
“The Trumpeter”

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September and October Calendars

September 9	Elementary School Tour (selected MB)
September 9	FB Away (Madison) - <i>not required but encouraged</i>
September 10	Tag Day !
September 16	FB Home (Oakton) Frost Night
September 23	FB Away (Lee) - <i>not required but encouraged</i>
September 24	MB Competition - Herndon
September 30	FB Home (W. Springfield) Homecoming
October 6	FB Away (T.C. Williams) - <i>note this is a Thursday!</i>
October 14	FB Away (Annandale)
October 15	MB Competition - Woodbridge
October 21	FB Home (W. Potomac)
October 22-23	MB Competition - JMU, Harrisonburg VA (overnighter)
October 28	FB Away
October 29	VBODA State MB Festival - West Springfield

From the Band Patron's President

Dear Patrons,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. The Marching Band is off to a great start with their first performance last Thursday at the home football game. At our Band Patrons' meeting, 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).

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 for all the work on the four car washes. In addition, we appreciate the generosity of Kings Park Exxon, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and 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 27th, then you might not be aware that the entire band was fitted in marching and concert uniforms in just a few hours. Thanks to all the volunteers who make this event happen so seamlessly including marching uniform chair Cindy Znachko as well as the parents of students who have graduated. I would also like to thank Penny Stratton who has volunteered to chair the Concessions committee. She and the concessions team served quite a lot of food to a hungry crowd at the football game.

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 next Saturday and we still need afternoon drivers. 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
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Director's Notes

Important!!! Marching Band practice – The Marching Band will not rehearse on Tuesday 9/6. Regular after-school practices will start on Weds 3-5pm and will continue every Tues, Weds, Thurs from 3-5 until the end of October.

All Band members! You will need your instrument on the first day of classes! Symphonic will need both Marching and Concert Instruments and Concert will need marching instruments. In addition, anyone with an athletic waiver is expected to have an instrument on the first day as well.

Band Class Assignments: It has come to my attention that there are still some students placed in the wrong band classes, even though I sent very detailed list of "who goes where" down to guidance back in June. Do not fret! We will get this solved.

Band Syllabus – Students will receive a Performance Calendar and a Band Syllabus on the first day of class. Both parents and students should sign and date this. It says to detach but do not. Return the entire syllabus intact with signatures and once our accounting is done, we will return it to you. Signed Syllabus is due 9/14.

2011 Fall Competition Dates (times are still TBA)

September 24	Herndon
October 15	Woodbridge
October 22-23	JMU - Harrisonburg (overnighter)
October 29	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.

Away Games!!! Friday, September 9 is our first away game to James Madison H.S. This is not required but students are encouraged to go. The itinerary* is as follows:

5:45 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.
6:00 Load buses and depart for Madison
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 go to www.woodsonband.org for any inclement weather changes by 5:00pm)

Home Game Dates: 9/16, 9/30, 10/21, 11/4

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 3rd 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 3rd quarter. Do not unbutton the coat.
- Students are not allowed to leave the stadium at any time during the game.
- Students not back by 4th quarter will lose their 3rd quarter privilege next game.
- Students are not to bring food, gum or drinks back to the stands after 3rd 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 student’s performance grade for the first quarter.*

Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions are on Monday 10/3 @ Thomas Jefferson SST. Registration begins at 4:00pm. This is not a required event for all students but advanced players are encouraged to audition.

The excerpts are up on the District 12 website:

<http://www.vbodad12.org>

Login in with this info:

Username: sro

Password: sro2011

Click on “Documents” and then “Senior Regional Orchestra”

Elementary Tour: Students going on the Elementary Tour on Friday, 9/9 should have received a parent permission and teacher form. These are due by Thursday, 9/8. Students will need to bring money for lunch at McDonald’s on this day.

Fall Trip 10/22-23* Fall trip packets info will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. For your planning purposes, the fall trip is \$100 this year which is \$10 higher than in the past due to the fact that we are going to JMU. College towns are usually higher priced but I felt that this would be a great opportunity for the students. This fee will include:

- Transportation by Charter bus
- One night in the Hampton Inn South in Harrisonburg, VA
- Buffet dinner Saturday night
- Breakfast Sunday morning

*All paperwork and fees will be due **October 7th**!

Thank you to everyone who made band camp and our first home game such a success to include Pit Crew, Uniforms, Chaperones, Concessions, Car Washed, Cav Cards, Scrip and finally the WTW Band Patron Executive Board. I am notorious for leaving out names and so I’ll just give a general thank you to everyone. Many Thanks!!!

Chaperone plea! Band parents We are in need of chaperones for many fall events. Stefan Schwarz, our chaperone chair, has been attending every event because people just are not signing up. With such a large group, we should be able to fill these. Please come help us out by being a chaperone. We cannot attend Away Games or competitions until we have the county mandated number of chaperones for each event. Thank you for your help.

Chaperone News

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

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 in keeping the kids safe during their practices.

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

September 23rd – away football game @ Lee – 5:30-10:30 pm - need 3 chaperones
September 24th – Marching Competition at Herndon HS – Time TBA– need 5 chaperones

In October and early November, there are a total of 9 other events, the ones listed below needing chaperone assistance:

October 14th – away football game @ Annandale - 5:30-10:30 pm – need 3 chaperones
October 15th – Marching Competition @ Woodbridge HS - time TBA –need 5 chaperones
October 21st – home football game – 5:30-10 pm – need 3 chaperones
October 28th – away football game @ Lake Braddock 5:30-10:30 pm – need 5 chaperones
October 29th – VBODA state marching competition – W.Springfield HS – need 6 chaperones
November 3rd – Frost/Woodson concert at Frost (Symphonic Band only)– 7 pm – 4 chaperones
November 4th – home football game (Senior night) – 5:30-10 pm– 6 chaperones needed

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

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. Please send email to Stefan at WTWBandChaperones@gmail.com to let me know what events you are available to chaperone.

Stefan & Chris

Tag Day is Almost Here!! Saturday, September 10

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching -- Saturday, September 10, 8AM – 4PM. It's a fun day for marching band members and parents, when band members go door-to-door in the Woodson community distributing the band's performance calendar and asking for donations. Students are chaperoned. **This is mandatory for all band members, including color guard and members on athletic waivers.** To help make this great event happen, be sure to have signed up for volunteer assignments at woodsonband.org.

Questions? Contact Donna Rye at WoodsonBandTagDay@gmail.com or 764-3393.

REMINDER: SPIRIT WEAR Orders DUE by Tag Day (September 10th)

Order form is available through the link on the band website.
Completed order forms and payment may be placed in the band mailbox.
Questions? Contact Brenda McDonald: brendamcdonald@erols.com or (703) 764-3279

Cav Cards

Students are needed for the different elementary schools' "Back to School" nights to sell Cavalier Cards. I have requested permission from each of the Principals, but have not received confirmation from all of them yet. At least one parent must attend with the kids.

Frost's is on Sept 7th & 8th. All elementary schools are either on Sept. 15th or the 22nd or for the larger schools both nights and Woodson is on Sept. 27th.

Please contact me if you would like to sell cards at one of the schools.

Chrissy Rabayda
703-426-1944
Rabayda@verizon.net



Reminder: Order Scrip Gift Cards by September 6, Support Woodson Bands – And Win \$10!

Place an online order for "scrip" gift cards of \$100 or more by 6am on September 6th, and you'll be eligible to win a \$10 gift card of your choice!

Visit ShopWithScrip.com. If you don't have an account already, click on the "Create Account" button in the green "Family Sign Up!" box on the left side of the page. Be sure to associate your account with the

W.T. Woodson Cavalier Band Patrons, Inc. by entering our enrollment code: **787DC8EF2145**. The drawing of a name of all those who order will take place at the Band Patrons meeting on September 15th. You can purchase cards for your favorite stores, restaurants, and service providers – where you shop every day – and the Band Patrons receive a percent (ranging from 2% to as high as 18% or more) of your card purchase as income to offset expenses. There is no additional cost to you, and you get the full value of your gift card. Thank you and good luck!

Questions? Contact Sue Mickelson at smickelson0961@yahoo.com.

UNIFORMS UPDATE



Thank you to all that volunteered on UFD to fit 160+ band students into both their concert & marching band uniforms and did so in less than three hours! A special thank you to the following alumni families; Madert, Johns, Vece & McDevitt that shared their expertise with our many new band parent volunteers.

What items are **REQUIRED** when my student changes into their marching band uniform? *Glad you asked... 😊*

- Dark Black Tall Socks
- Solid White T-Shirt OR Band Camp T-Shirt
- Clean Marching Band Shoes
- Gym Shorts

Volunteers needed:

In order to hand out & collect uniforms, to 160+ band students in a timely manner and ensure that each student is dressed out properly, volunteers are needed before & after football games & competitions. Volunteering to hand out & collect uniforms takes approximately 45 minutes.

Please consider signing up to volunteer today for the following opportunities:

Friday, September 9 – Elementary School Tour – 7am & 2:30pm.

Friday, September 16 – Football – Frost Night – 5:15 & after game.

Friday, September 30 – Football – Homecoming – 5:15 & after game.

Friday, October 21 – Football –West Potomac - 5:15 & after game.

Friday, November 4 – Football – Senior Night - 5:15 & after game.

Please email Cindy at CLZnachko@cox.net to volunteer.

URGENT: NEEDED...5 Uniform Washers!

We are one of the few local high schools that invested in non wool marching band uniforms. This is great news because our kids aren't sweating in wool during the steamy months of August & September, wearing smelly uniforms that are only dry cleaned (at a premium cost to the band) once a season. Woodson uniforms are made of durable, breathable, washable gabardine fabric. But we are responsible for keeping them smelling great and looking their best.

Please contact Marie Madert at gmadert@aol.com to volunteer to wash marching band uniforms this season or for further information.

A special *KUDOS* to those that have already volunteered to wash uniforms this fall. For some of you it's your first year and for some it's your fourth straight year! Thank you. ☺

Just a reminder that my student is a senior and Marie's student has already graduated. Therefore both of us need a replacement in place by this January to ensure a smooth transition and to prepare for next year. Please contact me if interested in co-chairing marching band uniforms. Thanks – Cindy
