
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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March & April Calendars

Fri Mar 4	Paperwork AND Final payment for Atlanta Trip due - \$160 ←note smaller amount
Wed Mar 9	Pre-Festival Concert, 7:30 pm
Fri Mar 11	District Band Festival, Centreville HS - Concert Band
Sat Mar 12	District Band Festival, Centreville HS - Symphonic Band
Fri Mar 18	Solo & Ensemble registration and money due
Sat Mar 26	Chantilly Jazz Festival
Wed Mar 30-Sun Apr 3	Band Spring Trip begins after school!
Thu Apr 7-Sat Apr 9	All-State Band/Orch @ Charlottesville H.S
Sat Apr 30	Solo and Ensemble Festival @ Irving M.S.
	See more dates under Director's notes below

From the Band Patrons' President

Dear Patrons,

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to spring. Hopefully the worst of our winter weather is behind us.

This next week we have several opportunities to hear our students play. On Wednesday evening, March 9th the band will have their Pre-Festival Concert. On Friday afternoon, March 11th, the Concert Band will perform at the Band Festival and on Saturday evening, the Symphonic Band will perform at the Band Festival. Please come out and support your band student. Your attendance does make a difference.

We have several committee chairs whose students are seniors this year and we are looking to fill those positions. Please consider volunteering to chair a committee.

Please join us on March 17th for our next Band Patrons meeting. We will be discussing several items including the Spring Trip.

Jim McDonald
(703) 764-3279 home

Director's Notes

Coming Up:

Thursday, 3/3	Concert Flutes 4:00-5:30 Symphonic Flutes 7:00-8:30
Friday, 3/4	Atlanta paperwork due w/ final fee of <u>\$160.00</u>
Monday, 3/7	Concert Band rehearsal 2:30-4:00
Tuesday, 3/8	Symphonic Band 7-8:30pm
Wednesday, 3/9	Pre-Festival Concert @ WT Woodson* 6:00pm Uniform room open 6:30pm Concert Band warm-up (chorus room) 7:00pm Symphonic Band warm-up (band room) 7:30pm Concert begins (Students must stay for its entirety)
	<i>*Concert Band students will leave your black shoes, black socks, white shirt, and any other uniform accessories at school after this concert. Bring <u>other</u> clothes to change into after the concert.</i>
Friday, 3/11	Band Festival - Concert Band @ Centreville 4:30 pm. Students will leave from school on buses and go to Centreville. Parents are encouraged to attend. 12:45pm Report to Band room for run-through 2:00pm Change into uniforms 2:45pm Load buses/Depart 4:30pm Performance 6:30pm Arrive back to WTW
Saturday, 3/12	Band Festival - Symphonic Band @ Centreville 8:00pm. Students will meet at WTW and go on school buses. Parents are encouraged to attend. 5:30pm Uniform check-out and dress 6:00pm Load buses/Depart 8:15pm Performance 10:15pm Arrive back to WTW

Spring Trip News:

Please note that thanks to our hard-working students and Band Patrons, we were able to reduce the trip cost by \$20. The final payment is now \$160.

The itinerary and forms packet is due along with the final payment by **March 4th**.

Students who have not turned in completed paperwork packets and final fees will not sign up for a bus until after the Freshmen.

Solo and Ensemble:

Forms and money are due **March 18th**. Forms are available in the Band hall. The solo and ensemble date is April 30th @ Irving MS.

Band Pre-Festival Concert:

7:30pm Wednesday 3/9 @ WTW

See the itinerary above.

The following band students auditioned for and made the All-State Band:

- Will Crowley - Horn
- Tim Guidry - Trumpet
- Brennan Johns - Euphonium
- Nikko Nolasco - Clarinet
- Ben Pafe - Tuba
- Matt Urbanek - Trumpet
- Mandy Woo – Horn
- Josh Brandman – Trombone (2nd Alt)
- Jenna Cann – Oboe (2nd alt)

Congratulations to these very talented musicians!

Scrip

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. 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 process your order, though, outside of our normal cycle if it's large enough to cover the shipping costs, and will make arrangements to get the cards to you as soon as possible.

Many cards are eligible for “reload” (like AMC Theaters, CVS, Dominos, and Starbucks), which we can process almost immediately. 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) with questions or for more information.

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

***** March Scrip Order *****

Place your order online by **Saturday, March 5 at 6 am** for delivery of your cards at the Band Patron’s meeting on March 17th. But remember: card reloads and ScripNow! e-certificate orders can be placed at anytime!

www.shopwithscrip.com

Chaperone & First Aid News

We are still at least one chaperone short to assist with Concert band’s participation at District Band Festival at Centreville High School on Friday, March 11th. If you are available to come with us as a chaperone roughly between the hours of 2 pm and 7 pm, please email Stefan at WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com.

Thank you to all of the chaperones who assisted with All District weekend in early February. We could not have had such a successful event without all of your help and support.

For the upcoming spring trip to Atlanta, please make sure your medication forms are up-to-date. If there are any new medications your students are taking, please make sure to have the forms filled out by his or her doctor in advance, so there are no problems at the medication check-in just before the spring trip. Medication turn-in will be on Tuesday, March 29th from 6-8 PM in the band room. Please make sure all medication is brought in their original containers and with proper dosage information for students. All medication must be turned in on Tuesday evening in the band room in order for your student to be able to get his/her prescribed medication for this trip. If you have any questions, please email Christine Schwarz at CSchwarz129@gmail.com.

Thanks for all of your assistance throughout the entire year.

Stefan & Chris

Uniforms

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

The Uniform committee needs a few volunteers to help hand out and collect uniforms for the Pre Festival Concert on March 9. Please email Marie Cann at billcann@bellatlantic.net if you can help with this performance.

Volunteer times

Date	Start time	End time
Wed. March 9	5:45 PM	after the concert

Please make sure your student arrives for the Pre Festival Concert with the following:

Men: Clean pressed tux shirt on a hanger
Black trouser socks
Clean uniform shoes

Women: No nail polish
Hair pulled back
Black trouser socks
Concert dress shoes
No bracelets, large earrings or necklaces

Thanks for your help!!