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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## May, June, and July Calendars

18-21 May	Color Guard Try Out Days, 2:30-5 pm
20 May	Spring Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 pm
22 May	Marching Band Registrations due
26 and 27 May	Senior Centerpiece Assembly, evenings at the McDevitt's home
28 May	Band Spring Concert, Lanier M.S., 7:30 pm
29 May	Student Point Sheets due
1 June	Great Lakes Scrip deadline, 10 pm
4 June	End-of-Year Banquet, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria
11 June	Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders Marching Band Orientation, 7:30 pm
16 June	Graduation (Symphonic Band plays)
18, 23, 25, 30 June	Parade Rehearsal, 7-8 pm
2 July	Parade Rehearsal, 7-8 pm
4 July	Parade

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## President's Notes

Dear Patrons,

As we approach the end of the school year, I wish to thank the many volunteers that have helped to make this year a resounding success. Your time and dedicated efforts are very much appreciated...without you, our program could not function. Thanks!

Looking ahead, we will need volunteers to replace the parents of our graduating seniors, and Committee Chairs that do not wish to continue in their present positions. Right now, we're most concerned about three positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and Trumpeter Coordinator. If you'd

like to get involved, please contact me: [kenbuell@cox.net](mailto:kenbuell@cox.net); or Rich Heathcote at [richard.heathcote.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:richard.heathcote.ctr@navy.mil)

Our next Patron's meeting is on Thursday, 21 May, 7:30 PM in the Band Room. Hope to see you there.

Ken

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### Director's Notes

**A.P. Testing:** We are in the midst of A.P. testing and students should be in band class when not in an actual test. Putting together music for a concert is difficult when there are many students absent.

**Spring Auditions** are happening now. See the audition schedule and instructions on the website!

**2009 Marching Band registrations** are due May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**2009 Marching Band Calendar** has been posted on the band website.

### Spring Trip News:

#### Spring Trip Festivals of Music – New York

Symphonic: Superior Rating, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Class

Concert: Excellent Rating, 1st Place in Class

Jazz: Superior Rating, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Class, trombones – Outstanding section, Matt Urbanek – Outstanding soloist.

A Big thank you to Katie Miranda, Kim Dalferes, Greg Dalferes, Carol McDevitt, Nikki Buell, Ken Buell, Cindy Znachko, Betty Lynch, Christine Schwarz, Tony Woo, Lois Urbanek, Sue Sweet, Richard Heathcote, and Vella Bloom for chaperoning this trip. Also, thank you to all of the parents who helped with baggage checking and uniforms before and after our departure.

Kari Olsen did some driving to transfer students from chorus to Jazz Band and Harriet Golden did some chaperoning as well.

Vella Bloom, Ken Buell, Lois Urbanek and Carol McDevitt were key to the set-up of this trip, making hotel and meal arrangements.

Everything went very smoothly thanks to you!

### 2009-2010 Spring Trip will be Disney!

**Congratulations**—Millie Clarke was awarded a certificate of Merit for music from the National Society of Arts and Letters at the Kennedy Center.

**Solo and Ensemble**—72 students performed at the Solo and Ensemble Festival on 4/25 and did a superb job.

**Awards**—Students should be compiling their point sheets to turn in by 5/29.

### Coming Up:

Jazz Band Concert – 5/20 @ 7:30pm

Spring Concert – 5/28 @ 7:30pm

Spring Awards Banquet – 6/4 @ 6:30pm

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade MB orientation – 6/11 7:30pm

Graduation – 6/16

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:

This has the potential of being a very big fundraiser for the band and it is also great exposure in the community. Last year we came home with \$6,000.00. We need all students to participate because numbers make the difference.

6/18 Practice 7-8  
6/23 Practice 7-8  
6/25 Practice 7-8  
6/30 Practice 7-8  
7/2 Practice 7-8  
7/4 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

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## Color Guard Try It Out Days

The Woodson Color Guard will be holding their recruiting Try It Out Days on Mon-Thurs, 18-21 May from 2:30 - 5 pm on the grass island in front of Frost. 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 Captain Lisa Hill if you have any questions - 703-385-5561.

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## Scrip

The deadline for the June Great Lakes Scrip order is **Mon, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 pm.**  
**Great Lakes Scrip will be available throughout the summer.**

Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

WTW Band Shop with Scrip Enrollment Code: **787DC8EF2145**

Giant and Shopper's Scrip will be available at the May Band Patron meeting. During the summer, please purchase Giant, Safeway and Shopper's Scrip directly from the PTSA. Remember, you may still designate your student's band account on grocery scrip purchased from the PTSA.

The Student Credit report will be sent out in a separate email shortly. If you would like to use your credits for next year's Band Registration Fee, please fill out a Student Credit Use form which may be found on the WTW Band Website ([www.woodsonband.org](http://www.woodsonband.org)) under *Band Info/Forms/Student Credit Use*. Place the completed form into the black mailbox in the band room.

If you have a graduating senior and would like us to carry over your student band credits to a younger sibling, please let me know. Even if your student will not be at Woodson next year, we can still keep track of the credits.

**Senior Parents: Please let me know about any carry over to siblings by September 1<sup>st</sup> so that I can make a smooth transition to next year. Any credits not carried over to siblings will be moved to the WTW Band Patron account.**

If you have ANY questions about Scrip, please call or e-mail me at 703-426-2856 or [mwokeo@cox.net](mailto:mwokeo@cox.net).

Kari Olsen, Scrip Chair

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## Chaperone News

We have one final concert for the 2008-2009 School Year! Wow, has it flown by! It looks like it will still be held at Lanier Middle School on **Thurs, May 28th at 7:30pm** but if by some lucky turn of events we get to have the last concert at Woodson then it will make the last concert that much easier and that much more special! Currently, we are planning on traveling from Woodson to Lanier

by bus. It would be great to have 6 parents to help with the bus runs and concert manners during the performance. What a great time for underclassmen parents to step up and let the senior parents enjoy the evening duty free. It's not overly time consuming and it's a great way to get to know some of the kids! The new Chaperone Chairs, Chris and Stefan, will coordinate volunteers to help get them into the swing of things for next year! If you could come to Woodson when you drop off your student and help manage the hallways and make sure all students get on the bus and ride it over and back that would be wonderful! It's not a lot of work but it is needed!

As this year winds down we are already gearing up for next year. At the next band meeting we will start the calendar of Chaperone Help for the 2009 marching season. Every family is needed to help at least once during summer camp or after school practices. We 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. If there is a day that you would find easier to work into your schedule or there is a day that you absolutely cannot work around, please email Stefan or Chris or let us know at the meeting. It is very important that we have at least 3 volunteers for all camp shifts and 2 volunteers at the after school practices. There is truth to the saying that many hands make light work! Please realize that during this busy season of band 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 take care of the mishaps which do happen-inevitably when chaperones do not show up for their shift. The calendar of chaperones will be published at the end of July so that you can post it on your home calendars. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Stefan or Chris.

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### Senior Centerpieces---Volunteers Needed

The annual Band Banquet is just around the corner on Thursday, June 4. Traditionally, Cafeteria A is adorned in festive regalia and tables are decorated with personalized centerpieces that are put together by Senior parents for their own graduating sons' and daughters' keeping. A "Creative Committee" of Schwarz, Madert, Chinn and McDevitt is coming up with a prototype. However, ALL Senior parents (and anyone else who wants to help) are invited and urged to come to one of a few centerpiece assembly nights. We'll gather at McDevitts': 3712 Millbank Ct (in Ridgelea Hills) **Tues, 5/26; Wed, 5/27; and/or Tues, 6/2** (if necessary). As veteran Band Parents, we do as much socializing as assembling (!) so please come and enjoy the company! Any questions or ideas, please contact Carol McDevitt: email [seajay711@aol.com](mailto:seajay711@aol.com) or 703-425-8375.

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### Hospitality—June Banquet

The End of the Year Banquet and Awards Night will be here before you know it! Take out a pen and mark it on your calendar so it doesn't get forgotten in the midst of all the other activities that will be scribbled on your calendar before summer hits. Please join us on **Thurs, June 4th at 6:30pm** in the Woodson cafeteria for an evening of reminiscing the great moments throughout the year while dining on scrumptious food provided by you! Please stay tuned and look for your invitation at the concert and possibly brought home to you by your child (you may want to check the bottom of the backpack yourself...) for all the details of what to bring.

Hospitality is still looking for a chair person for next year. If you are looking for an easy way to get involved send me an email with your questions. It's really not complicated and it's a great way to be involved with minimal effort.

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