
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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May and June Calendars

May 3-17	Spring Band Auditions
Thu May 13	Virginia Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert 7:30 pm, Woodson Auditorium
Wed May 19	Jazz Band Concert 7:30 pm
Thu May 20	Band Patrons Meeting 7:30 pm
Wed May 26	Spring Concert 7:30 pm
Fri May 28	Marching band registrations due
Thu Jun 3	Spring Awards Banquet @ 6:30pm in Cafeteria "A"
Thu Jun 10	Rising 9th grade MB orientation 7:30pm
Thu Jun 17	Graduation - (2010-11 Symphonic Band)

From the Band Patrons' President

Congratulations on a job well done to the students and chaperone volunteers for the recent trip to Disney Orlando. Not only did your children excel musically, but their behavior throughout the trip made me proud to say, “They’re from Woodson.” This trip, like many before, could not have run successfully without the generous time commitment of parents, including chaperones, medical, uniforms, and luggage checkers. Special thanks to Vella Bloom for making and carrying out the arrangements, end to end.

As we approach the end of the school year, I wish to thank the many volunteers who have helped to make this entire 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 five positions: President, Scrip Coordinator, Publicity, Assistant Marching Uniforms, and Assistant Cavalier Card Coordinator. If you'd like to get involved, please contact me at richard.heathcote.ctr@navy.mil or Nancy Muse, nancymuse@hotmail.com

Our next Patrons' meeting is on Thursday, 20 May, 7:30 PM in the Band Room. Hope to see you there.

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Director's Notes

A.P./SOL Testing: We are in the midst of A.P. and SOL 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.

2010 Marching Band registrations are due May 28th. The forms packet for Marching Band is on the Band website.

2010 Dates! The Marching Band and Band Performance Calendars have been posted on the band website. Both are subject to change if needed.

Spring Trip News: Disney

Symphonic	Superior Rating, Best in Class, Gold Award (highest scoring Band out of the 15 competing)
Concert	Excellent Rating, 2 nd place in class
Jazz	Superior Rating, Best in Class, Gold Award (highest scoring Band out of the 9 competing).

The Band students were stellar on the buses, in the hotel and restaurants and they performed beautifully.

A Big thank you to Stefan Schwarz, Christine Schwarz, Kelley Rapoza, Marie Madert, Marie Cann, Debbie Eshelman, Ron Schier, Cindy Znachko, Betty Lynch, Richard Heathcote, and Vella Bloom, and Oscar von Bredow for chaperoning this trip. Also, thank you to all of the parents who helped with baggage checking and uniforms before and after our departure. Vella Bloom, over many months and through many phone calls, did all of the set-up and logistics for this trip including making hotel and meal arrangements and saving the band director a lot of time, and the students, a lot of money. Thank you Vella!!!! Richard Heathcote shuttled band/chorus kids back and forth to performances and Kent Eshelman headed up the luggage/equipment loading. Stefan Schwarz headed up the chaperones and Christine Schwarz

was in charge of First Aid. No sick kids on this trip though – miracles do happen. Loren Brandman counted all the money and paid all of the very large bills!!! There were also many parents who came in and helped with luggage and uniforms. Everything went very smoothly thanks to all of you!

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

Spring Audition schedule for 2009-2010 at Woodson (2:30pm start)

Monday, May 3	Flutes	Monday, May 10	Trombones
Tuesday, May 4	<u>All</u> Saxes	Tuesday, May 11	Clarinets
Wednesday, May 5	Trumpet	Wednesday, May 12	Euph/Tuba
Thursday, May 6	Horns	Thursday, May 13	Oboe/Bassoon/Bass Clarinet
Friday, May 7	Make-ups*	Friday, May 14	Percussion
		Monday, May 17	Make-ups*

*Make-ups – these are done on approval only because of A.P. tests or other **pre-arranged** conflicts.

Coming Up:

Thurs, May 13 Virginia Tech Concert (See attached poster) @ 7:30pm Woodson Auditorium
Please spread the word so that we can get a big audience.

Weds, 5/19 Jazz Band Concert @ 7:30pm

Thurs, 5/20 Symphonic Rehearsal w/ Col. Arnald Gabriel (USAF ret.) during 5th period (all must be present)

Mon, 5/24 Concert Band Rehearsal 2:15-2:50pm

Tues, 5/25 Symphonic Rehearsal 7:00-8:30pm

Weds, 5/26 Spring Concert @ 7:30pm

Thurs, 6/3 Spring Awards Banquet – 6/3 @ 6:30pm in Cafeteria “A”

Thurs, 6/10 Rising 9th grade MB orientation – 6/10 7:30pm

Thurs, 6/17 Graduation – (2010-11 Symphonic Band)

July 4th Parade (which is not on July 4th!)

6/15 Practice 7-8

6/22 Practice 7-8

6/24 Practice 7-8

6/29 Practice 7-8

7/1 Practice 7-8

7/3 **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. This is a test of your commitment and dedication to come out in the summer for rehearsals and a performance. We need all students to participate because numbers of players make the difference. Each student needs to fill out a parade form and turn it in by 6/11. They are available in the band room or on the band website.

Summer Music Camps

Any student interested in a summer music camp should see Mrs. Hall. She has a whole folder full of brochures for summer music camps.

Awards – Students should be compiling their point sheets to turn in by 5/28.

Chaperone & First Aid News

A huge thank you to Cindy Znachko, Kelley Rapoza, Rich Heathcote, Vella Bloom, Ron Schier, Marie Madert, Marie Cann, Debbie Eshelman, Betty Lynch, Oscar Von Bredow, Chris Schwarz and Mrs. Hall for their roles and hard work in chaperoning the fantastic spring trip to Disney. We could not have been so successful in every aspect of this trip without your dedication. Thanks again for taking time out of your busy schedules to assist.

Please start thinking about band camp for the 2010-2011 school year. It is fast approaching. At the May band patrons meeting, we will start the calendar for Chaperone assistance for the 2010 marching season. 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 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 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 stefan13@cox.net.

We will need chaperone assistance at the following events scheduled for May, June and July:

- May 26th – Spring band concert 7:30 PM at WTW – need 4-6 chaperones from approx. 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- June 17th – Graduation at Robinson – need 4-6 chaperones from approx. 1 pm to 5 pm

- Parade practices - Tuesday, June 15th, Tuesday, June 22nd, Thursday, June 24th, Tuesday, June 29th, Thursday, July 1st from 7-8 pm – need 2-4 chaperones per evening rehearsal
- Fourth of July parade – July 3rd – need 6-8 chaperones from approx. 8 am to 12:30 pm

If you can assist with any of the above events, please contact Stefan at stefan13@cox.net

Uniforms

If you can help with handing out and collecting uniforms before and after the May 26 concert please email Marie Cann at the following address: billcann@bellatlantic.net

Definite times will be determined closer to the concert.

Car Wash News

RECONNECT WITH FRIENDS AND EARN SERVICE HOURS TOO

Hold these Saturday dates: July 31, August 7, 14 and 21
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Details to follow . . . Point of contact: Nancy Muse at nancymuse@hotmail.com and 703-323-5926

Color Guard

Woodson Band members and parents - please pass the following information along to anyone who you think may be interested in joining the color guard for the Fall Marching season.....

The Woodson Color Guard Try It Out Days will be held after school Monday, May 17 – Thursday, May 20 from 2:30 – 5 pm on the grass island out in front of Frost.

Thanks in advance for everyone's help getting this information out.

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 3rd 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! Along with the food that you bring, we will need help to set up and take down for the banquet. 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. If you would like to pitch in, please contact Vicky Goings at vberdo@yahoo.com.

Cavalier Card help for 2010-2011 Season

Wanted: Assistant Cavalier Card Chairperson for 2010-2011 Season

Cavalier Cards are an important fundraiser for the Woodson Band, and next year will likely be my last as Cavalier Card chair, so I need a “trainee”. The assistant chairperson, ideally someone with a rising sophomore or junior in band, would assist the chairperson during the summer in renewing and soliciting new vendors for the 2010-2011 Cavalier Card, and in selling cards during the fall at back-to-school events and home football games. The summer schedule is very flexible. For football game sales, a loud voice & outgoing personality are helpful, but not necessary.

In addition – all band parents:

- 1) Please send me any suggestions you have for potential new vendors for our card. I am particularly interested in finding vendors in neighborhoods (in Woodson district!) that are currently not well-represented, in order to broaden its appeal. Vendors should be establishments that people would visit multiple times throughout the year.
- 2) I am looking for parents of children in Woodson feeder elementary schools and Frost Middle School in 2010-2011 who are willing to serve as communication contacts, e.g., finding out dates of back-to-school nights, dropping off flyers or posters at school office, etc.

Please contact Jennifer Planert at jplanert@verizon.net. Thank you!