

W.T. Woodson High School Band

Band Camp Information

Dear band parents and students,

This packet is to notify all of you about the summer and fall schedule for the W.T. Woodson Marching Band. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please call the band office @ 703-503-4665 for more information. You can also get more information on our Band website www.woodsonband.org We look forward to a great 2018 season.

Sincerely,

Aaron Morgan, Director

W.T. Woodson Bands Pre-Season Training Information

Full Pre-Season Training attendance is mandatory for receiving a spot in the competition/half-time show. Success begins with good fundamentals and this usually means a successful season. Marching Band provides an opportunity for the younger player to perform with the more experienced students and promotes faster progression since students who are in marching band receive more fundamental instruction and playing time than those not. The improvement over three months' time is truly amazing to see. The best students in the W.T. Woodson Band program come from the marching band because they have learned discipline, team spirit and most of all, commitment.

Dates:

See attached Schedule for detailed days and dates:

Registration Forms and Fees due May 18, 2018

What to bring:

- **Water (Important!!!):** All students are required to bring their own water. This will help water breaks go faster and save on cups. You can of course fill up your water containers at lunch time.
- Sneakers and socks (no sandals or flip flops)
- Cool and comfortable clothing (no bathing suits)
- Sun screen, hat, sunglasses
- Bag lunch for Week 1 and Week 2 (students may not leave campus for lunch)
- Instrument (reeds, accessories, etc.)
- Wind instruments should have their own music lyre and flip folder for their instrument.
- Pencil

Important Information:

- Eat breakfast! This is important!
- **Transportation:** Email Mr. Morgan if you have transportation problems and we will send you a list of available carpools.
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, not soda. **Bring your own water!!!**
- Follow directions! This will make life simpler for everyone.
- 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) and we will help you.
- Turn in your paperwork and fees on time (**May 18**) or you may not be guaranteed a permanent spot.
- 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)

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Fairfax Independence Parade Participation Information

The Parade is on Wednesday, July 4th

All members of the Woodson band are encouraged to participate in the parade! The City of Fairfax July 4th parade is an important event for the Woodson band because of its contribution to our community. Please support the band by marching in the parade. Yes, rising 9th graders can do it too!!!

Rehearsals:

Tues, June 19	7-8 pm
Thurs, June 21	7-8 pm
Tues, June 26	7-8 pm
Thurs, June 28	7-8 pm
Tues, July 3	7-8 pm

July 4th Itinerary:

7:30am	Meet @ WTW/get uniforms
8:15am	Load buses (no cases)
8:30am	Depart for parade site
8:45am	Arrive at parade site
10:00am	Parade begins
11:30am	Load buses
11:45pm	Arrive at WTW

(Subject to change)

Parade Instructions:

- Make sure that you eat breakfast.
- Do not bring instrument cases on the bus.
- Attire:
 - White T-shirt
 - Woodson Band Uniform
 - Black MB Shoes
 - Black Socks
 - Hat/plume
 - Gloves and Gauntlets (yes)

2018 Marching Cavalier Pre-Season Training Schedule

Week 1

Mon, 8/6	Leadership	10am-2pm
Tue, 8/7	Full Band*	8am-3pm
Wed, 8/8	Full Band*	8am-3pm
Thu, 8/9	Full Band*	8am-3pm
Fri, 8/10	Full Band*	8am-5pm (note end time)

Week 2

Mon, 8/13	Full Band*	9am-5pm; Trivia Night 5:30-8pm
Tue, 8/14	Full Band*	9am-7pm
Wed, 8/15	Full Band*	9am-7pm
Thu, 8/16	Full Band*	9am-7pm
Fri, 8/17	Full Band*	9am-5pm; Pool Party 6-9pm
Sat, 8/18	Uniform Day	9am-12pm; Guard Rehearsal

Week 3

Mon, 8/20	Full Band*	12pm-7pm
Tue, 8/21	Full Band*	12pm-7pm
Wed, 8/22	Full Band*	12pm-9pm (Rehearsal 12-6pm, Skit Night 7-9pm)
Thu, 8/23	Full Band*	12pm-9pm (Pictures, then Rehearsal)
Fri, 8/24	Full Band*	12pm-9pm (Family Preview Cookout & Performance)

*Full Band refers to all members of the Marching Cavaliers to include Woodwinds, Brass, Batterie Percussion, Pit Percussion, Guard, and Drum Majors.

** *Schedule subject to minor modifications. A FINAL schedule will be distributed and posted on the website prior to camp starting.*

2018 - 2019 W.T. Woodson Band Calendar

August	31	Elementary School Tour (<i>selected MB</i>)	All Day
	31	FB (Home) – Annandale	5:30pm
September	8	Tag Day (required for all Band members)	
	14	FB (Home) Langley	5:30pm
	15	MB Drill Day	9-3pm
	21	FB (Away) – Lee <i>–not required but encouraged</i>	5:30pm
	24	Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions @ Lake Braddock	
	26	Woodson Band Exhibition	5:00-9:00pm
	29	Marching Band Competition	Times TBA*
October	3	Frost Band Night	6-9pm
	5	Homecoming Parade & Game – South County	3:30pm
	12	FB Home – Lake Braddock	5:30pm
	13	Marching Band Competition	Times TBA*
	19	FB (Away) – West Springfield	5:30pm
	20	Marching Band Competition	Times TBA*
	26	FB (Home) – Robinson	5:30pm
	27	VBODA State Marching Assessment	Times TBA*
	30	Frost-Woodson Concert @ Frost MS	7pm
	November	2	FB (Away) Fairfax (<i>required for all MB personnel</i>)
8		Marching Band Awards Night Dessert	7:30pm
8-10		Senior Regional Orchestra @ Fairfax HS	
27		Tiny Tots rehearsal (band room)	3:30-5:30pm
28		Tiny Tots rehearsal and concert (Main Gym)	8:00am
30		Tiny Tots Concert (Main Gym)	8:00am
December	6	Winter Instrumental Concert	7pm
	10	Winter Chair Auditions	4:30pm
	19	Winter Music Showcase	7pm
January	12	All District Band Auditions @ Robinson Secondary	
February	25	Frost Area Band @ Woodson	8am-2pm
	Jan. 31-2	All District Band @ Woodson	
March	23	All-Virginia Band Auditions @ JMU	
	28	Frost Pre-Assessment @ WTW	6:30pm
	5	Pre-Assessment Concert (auditorium)	7pm
	15-16	District Band Assessment @ Centreville	Time TBA*
April	27-30	Band Spring Trip (Location TBD)	
	4-6	All Virginia Band/Orchestra/Chorus Event @ Richmond	
	13	Solo and Ensemble	
May	21	Frost Band Spring Concert (auditorium)	6:30pm
	22	Spring Jazz/Percussion Concert (auditorium)	7:00pm
	23	Spring Band Concert (auditorium)	7:00pm
	28	Band Awards Banquet	6:30pm

*Time TBA – This means that the event is definite but the performance time is yet to be determined.

2018 W.T. Woodson Marching Cavalier Calendar

An itinerary for each event will be posted on the Band website as they come available.

www.woodsonband.org

July	21	Car Wash @ W.T. Woodson	10am-2pm
August	4	Car Wash @ W.T. Woodson	10am-2pm
	7-10	Pre-Season Week 1 – All Members	9am-4pm
	11	Car Wash @ W.T. Woodson	10am-2pm
	13-17	Pre-Season Week 2 – All Members	9am-7pm
	18	Uniform Fitting Day – All Personnel	9am-12pm
	20-21	Pre-Season Week 3, Mon-Tues	12pm-7pm
	22	Pre-Season Rehearsal and Photo Day	12pm-7pm
	23	Rehearsal, Picture Day	12pm-9pm
	24	Rehearsal, Parent Performance	12pm-9pm
	24	Pool Party	6-9pm
	31	Elementary School Tour (<i>selected MB</i>)	All Day
	31	FB Home – Annandale	5:00pm

Weekly rehearsal schedule begins (see reverse)

September	8	Tag Day	All Day
	14	FB Home – Yorktown	5:30pm
	15	Drill Camp	9-3pm
	21	FB (Away) – Lee	5:30pm
	26	Woodson Band Exhibition	5:00-9:30pm
	29	MB Competition – VMBC Herndon	TBA (All Day)
October	5	Homecoming Parade	3-4:45pm
	5	FB Home – South County- <i>Homecoming</i>	5:30pm
	12	FB Home – Lake Braddock	5:30pm
	13	MB Competition	TBA (All Day)
	19	FB (Away) – West Springfield	5:30pm
	20	MB Competition- JMU POC	TBA (All Day)
	26	FB Home – Robinson	5:30pm
	27	VBODA State Marching Assessment- Patriot HS	TBA (All Day)
November	2	FB (Away) – Fairfax – <i>Required for all personnel</i>	5:30pm
	8	Marching Band Awards Night Dessert, Cavalier Hall	7:30pm

Students are expected to be on time for every rehearsal and performance and this does affect the 1st quarter grade!

***October 27** is an **ACT** testing date. Please do NOT schedule your test on that date. The **ACT** is offered on Sept. 8 and Dec. 8.

There are no SAT conflicts

(as of 4/24/18)

Marching Band Weekly Schedule (as of 1/18)

Date	Event	Time
WEEK 1		
Wednesday, 8/29	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:30pm-9:00pm
Thursday, 8/30	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00pm
Friday, 9/1	FB Home	Uniforms at 5:00
WEEK 2		
Tuesday, 9/4	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 9/5	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:30pm-9:00pm
Thursday, 9/6	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Saturday, 9/8	TAG DAY	Meet at WTW 8:00am
WEEK 3		
Tuesday, 9/11	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 9/12	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:30-9:00pm
Thursday, 9/13	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 9/14	FB Home	Uniforms at 5:30
Saturday, 9/15	Drill Camp	9:00am-3:00pm
WEEK 4		
Tuesday, 9/18	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 9/19	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:30-9:00pm
Thursday, 9/20	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 9/21	FB Away (<i>optional, but encouraged</i>)	Meet at WTW at 5:30
WEEK 5		
Tuesday, 9/2	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 9/26	WTW Band Exhibition	Uniforms at 5:00-9:30
Thursday, 9/27	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Saturday, 9/29	MB Competition	TBA (All Day)
WEEK 6		
Tuesday, 10/2	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 10/3	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, 10/4	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 10/5	FB Home - Homecoming	Uniforms at 3:30
WEEK 7		
Tuesday, 10/9	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 10/10	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, 10/11	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Saturday, 10/13	MB Competition	TBA (All Day)
WEEK 8		
Tuesday, 10/16	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 10/17	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, 10/18	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 10/19	FB Away (<i>optional, but encouraged</i>)	Meet at WTW at 5:30
Saturday, 10/20	MB Competition	TBA (All Day)
WEEK 9		
Tuesday, 10/23	Rehearsal	3:30-5:45
Wednesday, 10/24	Rehearsal in Stadium	6:00-9:00pm
Thursday, 10/25	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 10/26	FB Home	Uniforms at 5:30
Saturday, 10/27	VBODA Marching Assessment	TBA (All Day)
WEEK 10		
Thursday, 11/1	Rehearsal	3:30-6:00
Friday, 11/2	FB Away - Required	Uniforms at 5:30



2018-2019 W.T. Woodson High School Band Course Fees

FCPS and The W.T. Woodson Band Program will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the W.T. Woodson Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools or Booster organizations cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

The following is a description of the W.T. Woodson High School Band course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

FCPS Course Fees	Amount	Who pays?	This pays for...
Band Course Materials Fee Due September 30	\$25	EVERYONE	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, music, food for instructional trips, etc. Any remaining balance will be deposited into a reserve for purchase of new uniforms.
Marching Band Fee Due May 18, 2018	\$125	Marching Band members <u>only</u>	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the marching band season. Examples of these items include band t-shirt, drill book, music book, drum book, uniform, uniform accessories and maintenance, instrument accessories, music/copyright, food for instructional trips, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund. Any remaining balance will be deposited into a reserve for purchase of new uniforms.

Musical Instrument Rental Fee: This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments. Students who are verified to be on free/reduced meal plans are to pay \$20. All percussion students play on school instruments and therefore pay the fee.

Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Woodwinds and Brass	\$92	9/1/18 or when Instrument is given
Percussion	\$60	9/1/18 or when Instrument is given

FCPS Sponsored Activity Fees

This is a fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any activities/trips associated with the W.T. Woodson Band Program. This fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip/activity – including such costs as transportation, accommodation, registration, food, and other miscellaneous expenses. Examples include Marching Band Pre-Season, Indoor Guard, Percussion Ensemble and the Spring Band Trip. Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.

Activity	Amount	Due Date	This pays for....
Marching Band Pre-Season	\$100	May 18, 2018	Instructors for Pre-Season training/rehearsals, food during Pre-Season, equipment/materials costs for Pre-Season, etc.
Indoor Guard (Dec – April)	TBD @\$300.00	Beginning of December	Show design, equipment, clothing, etc.
Spring Trip (March or April)	TBD (@\$550-\$750)	Installments TBD	Transportation, lodging, meals, activities, music festival fees, etc.

Marching Band Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching shoes, socks, etc.

Concert Uniform Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. The following items are provided: boys: tux pants, tux jacket, bow tie and cummerbund. Girls: concert dress. Students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their white tux shirt (boys), and black dress shoes (boys and girls). Payment for these accessories will be due on the Uniform Fitting Day in August.

Optional Individual Performance Events: There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in other bands. These auditions are optional for students. Examples include the All-District or All-State Band and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Audition or participation fees are assessed for these opportunities by the sponsoring organization. The W.T. Woodson Band does not establish such fees, but the W.T. Woodson Band often assists in the collection of these fees from individuals who elect to participate and the submission of one group payment to the respective sponsoring organization. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.

Payment Policies

Check (preferred method)

- Payments can be made out to **W.T. Woodson High School**. Please include the student's name and fee being paid in the memo line of the check.
- Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox within the band room.
- All payments should be in an envelope with the student's name, amount, purpose and date.

Example: Jane Doe
 \$125
 Marching Band Course Fee
 5/18/2018

Cash

- Please put the money in a sealed envelope and write the first and last name of the student and the name of the fee being paid
- Hand the envelope directly to Mr. Morgan or Ms. Hill. If they are not available, the envelope should be given to someone in the main office to hold for Mr. Morgan.
 - All payments should be in an envelope with the student's name, amount, purpose and date.

Example: Jane Doe
 \$100
 Marching Band Pre-Season Fee
 5/18/2018

- **NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.**

Refunds: Typically fees paid are non-refundable once commitments and purchases have been made. These refund policies will be communicated separately as they relate to individual activities.

Financial Assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Band Director prior to the due date for the related fee. A W.T. Woodson Band Financial Assistance form can be found on the website: www.woodsonband.org

W.T. Woodson High School Band Patrons

Band Patron Donation Program

Like most great opportunities for our children, the W.T. Woodson Band and Guard participation comes at a cost. In addition to the students' practice, hard work, and dedication, the Band Program incurs many costs that are only partially funded by the ever-strained Fairfax County Public School budget. To supplement the Band Patrons' fundraising activities, the band relies on CHARITABLE DONATIONS to the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons to fully fund its activities and expenses, including:

- Marching Competition Travel
- Marching Band & Guard Instructors
- Concert Uniforms
- Sectional Teachers
- Special Performances (conferences and festivals)
- Instrument Purchase and Repair
- Sheet Music
- Financial Assistance to needy Band students
- And MUCH more!!

In addition to the revenue generated by the Band Patrons' fundraising activities, the Band Patrons needs to raise an average of \$100 per student in donations for the Band to continue to perform at the advanced level that is enjoyed by the students, parents, and Woodson community.

Please plan to donate \$100 for every student you have in band. If you have the recourse for a larger contribution, please be generous. Your generosity will ensure that all students can participate in all band activities, regardless of their family's financial situations. On the other hand, if your finances truly do not permit a \$100 donation, please contribute what you can. All donations will help our students, and it is wonderful for our esprit de corps to know that 100% of our families have contributed according to their abilities.

Your donation can be made all at once, in two separate donations, or monthly. Please see the attached pledge form.

Donations can be made in one of two ways:

1. Via check in the "Band Box" located in the Band room. Checks should be payable to "Woodson Band Patrons". Please include a completed pledge form.
2. Via credit card at www.woodsonband.org PayPal processes our credit card donations, but you do NOT have to have a PayPal account to donate this way.

Many employers will match their employees' contributions to non-profit organizations such as the Woodson Band Patrons. Please check our list online to see if your employer will donate to us, based either on your charitable donations or volunteer efforts : [WEBSITE LINK HERE](#)

*The W.T. Woodson Band Patrons is a 501c3 organization;
Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

Thank you for supporting the W.T. Woodson Band!

Individual Donation Pledge Levels

The following levels express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation. It is truly the generous spirit that allows this program to continue to flourish and serve the students' needs. All donors will be sent a receipt from us showing our not-for-profit information for your tax purposes. All donors are also given a "Thank you" certificate as a small token of our appreciation for your financial support. Thank you again for your support!

First Chair- \$100-\$149

1. Donations at this level are listed on our website sponsor page in alphabetical order as "First Chair" level supporters.

Soloist- \$150-199

1. Donations at this level are listed on our website sponsor page in alphabetical order as "Soloist" level supporters.
2. Donors are listed in all concert programs throughout the many concerts we perform throughout the year.

Section Leader- \$200-\$299

1. Donations at this level are listed on our website sponsor page in alphabetical order as "Section Leader" level supporters.
2. Donors are listed in all concert programs throughout the many concerts we perform throughout the year.
3. Individual donors will have their name put into the website home page as a "Section Leader" level donor and their name will be listed at our fall concession stand as well.

Guard Captain- \$300-\$399

1. Donations at this level are listed on our website sponsor page in alphabetical order as "Guard Captain" level supporters.
2. Donors are listed in all concert programs throughout the many concerts we perform throughout the year.
3. Individual donors will have their name put into the website home page as a "Guard Captain" level donor and their name will be listed at our fall concession stand as well.
4. Guard Captain level donors also receive a free Woodson Band spirit wear item of your choice (if donated by end of summer)

Drum Major- \$400 or more

1. Donations at this level are listed on our website sponsor page in alphabetical order as "Drum Major" level supporters.
2. Donors are listed in all concert programs throughout the many concerts we perform throughout the year.
3. Individual donors will have their name put into the website home page as a "Drum Major" level donor and their name will be listed at our fall concession stand as well.
4. Drum Major level donors also receive a free Woodson Band spirit wear item of your choice. (if donated by end of summer)
5. Drum Major level donors may request a Woodson Band small ensemble to come and perform for them! E-Mail Mr. Morgan for specific information.

