
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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December and January Calendars

Tue Dec 1	Sym Tiny Tots Reh 2:30-4:00
Wed Dec 2	Tiny Tots Dress Reh (Gym), Tiny Tots AM Concert, Tiny Tots Night Show (Auditorium) 7PM (see itinerary below)
Thu Dec 3	Tiny Tots Concert (Gym) 10-11AM
Tue Dec 15	Spring Trip - 1 st Payment due!
Tue Dec 15	Winter Concert 7:30PM
Wed Dec 16	Winter Holiday Assembly 9AM
Sat Jan 9	All-District Band Auditions - Robinson Secondary (see schedule below)
Fri Jan 15	Spring Trip - 2nd Payment due!

From the Band Patrons' President

As the Pep Band played “The Victors” for the final time last Saturday, I reflected on the band’s steadfast support to this year’s successful football team and all the people who helped enable the students to provide that support. Thanks as always to the Committee Chairs who organized the functions that put the Band and Guard on the field and in the stands, especially Concessions and Chaperones who worked the playoff games. If this season was your first experience as a volunteer with the Woodson Band, please accept my sincere thanks. I hope you found it rewarding, but mostly I hope you’ll continue to lend a hand and urge other band parents to volunteer.

Special thanks to Betty Lynch who recently stepped up to take the Publicity Committee Chair. Betty is one of many Chairs with graduating seniors this spring. Other “Senior Chairs”, without sidekicks and critical to backfill this spring, include Lynn Hill (2nd Vice President) and Kari Olsen (Scrip). Please contact these ladies now to learn more about what they do, then decide where you can help.

Looking forward to a great time at the Tiny Tots concerts this week and hope you can join us. Expect word soon and try to make time to help with the citrus fruit distribution; Tina Pedrotty has done a terrific job running this year's effort (even _if_ Steve did the spreadsheet). My sources tell me final arrangements are in place for the spring trip to Orlando; please do your best to meet the payment schedule distributed to your students.

Best wishes to your family for a safe, happy holiday.

Rich Heathcote

Director's Notes

Band Director Notes – December 2009

Tiny Tots 2009 – Itinerary

Wednesday, 12/2

Morning Performance:

- 7:30am All performers meet in the Band room
Equipment people/percussionists move equipment to the gym
Symphonic changes into uniforms
Characters get into costume in the gym
- 8:15am Dress rehearsal begins
- 10:00 Performance
- 11:00 Everyone helps move equipment from the gym to the stage

Evening performance:

- 6:00pm Symphonic changes into uniforms/Characters get into costume
- 6:30pm Symphonic warm-up
- 7:00pm Performance
- 8:00pm Everyone helps move equipment back to the band room

Thursday, 12/3

Morning Performance

- 8:45am All students come down after break
Equipment people/percussionists move equipment to the gym
Symphonic changes into uniforms/Characters get into costume
- 10:00am Performance
- 11:00am All performers help move equipment back to the band room

Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 15th 7:30pm

Concert Itinerary:

- 5:45pm Uniform room open
- 6:45pm Concert II warm-up/Tune (Chorus room)
- 7:00pm Symphonic warm-up/Tune (Band room)
- 7:30pm Concert begins

Winter Holiday Assembly: Wednesday, 12/16 (Note this is a change from the original date). This will take place during Cav time. 9:00-9:45. More details soon.

District Band Auditions are Saturday, January 9th @ Robinson Secondary. Block Assignments are available in the band hall and on the website, or see attached pdf file.

- BLOCK 1 - 9:00 AM (report at 8:30 AM)
- BLOCK 2 - 10:30 AM (report at 10:00 AM)
- BLOCK 3 - 1:00 PM (report at 12:30 PM)
- BLOCK 4 - 2:30 PM (report at 2:00 PM)

Students reporting to Robinson after their block time has started may not be allowed to audition.

**W.T. Woodson Bands Spring Trip
Disney World – Orlando, Florida**

When: April 21-24, 2010
Cost: \$615.00*
Includes: Transportation via Charter Bus
2 nights in Port Orleans Resort on Disney
Festival Disney
3 day pass into Disney Parks
All Meals (11 meals total)

Itinerary: *This will be published as soon as it is available but please note that we are departing for Florida on Wednesday, April 21 in the evening and will return to Woodson Sunday, April 25 in the late morning to early afternoon.*

Payment Schedule:	December 15 th	\$115
	January 15 th	\$175
	February 15 th	\$175
	March 15 th	\$150*

*This payment is only \$60 for Marching Band members who paid \$90 for the fall trip. You may also make one payment of \$615.00 if you prefer. Checks are made payable to W.T.W. Band Patrons.

Make checks payable to W.T. Woodson and Patrons.

*Financial concerns should be brought to the attention of the Band Director immediately so that we can assist you.

Look for future updates and information in the Trumpeter, the WTW Band monthly newsletter. If for some reason you are not receiving this via e-mail you can find it on the Band website www.woodsonband.org

Parents can also be updated on trip information by attending the monthly Band Patron meetings.

This is a trip for the Concert Bands and performers in the Symphonic and Concert Bands are expected to attend.

Chaperone News

Thanks to all who assisted at the November regular season and playoff games. Thanks also to: Betty, Ron, Kathy, John, Tony, Marie, Vella, Cindy, Loren & Pete for chaperoning the VMEA trip to the Homestead on November 20th. We appreciate all of your help and support.

As reiterated last week, we are currently taking names for those interested in chaperoning the Symphonic band's trip to the University of South Carolina February 19th & 20th, 2010. We are definitely in need of more men of Symphonic band students to chaperone this trip. If you meet the qualifications and are interested, please let me know by sending email to: stefan13@cox.net.

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season. Thank you so much for all of your help throughout this long marching season.

Stefan & Chris

Hospitality

A huge thanks for everyone who helped with the Dessert Banquet, Marching Band End of Season Party and the Pre-VMEA Concert Reception. Thanks also for everyone who brought food to share. Special thanks to Marilyn Sitts, Betty Lynch, Nancy Cradler, Lily Do, Marie Cann, Kelley Rapoza, Stefan and Chris Schwarz and everyone else who lent a hand in setting and cleaning up.

We will be having our Band Winter Concert on the 15th. Please bring a dessert to share.

Citrus Fruit Sales



Thanks to everyone on their hard work selling fruit! The band as a whole sold \$15,000 worth of citrus- way to go!

There are a few people who really went above and beyond with this fundraiser! First of all, my husband Steve is really the one who gets the credit for all the work this project entails. He built the spreadsheets and worked magic to get all the numbers to reconcile! (Thankfully, he is a meticulous record keeper because Indian River's website crashed and lost about 40% of our data. Let's hope they are better orange ranchers than computer techs.) Loren Brandman was also so instrumental in kicking this off and keeping us going- thank you, Loren!

Finally, our top sellers boosted our sales by doing more than their part! Great job to our 3rd place seller, Theresa Vece with \$859, second place, Amy Sitts with \$948 and our overall winner and seller extroidenaire, Lani Furbanks who sold over \$1500 worth!!!

Next phase: fruit pick up.

We don't have firm date yet and I will email it out to everyone within minutes of finding out myself. We are shooting for a Friday afternoon as our first choice. The company hopes they can accommodate that request sometime between 30 November and 10 December.

Please email me if you are able to help unload and sort fruit when it arrives. I will certainly need a healthy team of folks in order to facilitate an orderly and efficient pick up for the group.

Thanks again to all!

Tina Pedrotty
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Uniforms

Uniform Help Needed!!

Please check your calendars and see if you can help hand out and collect uniforms for the Tiny Tots Concerts on the following days and times:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Collection Time</u>
Wednesday 12/2	7:00 AM	after concert about 11:00AM
Wednesday 12/2	6:00 PM	after concert about 8:15 PM

Thursday 12/3 9:00 AM after concert about 11:00 AM

Looking Ahead to the Winter Concert

Both Symphonic and Concert Band will perform for the concert!!

Tuesday 12/15 6:30 PM after the concert

Please email Marie Cann at billcann@bellatlantic.net if you can help at any of these concerts!

Concessions

A loud shout out "**THANK YOU**" to all the concessions volunteers during this 2009 marching band season. We had a record high selling year and could not of done so without your tireless support!!!

Special thanks to Sylvia (shopper/concessions), Pete and Loren (accounting/pizza pickup) and Russell (small concession manager).

Tony, Deanna and Sylvia