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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## September and October Calendars

Thu Sept 2	Picture Day Ice Skating, Fairfax Ice Arena, 8:30-10pm
Fri Sept 3	Football Game at Fairfax HS - optional Pep Band- 6:15pm
Wed Sept 8	Elementary School Tour permission forms due
Fri Sept 10	Elementary School Tour (selected MB)
Fri Sept 10	Home Football Game 5:30pm
Sat Sept 11	Tag Day Spirit Wear orders due
Thu Sept 16	Home Football Game 5:30pm
Fri Sept 24	Football Game at Chantilly HS - optional Pep Band - 6pm
Sat Sept 25	MB Drill Day 10-4
Fri Oct 1	Home Football Game - Frost Night 5:30pm
Sat Oct 2	MB Competition - Manassas Park
Mon Oct 4	Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions @ South County HS
Sat Oct 9	MB Competition - Stafford Paperwork & fees for overnight trip due
Fri Oct 15	Home Football Game - Homecoming 5:30pm
Sat-Sun Oct 23-24	MB Competition - Lee Davis - Mechanicsville (overnighter)
Thu Oct 28	Frost/Woodson Concert @ Frost 7pm
Fri Oct 29	Home Football Game - Senior Night 5:30pm
Sat Oct 30	V.B.O.D.A. State Marching Festival @ West Springfield

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From the Band Patrons' President

Dear Patrons,

Another great year for the Woodson Cavalier Bands has started. At our Band Patrons' meeting last Thursday, we heard from Ms. Hall that the Marching Band is quickly learning this year's program. We had reports from the Committees (many of whom are looking for volunteers) as well as a tempting selection of desserts. Thanks to Vicki Goings and the hospitality committee for arranging the desserts and drinks.

I and the others on the executive board are most appreciative of the efforts of all our volunteers including everyone who has helped with Band Camp, the car washes, and the social activities for the band members. I want to thank Nancy Muse and Russell Goings for all their work on the four car washes where we raised more than \$3000. In addition, we appreciate the generosity of Calvary Hills Baptist Church for the use of their facilities during the car washes. Also, I want to thank Stefan and Chris Schwarz for coordinating the schedules of our chaperones not only for Band Camp but also for the social events for our band members. If you didn't see the smooth operation of Uniform Fitting Day on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, then you might not be aware that the entire band was fitted in marching and concert uniforms in less than 3 hours. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this event happen so seamlessly including marching uniform chair Cindy Znachko and concert uniform co-chairs Marie Cann and Ellen Johns.

At the Band Patrons meeting, I mentioned that the executive board has become aware of some potential issues with how our organization accounts for funds that are raised through the Scrip program and the fruit sales. We are investigating this subject and will report to the membership as soon as we have a full understanding of the issues and potential solutions.

As we are all aware, the success of the Band Patrons, in its work to support the W.T. Woodson Band, depends on all of our parent volunteers, including not only the Committee chairs but each of the parents who signs up to volunteer for an event or to serve on a committee. As you read through this month's *Trumpeter*, please consider volunteering to help on these committees and events. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Tag Day, is quickly approaching and we need drivers, hospitality workers, registration workers and tabulators. In addition, we have several Committee chairs whose band members will graduate next spring and we want to identify their successors now in order to allow an easy transition. Please contact me if you could help to chair a Committee.

Thanks for everyone's support for the Band. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Jim McDonald  
President

(703) 764-3279 home

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Director's Notes

**September 2010**

**Schedule for the week!**

- Weds 9/1**      **5-9pm rehearsal**
- Thurs 9/2**     **8-4 rehearsal**
- Pictures on this day!**
- Fri 9/3**        **9-12\***

**\*Parents are invited to our Marching Band show preview @ 11:00 on the Main field on Friday.**

**Don't forget picture Day!** Thursday, 9/2. Students must have forms and money to buy pictures. All students were given forms last week. Please bring Black shoes, black socks and white T-shirt on this day. Checks are payable to Life Touch.

**Classes – yes there is school next week**☹

Tuesday 9/7's rehearsal is still up in the air dependent upon how much we accomplish the rest of this week. Students will be notified Friday after the Marching Band show preview.

**You will need your marching instrument on the first day of classes! Please bring it!**

It has come to my attention that many students were placed in the wrong band classes, even though I sent very detailed lists of "who goes where" down to guidance back in June. Do not fret! We will get this solved.

**2010 Fall Competition Dates** (times are still TBA)

October 2	Manassas Park
October 9	Stafford
October 23-24	Lee Davis – Mechanicsville (overnighter)
October 30	VBODA West Springfield

The Marching Band is doing a fabulous job. Please . . . parents . . . let's have a big cheering section at these competitions especially because they are all fairly close by.

Friday, September 3 is our first away game to Fairfax H.S. This is not required but students are encouraged to go. The itinerary\* is as follows:

6:15	Meet at Woodson Band room wearing street clothes. Dress appropriately for weather. Each student will be issued a Woodson football jersey to wear at the game.
6:30	Load buses and depart for Fairfax
10:00ish	Arrive back at Woodson (students should call parents as we are leaving the game)

\*The itinerary will change every game depending on how far away the game is.

**FB Game Itinerary and Expectations**

(Please see to [www.woodsonband.org](http://www.woodsonband.org) for any inclement weather changes by 5:00pm)

**Game Dates:** 9/10, 9/16 (this is a Thursday), 10/1, 10/15, 10/29

**Itinerary:**

5:30pm	Uniform room open (must present black socks, clean shoes, white T-shirt and hair put up to get uniform)
6:15pm	Inspection
6:25pm	March down to practice field
6:30pm	Warm-up/Run-through on practice field
7:30pm	Game begins
8:30pm	Half-time (approx)

9:45pm      Game ends (approx)\*

*\*students are usually finished turning in uniforms by 10:00-10:15pm.*

**Inspection:** Students will be inspected for the following:

- Hair neatly up in the hat
- No jewelry (ear rings, necklaces, watches)
- No nail polish
- Black Socks
- Polished black marching shoes
- White T-shirt
- Pep music, flip folder and lyre

**Game Expectations\*\***

- The band will march to and from the stadium as a unit.
- No gum, food or drinks in the stands. Parents should not be bringing food to students while they are playing with the band.
- Sit with your section.
- No switching of instruments.
- No unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behavior towards the other band or team will be tolerated. This includes playing or singing any type of music that may be considered a provocation.
- All students are expected to play in the stands.
- No “civilians” sitting with the band.
- Students will get 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off as a general rule but there may be some exceptions. Students are to remain fully dressed (except for hats and gloves) while off for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Do not unbutton the coat.
- Students are not allowed to leave the stadium at any time during the game.
- Students not back by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will lose their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter privilege next game.
- Students are not to bring food, gum or drinks back to the stands after 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Students are to stay through the entire game and parents should not expect to take them home after half-time.

*\*\*Parents and Students should keep in mind that game expectations are a part of the students' performance grade for the first quarter.*

**Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions** are on Monday 10/4 @ South County Secondary.  
Registration begins at 4:00pm. This is not a required event for all students.

**Elementary Tour:** Students going on the Elementary Tour on Friday, 9/10 will receive a parent permission and teacher form. These are due by Wednesday, 9/8. Students will need to bring money for lunch at McDonald's on this day.

**Fall Trip 10/23-24** Paperwork and fee info will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.  
Fee will include:

One night in the Marriott Springhill Suites in Glen Allen, VA  
Dinner Saturday night  
Charter Bus

Breakfast Sunday morning

All paperwork and fees will be due **October 9<sup>th</sup>**!

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### Tag Day 2010, Saturday, September 11

Save the date on your calendar NOW!! Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be on **Saturday, September 11, 8AM – 4PM**. It's a fun day for marching band members and parents, when band members go door-to-door in the Woodson community asking for donations. Students are chaperoned. This is mandatory for all marching band members, including color guard.

We need parent help: drivers, hospitality aides (serving lunch), registration workers, and tabulators. We will also need food donations for lunch (details to follow). To help make this great event happen, please contact Donna Rye at [WoodsonBandTagDay@gmail.com](mailto:WoodsonBandTagDay@gmail.com) or 764-3393.

NOTE: If you signed up as a volunteer at the June meeting, please confirm your ability to help with Tag Day by contacting Donna.

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### Hospitality

## **Food Assignments for Tag Day Saturday, September 11, 2010**

On Tag Day we feed over 250 students and parent volunteers who participate in the band's major fund raiser for the year. To do that, we need each family to donate food items. Please send the items requested with your student or bring them to Cafeteria A no later than the time specified. Note that this is per student and not per family.

**Also, make sure your child has breakfast at home. BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS!**

**Please bring the following items by 8:00am:**

**Pemberton-Pinc (2)            2 cartons of orange juice (1/2 gallon each)**

**Schier-Staszak (6)** 12 to 18 breakfast pastries (Doughnuts/muffins/sliced bagels and cream cheese/etc).

**Please bring the following items by 10:00am:**

**Amos-Chacon (19)** 12 bottles of water - in cooler with ice. (Please label cooler and don't forget to pick it up at the end of the day.)

**Chamlee-Cradler (15)** Fruit and/or vegetables (Veggie or fruit platters are fine. Apples, bananas, carrots and tangerines are easy to prepare and popular.)

**Crego-Grottle (22)** Desserts (Items that do not require a fork or spoon to eat. Please label if the dessert contains nuts. Cupcakes, homemade cookies and brownies are popular items. If no time for that, a bag of Oreos will work.)

**Guidry-Pedrotty (50)** 6 sandwiches (please individually wrap and label with ingredients. Ham and cheese is the most popular).

**Planert-Shaffer (13)** 15 (or more) individual small bags of chips/pretzels

**Stoss-Znachko (19)** 12 cans of soda - in cooler with ice. (Please label cooler and don't forget to pick it up at the end of the day.)

Our children are out walking (and sweating) all day and it is important that they are well fed. Thank you very much for your help. If you have any questions please call or email:

Vicky Goings 703-978-5434; vberdo@yahoo.com

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### Chaperone News

Thanks to everyone who assisted at our four August car washes. We could not have been so successful without your assistance and monitoring of our students in all areas during these important fundraising events.

Thanks to all of the chaperones who have assisted at the many social events during band camp. We appreciate all of your help and support and could not have so many events without you.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted with band camp. We know how hard it is to not only be there for your scheduled shift, but to complete all of the steps a chaperone needs to accomplish. Mrs. Hall, her clinicians and the marchers really do appreciate all of your efforts.

After school practices will begin on September 7th, from 3-5 pm. If you don't find the band students on the practice field (between the tennis courts and the stands), you may find them on the football field for a short time before football practice begins. Please remember that it may still be hot and practices are two hours long. If you are scheduled to chaperone for an after school practice, it is still necessary to come. It can be just as hot in early to mid September, as it typically is in August.

We have been sending out daily reminders at the beginning of each week, to give you a heads-up about your scheduled chaperone day. Thanks again for your assistance to keeping the kids safe during their practices.

We have some events coming up in September. Thanks to all who have already replied to past notes about the Football games, drill day and the elementary school tour in September. We are currently in need of chaperones for the following events in September:

- September 10<sup>th</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm – need 2 chaperones
- September 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday night) – home football game 5:30-10 pm – need 7 chaperones
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – pep band to Chantilly HS – need 1 chaperone
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – Drill day – 10 am – 4 pm – need 10 additional chaperones throughout the day

For Drill Day, the entire band gathers for the day to get everything ready for competition! If you could spare a couple of hours between 10 am – 4 pm then email us with your availability. Even an hour or two is fine! If you want to work the entire day you won't be turned down!!! Thanks!

In October and early November, there are a total of 10 other events needing chaperone assistance:

- October 1<sup>st</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm (Frost Night) – need 10 chaperones
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> competition; Manassas Park HS, time TBA – need 10 chaperones
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – pep band to West Potomac HS – need 6 chaperones
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> competition; Stafford HS, time TBA – need 10 chaperones
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm (Homecoming) – need 10 chaperones
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – pep band to West Springfield HS – need 6 chaperones
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – home football game 5:30-10 pm (Senior night) – need 10 chaperones
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – VBODA state marching competition @ West Springfield HS, time TBA – need 10 chaperones
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – pep band to South County HS – need 6 chaperones

More details will follow for the competitions once the locations and times have been set. If you think you might be interested then let me know and I will confirm with you once everything has been set.

The fall overnighter trip date has been scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Mechanicsville , Virginia (outside of Richmond ) Details are still being worked out. If you have an interest in attending, please let me know. This does not mean that you are guaranteed to be able to go - as a lot has to be worked out with the committee chairs and the need for pit crew – but, this will give me an idea of interest.

Look for emails containing information about the upcoming events/games/competitions. We will continue to send reminders out weekly for your band camp/after school chaperone schedules and any other events you have signed up to chaperone.

Thanks so much for everyone's help. We could not do this without your assistance.

Stefan & Chris

stefan13@cox.net

\*\*\*Please note, I (Stefan) will be starting a new job just after Labor Day. I will not have any phone or personal email connectivity during the work day. Should you not be able to make your scheduled after school shift, and also not be able to find a replacement, I **must** be contacted the night before in order to find coverage for your shift before heading to work.\*\*\*

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## Uniforms

UNIFORMS – ~~THANK YOU!!~~



thank you!! FITTING 132 BAND STUDENTS IN ONE MORNING!?! THERE WERE DOUBTERS AMONG US, BUT YOU PROVED THEM ALL WRONG BY STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE AND FITTING ALL 132 BAND MEMBERS IN JUST LESS THAN 3 HOURS! AND WE HAD FUN DOING IT! ☺

*OF* COURSE THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS ALONE; IT TOOK THE HELP OF MANY, MANY VOLUNTEERS. WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR HELPING US ON UNIFORM FITTING DAY TO FIT OUR BAND STUDENTS. THE NOE, CHACON, MUMBACH, MADERT, OHASHI, ESHELMAN, DAMIAN, MAGALONG, KOHNS, MCDONALD, CREGO, SCHWARZ, LARSON, STASZAK, SULLIVAN, ANDERSEN, VON BREDOW, MAGOO, ORLEANS-POBEE, DER, GROTTLE, AMOS, MCMANUS, ROEGGE, VECE, KOHN, PATECELL, CARLSON, SCHIER, LANDERS, MCCLOSKEY, MUSE, BENDUS, RABAYDA, COPP, CANN, JOHNS, FALVO, HO, TODD, WELENSEN, ELDRIDGE, BOWEN, RAPOZA, PLANERT, SITTS

AND DACHE' FAMILIES. THANK YOU SO MUCH! MARIE CANN, MARIE MADERT, ELLEN JOHNS & I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT EACH OF YOU. ALL OF YOU WERE AMAZING AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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BIG THANKS TO OUR "HATTER DADS"; MR. ESHELMAN, DR. MCMANUS & MR. SCHWARZ FOR (RE)LABELING ALL 130+ HATS, REPAIRING THEIR BOXES AND GIVING ALL OF OUR UNIFORM/HAT RACKS A MUCH NEEDED TUNE UP!! YOUR PIT CREW EXPERIENCE CAME IN HANDY TODAY. ☺

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VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP; CHARLIE, CAROLINE, SARA, KELLIE, EMMA, THERESA, IAN, JENNA, ABBY, KELSEY, MATT, KEVIN, KAYCIE, TORI, SAMANTHA, ALISON, REBECCA, EMILY, AND CRISTIANA FOR GETTING UP EXTRA EARLY AND VOLUNTEERING ON UFD! YOU ATE YOUR FILL OF CHOCOLATE DONUTS, HAD FUN AND EARNED SERVICE POINTS TOO!

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**WANTED TO VOLUNTEER BUT HAVEN'T SO FAR? NO PROBLEM, THERE ARE A FEW MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.**

***STILL NEEDED:***

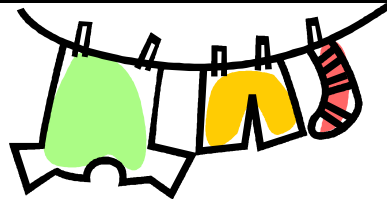
**SEPTEMBER 2 - 2** VOLUNTEERS -12:00 TO HAND OUT & 2:00 TO COLLECT UNIFORMS. (MARCHING BAND PICTURE DAY)

**SEPTEMBER 10 - 4** VOLUNTEERS -5:30 TO HAND OUT UNIFORMS & COLLECT AFTER THE GAME. (FOOTBALL GAME)

**SEPTEMBER 10 -4** VOLUNTEERS - 7AM TO HAND OUT & 2:00 TO COLLECT UNIFORMS. (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOUR)

**SEPTEMBER 11 - 4** VOLUNTEERS - 8AM TO HANDOUT & 3:00 TO COLLECT UNIFORMS. (TAG-DAY)

**SEPTEMBER 16 -8** VOLUNTEERS -5:30 TO HAND OUT UNIFORMS & COLLECT AFTER GAME.



OUR WASHERS THIS SEASON ARE THE BENDUS, SEYMOUR, CLARKE, LARSON, DELAHUNTY, CLOUSE, HARMON, SCHIER, MICKELSON, TODD, MCDONALD, HENRIS, GROTTLE, HARMON, ROEGGE, MCMANUS, SCHWARZ, CHO, GROSSMAN AND ZACAROLI FAMILIES! NO HOT WATER NEEDED....BUT HAVE YOUR SPRAY & WASH HANDY!!

\*\*STILL LOOKING FOR ONE OR TWO BACK-UP WASHERS.

PLEASE EMAIL MARIE TO VOLUNTEER AT [GMADERT@AOL.COM](mailto:GMADERT@AOL.COM)

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**GREAT NEWS! LESLIE GROTTLE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP CO-CHAIR MB UNIFORMS IN THE EVENINGS!**

STILL NEED ONE MORE CO-CHAIR THAT CAN HELP DURING THE DAY TOO.

EMAIL [CLZNACHKO@COX.NET](mailto:CLZNACHKO@COX.NET) TO VOLUNTEER!

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**Spirit Wear**

**GET YOUR BAND SPIRIT WEAR NOW!!!**

**ONLY ONE ORDER FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Who is spirit wear for? Everyone! Students wear it to school, band practice, and band events. Parents and family members wear it to football games, band competitions, concerts, and band events.

We have short and long sleeve t-shirts, polo shirts, zip and pullover sweatshirts, sweatpants, jackets, hats, scarves, blankets, string bags, messenger bags and band decals for sale.

Place your order now! All orders are due on **Saturday, September 11th (Tag Day)**.

Order form is attached.

Completed order forms and payment may be placed in the band mailbox.

Questions? Contact Brenda McDonald: [brendamcdonald@erols.com](mailto:brendamcdonald@erols.com) or (703) 764-3279.

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**Concessions**

Tony Woo - Band Concession Chair is still looking for concession volunteers to work the WT Woodson home games on Sept 10, 16, Oct 1, 15 and 29. Concession hours start at 7:30 PM.

Middle school siblings volunteers are welcome when accompanied by Parent. (YOU WILL GET TO SEE YOUR CHILD DURING THE HALFTIME SHOW). Please email Tony at dtwoova@yahoo.com.

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**Pit Crew News**

**Pit Crew Needed! Desperately!!**

Time is growing short and so far we don't have enough parents to properly man this year's Pit Crew. I would love to have 10 more volunteers because not everyone will be available to help at every performance, yet each time the band takes the field we need @ 14 individuals for the pit crew.

I'm now being told that this year we will have several large props that will likely require our assistance to move on and off the field. If that's the case, then we will surely need even more people to support each performance.

So please parents.....we need you to step up and help out here. The kids and Ms. Hall work hard to put together a great show...but come "show time", they need our support to make it all work smoothly. This is not a tough job.....it's actually fun. And Moms – please don't think this is a "Dads only club" – No, Way! We would be absolutely delighted to see you too.

If you can help, please get in touch with:

Kent Eshelman  
(703) 560-3112, or  
[dkesh@cox.net](mailto:dkesh@cox.net)

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### Cavalier Cards

*The new Cavalier Cards are HERE!* Returning merchants include: **A.C. Moore, Best of Thai, Carlos O'Kelly's, Cinema Arts Theaters, King's Park Caribou Coffee, Mamma Lucia, Noodles & Co, Optometrist Dr. Cheryl Bloom, Pickett Road Valet, Papa John's Pizza, Fairfax's Own Red Hot & Blue, Robek's, Subway (next to CVS), Sweet Berry Italian Ice Cream, Choices by Shawn, Total Framing, and Yen Cheng Restaurant.** This year we also welcome **Cerebrofit, Local Artist Susan Fox Hirschmann, and University Flower Shoppe!**

Volunteers are needed to help sell cards at home football games (Sept 10, 16, Oct 1, 15, 29), back to school night (Sept 30), and at the Woodson Craft Fair (Nov 13).

Most of the sets of four prepaid cards have been distributed to students or their parents, and I will continue to catch up with people after practices. If you have not yet received your cards, want additional cards, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Planert at [jplanert@verizon.net](mailto:jplanert@verizon.net).