
“The Trumpeter”

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June & July Calendars

Thu Jun 9	Freshman MB Orientation, 7:30 pm
Fri Jun 10	Parade Verification form due
Tue Jun 14	Rehearsal - Graduation Band 2:30
Wed Jun 15	USAF Band Performance 8pm
Thu Jun 16	Graduation at Robinson HS, 2:30 pm (11-12 Symphonic Band plays)
Fri Jun 17	Turn in instruments by TODAY
Tue June 21	Parade practice 7-8pm
Wed Jun 22	USAF Band Performance 8pm
Thu Jun 23	Parade practice 7-8pm
Tue Jun 28	Parade practice 7-8pm
Thu Jun 30	Parade practice 7-8pm
Mon Jul 4	Parade
	See more details under Director's notes below

Director's Notes

Freshman Marching Band Orientation – June 9th, 7:30pm in the band room.

Drum Majors, Band officers and section leaders need to attend. We will be making up packets of music on Tuesday, 6/7 at 2:30 in the band room.

Marching Band registrations are now past due! Please turn it in now so that you will have a spot for the fall. We have deadlines to get the marching band numbers to the drill writer. This is a difficult task when registrations are not turned in on time.

Final Exam info: See attached!

Graduation Band

Graduation Rehearsal is Tues, June 14th, 2:30-3:30.

2011 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 16th

Robinson Secondary School

Itinerary:

12:30pm **Uniform room open**
1:00pm Load buses in full uniform
1:15pm Depart for Robinson via buses
1:30pm Arrive @ Robinson Secondary and unload
 (We will have to move percussion equipment from the Robinson Band room and put it back after the performance.)
2:30pm Graduation Ceremony
4:30pm Load buses and depart for WTW
5:00pm Arrive @ WTW (this is a guess!)

Independence Day Parade* & Information

See attached practice schedule and itinerary.

***Note: The parade is on Monday, July 4th this year!!**

Students/Parents are reminded that the parade verification form is due Friday, June 10th.

Guard Recruitment Drive

The band will be doing a final guard recruitment drive in June. Any band student who sponsors/brings a “civilian” to the Guard clinics will receive a service point. Encourage your friends to come out and join the Marching Cavaliers Color Guard. Orchestra and chorus kids are especially adept at doing guard because they understand music.

Coming up:

Mon, 6/6	Drum Major Clinics	2:30-4:00
Tues, 6/7	Drum Major Clinics	2:30-4:00
	MB leadership stuffing music packets	2:30-?
Weds, 6/8	Drum Major Try-outs	2:30-4:00
Thurs, 6/9	Rising 9 th grade MB orientation	7:30pm
Tues, 6/14	Graduation rehearsal	2:30-3:30
Weds, 6/15	Parade practice is cancelled due to the fact that the Air Force band will be using our facilities.	
Thurs, 6/16	Graduation – (2011-12 Symphonic Band)	

End of the Year Info!

Instrument Turn-In:

All instruments should be turned in by June 17th. No instruments will go out for the summer unless a new contract is filled out and the fee of \$92 (payable to Woodson HS) is paid for the next school year.

Marching Band Music will be given out before students leave for the summer. Do not lose your music. It would be nice to see more students coming to camp with their music memorized on the first day. Section leaders should be the first to pass it off and should try to do it during leadership week.

Air Force Band Concerts at Woodson!

The United States Air Force Band will be using Woodson High School as one of its concert venues over the summer. Dates for Air Force Band concerts at Woodson are:

Weds, June 15 (*note that I have cancelled the parade practice for this night due to the AF Band*)

Weds, June 22

Weds, Aug 10

Weds, Aug 24

All concerts are at 8:00pm in the Woodson auditorium and they are free and open to the public with no tickets required.

The JMU Summer BAND Camp is offering all 2011 All-Virginia Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Orchestra participants a \$100 scholarship to attend the JMU Summer Concert Band Camp, July 5-9, 2011. Please pass this information on to your All-Virginia students.

Of course we encourage all of your students to attend one of our five Camps (Concert Band Camp, Marching Band Camp, Drum Major Camp, Drumline Camp, and Color Guard Camp).

Hopefully you have received our camp poster, and if not, please let me know and I will send you one.

You can also learn more about the camp at:

<http://www.jmu.edu/music/summerprograms/summerbandcamp11.html>

Many thanks for such beautiful end of the year gifts and sentiments at the Band banquet. It has been a wonderful year of music-making and we will miss you, class of 2011! Mrs. Hall

[Scrip Info](#)

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



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 get the gift cards?

Place your orders online at 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. We generally place an order the first Tuesday of each month for delivery by mid-month – even over the summer!

You can also purchase grocery store gift cards for Giant, Shoppers, and Safeway, as well as selected dining and entertainment cards, in person at Band events.

Whom can I contact with questions about the scrip program?

Contact Sue Mickelson (smickelson0961@yahoo.com) for assistance or any special orders.

[Chaperone News](#)

Thanks to all of the chaperones who assisted with the Spring band concert on May 25th. We very much appreciate all of the help and assistance you gave to the band for the concert.

We still need chaperone assistance at the following events in June and July:

- Parade practices - Tuesday, June 21st, Thursday, June 23rd, Tuesday, June 28th, Thursday, June 30th from 7-8 pm – need 2-4 chaperones per evening rehearsal
- Fourth of July parade – July 4th – need 8 chaperones from approx. 8 am to 12:30 pm

If you can assist with any of the above events, please contact Stefan at wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com .

The band camp schedule for the summer is as follows: August 17th-19th 9-12 for new marchers/band leadership; August 22nd-26th 8-4 (two shifts – morning 8-12; afternoon 12-4); August 29th, August 30th, August 31st and September 1st (two shifts – morning 8-12; afternoon 12-4) and September 2nd (one shift – 8-Noon). Please send me your preferred day/shift so I may schedule you ahead of time. I would rather schedule you for the day/shift you prefer, than for you to have to find a replacement at a later date

Please start thinking about your preferred time slot for band camp for the 2011-2012 school year. It is fast approaching. It is necessary that every family help at least once during the summer band camp or after school practices. We would love to work with your schedules, to minimize any inconvenience that this may cause, but that requires some looking ahead on your family's part. It would be much easier to place you into the schedule at a convenient time for you than for **you** to have to find a replacement at a later date. It is also better to know days you absolutely cannot work around so that we know not to schedule you on those days. It is very important that we have at least 3 chaperones for all camp shifts and 2 chaperones at the after school practices. There is truth to the saying that many hands make light work! Please be aware that during this busy band season, every family is needed to help for the safety of the students. Mrs. Hall cannot do the direction of the band and clinicians as well as taking care of the mishaps which do happen—inevitably when chaperones do not show up for their shift. The calendar of chaperones will be published by the beginning of August, so that you can post it on your calendars.

***** If you are a teacher in Fairfax County or a nearby county, please try and take a shift before teachers go back to work.**

If you have any questions about band camp, after school rehearsals or any other band chaperoning assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Stefan or Chris at wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com.

Lastly, we will have a rising senior next year and are looking for a new chaperone coordinator to train. We would love to start training you over the summer before and

during band camp. If you are at all interested in taking on this important role for the band, please email Stefan at wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com.

Cavalier Cards

Many thanks to Chrissy Rabayda for becoming the Cavalier Card Chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year! Please consider helping Chrissy with this great fundraiser. Parents with leftover cards – bring them to the freshman orientation meeting on June 9 for an opportunity to sell those cards!

Color Guard

WT WOODSON Color Guard - IT IS NOT TOO LATE

There is still time to sign up for the award winning Woodson Color Guard. We will be practicing from 5 - 8pm June 13 - 17th, in front of Woodson. And our first performance of the year will be marching in the Fairfax City 4th of July Parade. Color Guard is a fun and exciting way to be involved at Woodson. No experience necessary, just a willingness to try. We welcome everyone to come give spinning flags, rifles and sabers a try. Contact Color Guard Member Rachel Major if you have any questions - 703-280-2222 or devotedx@gmail.com or come and join our practice in June! Share with your friends or if you know anyone who might be interested.

Hospitality

The awards banquet was a wonderful finish to a good year. Thanks to all who helped pull it off. And, most importantly, good luck and God bless to our seniors!

Hospitality wouldn't be possible without your support. We're looking forward to another great year in 2011-2012. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Have a safe and relaxing summer.