a crazy Banana (you'll have to see the show to find out more...) It has become such a favorite in the community that a couple years ago we began to offer it the evening in between at 7pm so that Brownie troops, Senior centers etc. families and grandparents could enjoy one of the most fun concerts each year. It is a fund raiser, and the last couple years we have cleared over \$2500 for the band program, all by having fun!

I am looking for two parents of underclassmen to learn the ropes this year since I have a graduating senior. I'll be with you every step of the way, AND it is probably the most fun of all the fundraisers. Most band members are involved in this event in some way, the majority of the characters for the show are underclassmen and the majority of upperclassmen are in the symphonic band playing the music. A fun time is had by all. It is easy, only involves the fall, your job is done by December 1st, so it won't be in the way of your holiday preparations! Call with questions, grab a buddy and sign up! You'll have a blast meeting all the band members and parents who help on show days.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Laurie McManus

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