
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

Mid-Summer 2011

www.woodsonband.org

July, August & early September Calendars

Sat July 30	Band Car Wash 11am-3pm - see attached flyer
Sat Aug 6	Band Car Wash
Sat Aug 13	Band Car Wash
Mon Aug 15	Leadership/Drumline/Pit begin Band Camp
Sat Aug 20	Band Car Wash
Wed Aug 17	Rookies begin Band Camp
Mon Aug 22-Fri Sept 2	Full Band Camp
Sat Aug 27	UNIFORM FITTING DAY
Thu Sept 1	Picture Day
Thu Sept 1	First Home Football Game
	See more details under Director's notes below and in attached schedules

Director's Notes

Dates and Times:

See the Band Camp and Marching Band calendars included!

Look on the Woodson Band website for any updates. www.woodsonband.org

Independence Day Parade:

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with uniforms, chaperoned and assisted in other ways. We could not have done it without you. It was so nice to see some new parents out there as well.

Summer Sectionals:

These can really make a difference for the band if students attend them so that they are familiar with the music when band camp starts. If you are out of town, no worries, if you are in town, please make an effort to attend. You will get musicianship points for your band letter.

Private lessons:

If you are not taking them, summer is a really great time to start. Be sure to select a teacher from the W.T. Woodson approved list which can be found on the band website.

Car Washes:

Attached is a flier for our first car wash. Please note the dates for the other car washes on our calendar. They are great fundraisers and social events as well.

US Air Force Band Concert @ Woodson 8/10

The United States Air Force Band will be in Concert here at Woodson on Wednesday, August 10th. The concert is at 8:00 pm and is free and open to the public. Here is yet another event where band students can receive musicianship points towards their band letters. It will be a great concert and the Theme is Disney and Pixar w/ Major Scott Guidry conducting.

Don't miss the Drum Corps show – Fauquier HS August 4th @ 7:00 pm

The link below is for the Warrenton Drum and Bugle Corps show. Watching a Drum Corps show is a great experience for any musician but it is especially an eye opener for percussionists. You will see a whole new level of playing and commitment when you go to one of these. You can even go early and watch the drum lines and the horn lines warm up. That is amazing too and again, more musicianship points!!!

<http://www.dci.org/schedule/detail.cfm?event=a136c665-e368-4e2b-a4a1-f6bb20838a55>

Parent MB shirt orders:

If you would like to order a 2011 Marching Band shirt – “American Heroes”, please use the attached order form. These forms are not for students. Their shirts are already ordered and paid for. Note the due date of Friday, July 22nd.

Band Camp Important Information:

- All students are expected to attend every minute of every day of camp. **Please do not put doctor appointments or anything else during this time.** It is crucial that everyone be in attendance. Any questions or conflicts please call immediately (703-503-4665)
- Follow directions! This will make life simpler for everyone.

- Enter the building only through the rear exit of the new band room. Students are not allowed to wander the building.
- Eat Breakfast!
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, not soda. **New this year! We will not provide water for water breaks.** Please bring bottled water or a camel back.
- **Instrument Check-out:** If you need to check out an instrument for the fall, this should be done before camp starts. Call the band office and leave a message (703-503-4665) or e-mail Melinda.hall@fcps.edu

What to bring:

- Comfortable shoes and socks (no sandals or flip flops)
- Cool and comfortable clothing (no bathing suits)
- Sun screen, hat, sunglasses
- Bag lunch (students may not leave campus for lunch)
- **Water (Bring a 1 gallon jug)**
- Instrument (reeds, accessories, etc.)
- Marching Band Music (American Heroes, Victors, National Anthem)
- Wind instruments should have their own music lyre and flip folder for their instrument.

Marching Band Picture Day

Picture Day will take place on Thursday, 9/1 during camp. Students should have their black shoes, black socks, and white T-shirt on that day. For new students, the shoes that you order on uniform day will have come in by then.

Marching Band Competition Schedule*:

September 24	Drill Day @ WTW or a competition TBD
October 15	Competition
October 22-23	Competition (overnighter)
October 29	VBODA State Marching Festival @ West Springfield

**The dates are firm but locations have not yet been decided.*

Forms:

The following forms should be on file for each student:

- Marching Band Registration Form
- Emergency Care Form
- Medication Authorization/inhaler/epi-pen forms (if needed)
- WTW Over the Counter Medicine Sheet
- Uniform Agreement

If your child needs medication during Band Camp please be sure the Fairfax County Medication forms have been completed and if necessary, signed by your physician. These forms also are necessary for trips. Antibiotics and anti-virals and over-the-counter medications only require a parent's signature. These are the same forms the school requires so be sure to make a copy for Band Camp! They can be turned in to Mrs. Hall or placed in the black box outside her office. Forms for medication, inhalers and Epi-pens can be found outside Mrs. Hall's office or downloaded from the Fairfax County Public Schools web site. Medication must be submitted in the original containers with very specific instructions.

Uniform Day!!! Saturday, August 27th

This is for all Band members (including fall athletes) in the Band hall.

Schedule: *(updated!)*

Upper classmen (A-F)	9am
Upper classmen (G-Z)	10am
All Freshmen/New members	11am

Uniform Agreements:

All students need to turn in a signed uniform agreement. If you have not already done this, they are available on the band website: www.woodsonband.org.

Fall Class schedules:

I have noticed that several students have been placed in the wrong classes. This will be fixed before the school year starts.

Picture Day!! Thursday, September 1

Marching Band students will need to have black socks, black marching shoes and white T-shirt for pictures on this day. You will also have to have the picture order form and money in order to purchase pictures on this day. Order forms will be distributed on the beginning of that week.