
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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January and February Calendars

Fri Jan 15	Spring Trip - 2nd Payment due!
Thu-Sat Feb 4-6	All-District Band at W.T. Woodson
Fri-Sat Feb 19-20	Symphonic Band performs at USC Columbia
Sat Feb 27	All-Virginia Band/Orch. auditions at JMU

From the Band Patrons' President

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were joyous and relaxing, whether balmy or snow-covered.

Due to a personal scheduling bind, I must move the **January Band Patrons Meeting to Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30 pm.** I encourage everyone to join us in the Band Room.

As mentioned at the Winter Concert, Woodson is privileged to host the District Band concerts February 4-6. Elsewhere in this issue of the Trumpeter are opportunities for volunteers to help support the visiting students and directors rehearsing for and participating in the concerts: another chance to show others just how well things are done by the Woodson Band and Patrons. Please check your schedules and spend a few hours helping where you can.

You may have read that Dr. Dale submitted his proposed 2011 budget without cutting elementary school music programs. With a quick sigh of relief, I'd like to think our expressions of concern had some bearing on his decision. That said, the budget has a long way to go, and until approved, I presume that all programs are still "on the table." The School Board will hold public hearings on the 2011 budget on January 25 and 26 at Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road in the Falls Church area of Fairfax County. I encourage you to follow the proceedings and weigh in where you think your voice is needed. See the FCPS website for details on the hearings.

Parents of seniors fill many key roles as Committee Chairs. We'll be seeking replacement Chairs for Hospitality and Scrip, as well as Vice Presidents. Before you think, "Oh, that takes _way_ too much time," come ask the incumbent. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised. When asked to help, please carefully consider how you can contribute to our continued success. Better still, come tell us what you can do!

Rich Heathcote

Director's Notes

Band Spring Trip

1st Spring Trip payment (\$115) was due in December. The second payment of \$175 is due on January 15th. Checks are payable to W.T. Woodson Band Patrons.

Just a reminder that all students who enrolled in Concert and Symphonic Band are a part of a performing group and are counted on to be at every performance. Disney is not just a fun trip but is a performance and a competition as well. There are still students who have not paid any money and not given any notification about the trip at all and this makes it difficult for all of us to plan and pay the bills. Any financial problems should be brought to the attention of the director if needed. No student will be excluded for financial reasons.

District Band Results

The following W.T. Woodson Band members made the 2010 All-District Band:

Rebecca Anderson
Andrew Bloom
Josh Brandman
Jenna Cann
Abby Clarke
Millie Clarke

Joseph Comings
Will Crowley
Lani Furbank
Tim Guidry
Brennan Johns
Joey Kim

Hannah Kohn
Huy Le
Austin Madert
Charlie McManus
James Moon
Nikko Nolasco
Ben Pafe
Kelsey Patecell
Tim Planert
Katie Plummer
Kellie Schier
Megan Seymour
Amy Sitts

Ian Staszak
Elizabeth Sullivan
Matt Urbanek
Theresa Vece
Mandy Woo
Kyle Von Bredow

Alternates
Victoria Anderson
James Cho
John Cho
Matt McDonald

A BIG Congratulations to these hard working students!

Paperwork will be coming out soon for the All-District event.

Sectionals: Students should be checking the sectional schedule on the Band website and on Blackboard.

The United States Air Force band will be performing as a part of the District XI All-District Band which is to be held at here at Woodson High School on Friday, February 5th. The concert will take place at 2:00 and is free and open to the public.

Chaperone News

Happy New Year!

We are still taking names for those interested in chaperoning the spring band trip to Disney April 21st through 25th. As with the previous trips, we are in need of more dads to assist with this trip. If you meet the qualifications and are interested, please let me know by sending email to: stefan13@cox.net.

Thanks so much,
Stefan & Chris

Hospitality

The WTW Patron's Guide to District Band Support

District Band is a multi-day event made up of 330 students from more than 30 middle and high schools. It culminates in a concert for all three bands (Middle School, Concert and Symphonic) on Saturday afternoon, February 6th, beginning at 2:00pm in the W. T. Woodson Auditorium.

A variety of parental support will be needed to make this event successful (and to uphold the honor of the W. T. Woodson Band Patrons!). Even if your student is not a member of a District Band, we could use your help. We need people to staff the director's room to ensure the safety of the directors' computers, purses, coats and other valuables. We are hoping people will sign up for 2 hour shifts to fulfill this need. **(See Kathy Beernink's note below for details.)**

If you are not interested in this task, perhaps you'd prefer to provide a food donation. We are providing dinner for 15 people on Thursday, breakfast and lunch for 35+ people on Friday and Saturday and we need food plus people to help pull this off. Please contact Vicky Goings at vberdo@yahoo.com or 703-978-5434 if you are willing to help.

Volunteers Needed for District Band Event

Support District Band! District Band will be held at Woodson High School this year Thursday, February 4th - Saturday, February 6th. We need parent volunteers to help (even if your student is not participating in District Band!)

Please contact Kathy Beernink, 703-764-3701, kathy@campcrossroads.org to sign up for a 2 or 3 hour time slot. We have openings in:

Hospitality/Directors' Room

Thursday, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Friday, Noon-6:00pm

Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm

Concessions

Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Room Monitors/Chaperones

Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Thank you.

Kathy

GMU Honor Band Festival

A note from John Kilkenny:

Hi everyone

Happy New Year, hope you are having a great start to 2010.

Looking forward to working with many of your students January 21-23 2010 for the GMU honor Band Festival.

We have a couple of spots still open in the following sections:

Concert band

trombone 2-3 additional players

tuba - 1 additional

tenor sax - 2 additional

euphonium 1 additional

Jazz Band

alto sax, 1 additional

trombone, 1 additional

Again, if you have students who play the above instruments and are interested in participating, please pass along the attached application form. If you have other students who are interested, we could likely accommodate them (unless they play flute, percussion or trumpet - we more than fine in those areas). Can never have too many clarinets!!

Thank you again for your help with the festival - interested students can contact me directly via e mail or my work number 703 993 9889. We are excited to offer a Jazz band, under the direction of Jim Carroll, this year, as well as welcome Captain Michelle Rakers from the Marine Band as a guest conductor for the concert band.

All Best

John Kilkenny

George Mason University

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