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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## May & June Calendars

Month of May	Spring Auditions
Wed May 4	Virginia Ambassadors of Music meeting for Europe trip @Frost, 7pm
Wed May 18	Spring Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 pm
Thu May 19	Band patrons' meeting, 7:30 pm
Wed May 25	Band Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
Fri May 27	Marching Band 2011-12 registration due!
Thu Jun 2	Band Awards Banquet, 6:30 pm
Thu Jun 9	Freshman MB Orientation, 7:30 pm
Thu Jun 16	Graduation at Robinson HS, 2:30 pm (11-12 Symphonic Band plays)
	<b>**See more details under Director's notes below**</b>

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## From the Band Patrons' President

Dear Patrons,

I would like to congratulate all the band members on the excellent performances that they gave on the spring trip to Atlanta. Your students not only performed well as a band, they also were exemplary representatives for the school. It took quite a few students to carry all the awards that they won.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the trip. This includes everyone who was involved in the extensive planning that occurred for many months prior to the trip, everyone who helped with the departure and arrival, and

especially the chaperones who joined the trip. These events would not occur without the help from a large number of people.

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. If you are interested, please contact myself or Nancy Muse.

Please join us on May 19<sup>th</sup> for our next Band Patrons meeting.

Jim McDonald  
(703) 764-3279 home

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## Director's Notes

**AP/SOL Testing:** We will be starting 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.

**2011 Marching Band registrations** are due May 27<sup>th</sup>. The forms packet for Marching Band is on the Band website. There are also hard copies of packets in the band room.

**2011 Dates! The Marching Band Calendar** has been posted on the band website.

### **Band Festival** results:

District Band Festival - Superior ratings for both the concert and Symphonic Bands  
Chantilly Jazz Festival – Superior ratings, Brennan Johns and Matt Urbanek awarded All-Star Band certificates.

### **Spring Trip News: Atlanta**

#### **Symphonic Band**

Superior ratings, 1<sup>st</sup> place in class VI, Champion, Grand Champion, Award of Distinction  
Outstanding Soloists – Jenna Cann, Nikko Nolasco, Cristiana Falvo, Tim Guidry, Brennan Johns

#### **Concert Band**

Superior ratings, 1<sup>st</sup> place in class IV  
Outstanding Soloists – Bruce Damian, Taylor Bendus, Nan Cong

#### **Jazz Band**

Superior ratings, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Outstanding Brass  
Outstanding soloist – Brennan Johns

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, Donna Rye, Marie Cann, Victor Harmon, Ron Schier, Laurie McManus, Cindy Znachko, Pam and Oscar von Bredow, Chrissy Rabayda, Jim McDonald for chaperoning this trip. Also, thank you to all of the parents who helped with baggage checking and uniforms before and after our departure. Ron Schier and Cindy Znachko kept the trip organized which was a great help. 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!!!! Jim McDonald 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. Lynn Hill and Loren Brandman counted all the money and Loren paid all of the very large bills!!!

**All-State Band:**

**Congratulations to the following All-State Band students:**

Will Crowley	Ben Pafe
Tim Guidry	Matt Urbanek
Brennan Johns	Mandy Woo
Nikko Nolasco	

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

**Spring Audition schedule for 2011-2012 at Woodson (2:30pm start)**

Monday, May 2	Flutes	Monday, May 9	Trombones
Tuesday, May 3	<u>All</u> Saxes	Tuesday, May 10	Clarinets
Wednesday, May 4	Trumpet	Wednesday, May 11	Euph/Tuba
Thursday, May 5	Percussion	Thursday, May 12	Oboe/Bassoon/Bass Clarinet
Friday, May 6	Horns	Friday, May 13	Make-ups*

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

**Coming Up:**

Weds, 5/4	Virginia Ambassadors of Music meeting for the Europe trip Frost @7:00pm
Mon. 5/16	Concert Band Rehearsal 2:30-4:00
Weds, 5/18	Jazz Band Concert @ 7:30pm w/ Guest Soloist – Dave Steinmeyer – trombone soloist (former USAF Airmen of Note)
Mon, 5/23	Symphonic Band Rehearsal 7:00-8:30pm
Tues, 5/24	Concert Band Full Rehearsal 7:00-8:30pm
Weds, 5/25	Band Spring Concert @ 7:30pm
	6:00pm Uniform room opens
	6:30pm Concert Band warm-up
	7:00pm Symphonic Band warm-up
Fri, 5/27	MB registrations, Leadership applications, award point sheets due
Thurs, 6/2	Spring Awards Banquet – @ 6:30pm in Cafeteria “A” & “B”
Thurs, 6/9	Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> grade MB orientation – 7:30pm Leadership must attend!
Thurs, 6/16	Graduation – (2011-12 Symphonic Band)

**Drum Major Clinics 2011**

May30, June 1, 6, 7 (clinics)

Weds, June 8 (Try-outs)

2:30-4:00pm in the WTW bandroom

Requirements:

- Must be a rising Junior or Senior
- High level musician/scholar
- Turn in a blank CD
- Pick up Application in the Band Hall (due 5/27)

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade\*

### Rehearsal Schedule:

June 15	7-8pm	June 28	7-8pm
June 21	7-8pm	June 30	7-8pm
June 23	7-8pm	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parade</b>

\*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. Please, if you are in town, we need every student to participate in this event. Each student needs to fill out a parade form and turn it in by 6/10 (see attachment). 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 Banquet** – The banquet is 6/2 and Students should be compiling their point sheets to turn in by 5/27. A notice will be sent out as the banquet approaches about what to bring (potluck). It is always a great event!!

**Farewell!** Ms. Erica Hirt, our wonderful student teaching intern, will be finished here at Woodson on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will still see here around because she will be conducting on the spring concert. Many thanks for the wonderful job that she did here at Woodson!!!!

### Virginia Ambassadors of Music

See the attached letter from Mr. Carl J. Bianchi, Director of the Virginia Ambassadors of Music. An informational meeting for students and parents about the July 2012 Europe Tour will take place on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Frost Choral Room at 7pm.

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### Scrip Info

**Credits:** Band families – the final opportunity to use any credits accumulated through prior year scrip purchases will be when you pay for next year’s band registration for your student. The attached report shows the available balances. Remember to use the scrip credit use form (attached, too). Contact Loren Brandman ([treasurer@woodsonband.org](mailto:treasurer@woodsonband.org) or 703-383-1005) if you have any questions. See the two attachments, “Credits available...” and “Student Credit Use Form”, for more information.

**Grocery Scrip:** ANY TIME someone wants grocery scrip – Laurie McManus will make arrangements to get it to you via school, home drop off ... however you would like. She carries the pouch filled with \$25, \$50 and \$100 gift cards to Shoppers, Safeway or Giant. It is a win/win situation for the band. Laurie’s home # is 703-352-7715 or cell 703-509-6893.

**Other Scrip:**



**Purchase and Shop with “Scrip” Gift Cards –  
and Support Woodson Band!**

Each gift card you purchase earns a rebate for Woodson Band. Hundreds are available including local and family favorites like Chipotle, AMC Theatres, Starbucks, Noodles & Company, Subway, Best Buy, and iTunes.

Order by **Tuesday, May 3rd (by 6 am)**  
for delivery of cards in mid May.

**Gift cards are great to  
have on hand for  
everyday purchases  
and last-minute gifts!**

Visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) to sign up, browse the  
*hundreds of available cards*, and place your order.

Enrollment code: 787DC8EF2145

Questions? Contact Sue Mickelson at [smickelson0961@yahoo.com](mailto:smickelson0961@yahoo.com)

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**Chaperone News**

A huge thank you to Ron Schier, Cindy Znachko, Laurie McManus, Chrissy Rabayda, Victor Harmon, Marie Cann, Chris Schwarz, Oscar Von Bredow, Pam Von Bredow, Jim McDonald, Donna Rye and Mrs. Hall for their roles and hard work in chaperoning the fantastic spring trip to Atlanta. 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 2011-2012 school year. It is fast approaching. At the May band patrons meeting, we will start the calendar for Chaperone assistance for the 2011 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 [wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com](mailto:wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com).

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

- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Spring band concert 7:30 PM at WTW – need 4-6 chaperones from approx. 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Graduation at Robinson – need 4-6 chaperones from approx. 1 pm to 5 pm
- Parade practices - Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm – need 2-4 chaperones per evening rehearsal
- Fourth of July parade – July 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 [wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com](mailto:wtwbandchaperones@gmail.com).

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## Uniforms

### **UNIFORM COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP!!!!!!**

**1.** The uniform committee needs volunteers to hand out and collect concert uniforms for our Spring Concert on May 25. If you can help please email **Marie Cann** at [billcann@bellatlantic.net](mailto:billcann@bellatlantic.net)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Collection Time</b>
Wed. May 25	5:45	after the concert

**2.** The uniform committee needs volunteers to hand out and collect uniforms before and after graduation on Thursday June 16. Graduation is at 2:30. The 2 uniform chairs have graduating seniors and are unable to do this date. Please email Marie Cann at [billcann@bellatlantic.net](mailto:billcann@bellatlantic.net) if you can help.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>Collection Time</b>
Thurs. June 16	12:00	after graduation

**3.** The uniform committee needs volunteers to wash concert dresses after graduation on June 16. You can pick them up immediately after graduation or at a prearranged time. Please email Marie Cann at [billcann@bellatlantic.net](mailto:billcann@bellatlantic.net) if you can help. You will be given washing and drying instructions.

**4.** Finally, we are still looking for 2 volunteers to take over the concert uniform committee since the current volunteers have graduating seniors and will not be returning to Woodson next year. If you can do this please email Marie Cann at [billcann@bellatlantic.net](mailto:billcann@bellatlantic.net)