
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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January Calendar

January - multiple dates!	Sectionals and Rehearsal - see Sectionals Schedule @ www.woodsonband.org for dates
January 19	1 st Gatlinburg payment due

From the Band Patrons' President

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Holiday season and is looking forward to a great 2012.

If you didn't have an opportunity to hear the band perform at Tiny Tots or at the Winter concert then you missed out on some very fine performances that were enjoyed by all.

The fruit sale this year was very successful and we surpassed our goal for this fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who helped and who purchased fruit.

I would again like to thank all the parents who continue to volunteer for the many jobs that are required to make this such a successful organization. It could not be done without you. We will need several volunteers for near term events including hosting District Band as well as the two upcoming trips.

We are still looking for committee chairs for several committees. Please consider volunteering to lead a committee. Receiving some training during the prior year makes the transition easy and with the support of other band parents these committees run very smoothly.

Thanks for everyone's support for the Band. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Jim McDonald
President
(703) 764-3279 home

BAND DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Gatlinburg Trip Information 2012

Dates:	April 19-22, 2012	
Total Cost:	\$485.00	
Payment Schedule:	January 19 th	\$185
	February 16 th	\$150
	March 15 th	\$150*

Make checks payable to W.T. Woodson Band Patrons. Because this is a performance/competition all students in Concert II and Symphonic and jazz band are expected to travel with the band to Gatlinburg. Concert I students may go only if they are on performance status in the class. Any financial concerns need to be brought to the attention of the Band Director immediately.

**The final payment will most likely be lower than \$150.00 and we will let you know about that before it is due. By purchasing scrip, we can lower the total trip cost for all students.*

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. The spring trip is not just a fun trip but it is a performance and a competition as well. Any financial problems should be brought to the attention of the director if needed. No student will be excluded for financial reasons.

Sectionals: Students should be checking the sectional schedule on the Band website and on Blackboard. These are very important if we want to play our best. Students should also watch for reminders in the *Banana News* each week!!

CBDNA/NBA Conference trip: Forms and fees are now past due for this trip. Students, if you have not turned in your forms and fees, do so asap.

Donation letter: Parents, **I have attached a donation letter** that might be used to get corporate donations for our CBDNA trip. It is a very expensive trip and any donations we can get would be great. If you work for a company that looks for these types of donation/sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to copy the letter and give it to the management. Please do not give it to neighbors or anyone in our tag day neighborhoods because they are always so generous at tag day. Thanks for considering this.

Sudler Flag concert: As you all have heard, the Woodson Band will be awarded the Sudler Flag of Honor at the Spring Concert on May 23rd. This is a very big honor and there should be many dignitaries at that concert. Parents, this will be great recognition for all of your years of providing transportation, lessons and support for your child's musical endeavors.

District Band Results

The following W.T. Woodson Band members made the 2012 All-District Band:

Elly Meng
Cristiana Falvo
Megan Seymour
Brenna Oates
Amy Sitts
Alison Fowler
JP Clouse
Alexandra Bowen (3rd Alt)
Nikko Nolasco
Emma Chacon
Jiayin Xie
David Stoss
Ian Staszak
Katey Summers
Matt Rockwell
Bao Vo
Miho Moon
Chris Hill
Kyle von Bredow (1st Alt)

Andrew Pregnall (2nd Alt)
Huy Le
Colin Crake
Tori Anderson
Will Crowley
Joe Cradler
Sara Amos (2nd Alt)
Daniel Rabayda (4th Alt)
Kellie Schier
Dylan Rye
Evan Lum
Lexi Crosswait (5th Alt)
Josh Brandman
Joe Urbanek (3rd Alt)
Matt McDonald
Charlie McManus
Nathan Ramey (1st Alt)
Eric Stoss (3rd Alt)

A BIG Congratulations to these hard working students!

Paperwork will be coming out this week for the All-District event. Students involved in All-District need to return the paperwork by Tuesday, 1/17.

District Band @ Woodson 2/2-2/4: This will be our 3rd year hosting All-District Band and we have had a really classy event every year due to the help of the Woodson parents. Please help us continue this great tradition by volunteering to help. There will be an online volunteer sign-up coming out by next week to include chaperoning and food for the event. Please sign up to help. Your time will be greatly appreciated and you will hear some pretty great music too.

USAF Airmen of Note Concert – The Woodson Band is sponsoring a concert in conjunction with the District Band event of the United States Air Force Band’s Premier Jazz Band, The Airmen of Note, on Friday, 2/3 4:30pm at Woodson H.S. Admission is free!! All Woodson Band parents and students are invited to attend.



CHAPERONE NEWS

We are still looking for a **chaperone coordinator** to take over for next year. There is still time for me to provide training for you prior to the end of year. Please let me know via email if you are interested in learning more about this very important position and vital function for the band. To be successful with this coordinator role, you do not need to be as visible as Chris and I have been. You do not need to attend all events as we have done. Please send email to Stefan @ WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more.

Chaperone Assistance needed during the All District Band weekend

For chaperones, we need a total of 17 throughout Thursday, February 2nd, Friday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th. Most of the chaperone responsibilities will be securing the directors' hospitality room (Room TBD) and also keeping an eye on the Middle School All-District band students who will be spending much of their rehearsal time in a Room TBD. There is not an extensive amount of actual chaperone duty, as with many of our other events throughout the year.

On Thursday, February 2nd, we need 4 chaperones from 5-9 pm.

On Friday, February 3rd, we need 9 total chaperones. The shifts for Friday will be as followed:

- 8 am to 10:30 am (3 chaperones)
- 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (3 chaperones)
- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (3 chaperones)

On Saturday, February 4th, we need 4 chaperones. The shift for Saturday will be as followed:

- 9 am to 1 pm (4 chaperones)

If you have a middle school All-District band student and would really like to chaperone the middle school students, please let me know. If the other location is preferable, please note that in your email to me. If you are available to assist with any of the above shifts, please send an email to Stefan @ WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com .

We are also in need of 4 chaperones for the Wednesday, February 15th Pre-CBDNA/NBA Concert to be held at Woodson at 7:30 pm. We will need your assistance from approximately 6:30 pm until 9 pm for that evening.

Please email Stefan @ WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com if you can chaperone the February 15th concert, if you can assist for one of the shifts during All-District weekend and/or if you are interested in hearing more about being a chaperone coordinator for next year.

Thanks,
Stefan

HOSPITALITY NEWS

HOSPITALITY will need all of your help with the upcoming ALL-DISTRICT BAND event in early February. This requires our providing meals and refreshments plus volunteers supporting the event on Thursday evening from 4PM to 9 PM; Friday from 7AM to 5 PM; and again on Saturday from 7 AM to 4 PM. Food donations will include water, soda, fruit, baked goods, candy, snacks, juice, sliced bagels & cream cheese, yogurt, cold cuts & breads, veggies and crock pots with things like soup, chili, jambalaya, barbecue, etc. Watch for a Trumpeter Blast with information on how to sign up online to donate food and to volunteer for coverage of the event. We thank you in advance for assisting us with this major event.

Marilyn Sitts
Hospitality Chairperson

Concert Uniforms !

Congratulations Students! You have done exceptionally well so far this year. I must say we were VERY impressed at the winter concert to see that all but one student remembered everything they needed to have. Some students did not bring the proper socks so I will describe that in better detail. Also we are striving to clean up and shine up the shoes better. Please use Windex on the men's shoes to clean them up and maybe some pledge to add shine. Ladies shoes can also use Windex, but may need some polish to clean up scratches and marks.

Men – Dress, trouser socks, black only. No lines, designs, colors etc. NOT black gym socks.

Ladies – Dress black knee highs or pantyhose. No designs, colors insignias etc. Must be jet black, not see through. I get the extras at the dollar store so this isn't expensive. Also NO trouser socks, what you got approved for marching band will not fly for your elegant dress.

If your student had to buy socks from us, we charge them \$2 and do not take them back.

All the students looked very nice and very elegant.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please put your sons' initials in Sharpie on the tag of their tux shirt. We had several shirts left behind from Symphonic band earlier this season and that would've made finding the owner so much easier. Plus as we gear up for our trips, we need to make sure we keep track of our own items.

Our next event will be **Feb. 15 Pre-CBDNA/NBA Concert 7:30pm Symphonic students only**

Please clean and press tux shirts, bring clean socks and t shirts. We will collect those items after the concert to store in the red bag in preparation for the CBDNA trip on the 22nd.

We will need 5-6 volunteers to help with uniforms on the 15th and a few on the 22nd. Please email us at wtwbanduniforms@gmail.com

March 7th will be the next concert for all students.

Thank you, Chrissy Rabayda and Annette Landers

Cavalier Cards

WANTED: An individual that wants to show their child they care about the organizations they are involved in. Someone who can print out letters and mail them, possibly talking to some store owners with a smile on their face. Count out 4 cards at a time and stuff into envelopes (although if too difficult this job can be delegated out).

Order cards, pick up cards.

Sandwich board advertising at games is not required, but could be fun and helpful.

Bonuses

You can sell your four/eight cards first!

People are always taking cards to sell for you.

People keep giving you money!

If you or anyone you know is considering this very easy job, please apply to Chrissy at Rabayda@verizon.net or [703-426-1944](tel:703-426-1944)

This can easily be split into a 2 person job to make it real easy or be done by one person.

This is one of the easiest fundraisers for our band and brings in several thousand dollars.

I absolutely need to hand this job over, please call.