

W.T. WOODSON FALL PERFORMANCE ASSIGNMENT

REGULATIONS AND FORMS

According to the Fairfax County Music Program of Studies and Woodson's Course Description guide, Marching Band is an integral part of the Advanced and Intermediate band course requirements. At W.T. Woodson High School, students in Concert Band choosing not to participate in the Marching Cavaliers must perform a series of pieces to replace the hours of performance and practice that encompasses participation in the Marching Cavaliers.

The purpose of the Fall Performance Assignment is to allow students serious about music to continue their musical studies and still pursue their other activities without having to reasonably give up one for the other. With the Fall Performance Assignment you will still be expected to participate in the following band events during the marching season:

- July 4th parade (if not away on vacation)
- Uniform Day (Saturday, Aug. 19, 9am-12pm)
- Tag Day
- Fruit Sale

Because the first quarter grade is based on performance in the Marching Cavaliers, students requesting this assignment must perform the following material in order to earn a first quarter grade*:

- All 12 Major Scales and Arpeggios
- Chromatic Scale (full range)
- Solo work(s) or Etudes (grade appropriate and from 6-10 min in length) to be approved by the private teacher and band director

Percussionists are required to play both snare (rudiments and a solo) and Mallets (scales and a solo).

If your student is requesting this assignment, he/she must turn in to the band director, a list of works he/she will be preparing during the first quarter by **September 30th**.

The works performed must be from VBODA graded repertoire for the instrument (not pop literature or band parts) and should be appropriate for the student's current ability level. Students must understand that these works must be prepared on their own or with a private instructor during the fall. Consult www.vboda.org for the current approved Music List.

You must complete two forms before being approved for the exemption:

- *Request for Fall Performance Assignment due **May 18th**.*
- *Works to Be Performed Form due **September 30th**.*

GRADE RUBRIC for Fall Performance Assignment

- A. A superior interpretation and performance, technically and musically. The performance demonstrates the student is able to meet all the technical demands of the music with precision and no aural evidence of strain: the musicality of the performance demonstrates an acute awareness of the composer's intent and desire. It is, to all appearances, free of technical errors and shows much attention to the music's expressive features.

- B. An excellent interpretation and performance. The musical requirements are met with integrity in meeting the composer's intent, desires and instructions. It is an authentic reading, marred by noticeable technical errors and intonation defects. Performance lacks some polish and finesse.

- C. A good interpretation and performance. The performer is unable to execute all of the technical demands of the music with precision and accuracy and does not demonstrate an awareness of the musical demands required for an outstanding performance. A large number of technical errors, obvious problems with intonation, rhythmic inaccuracies, and a lack of dynamic contrast mar the performance.

- D. A performance, which approximates the technical and musical requirements of the music but is seriously lacking in its rendition. The performance is consistently weak and filled with technical errors and intonation problems. The performer shows weaknesses in fundamentals of embouchure, tone production, rhythms, and articulation, and is not prepared to meet the technical or musical demands of the music.

- F. A performance, which is unacceptable technically or musically. It demonstrates a lack of technical proficiency and musical understanding. The quality of the performance shows careless and bad playing habits, evidence of poor training and preparation.

W.T. Woodson High School Band

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)



2018-2019 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

Band Patrons Contribution and Summary of Fees

Patrons Contribution

The WTW Band Patrons are the booster organization that supports the band logistically and financially. We are requesting that all families make a \$100 donation per student to the Band Patrons. While this is not a requirement, but will greatly enhance the quality of experience for your student. FCPS Course Fee money cannot be used for the purchase of instruments or for paying clinicians. The DC Metro area has a wealth of world-class musicians – the highest concentration of professional band musicians in the world because of the DC Military Bands. Engaging these musicians to work in small groups with our students is an invaluable resource.

A donation of \$100 per family creates a pool of money that can be earmarked for expenditure on the valuable and essential resources that FCPS Course Fee money cannot be used for. **For those families who are able, donations of any amount are encouraged.** The Band Patrons are a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Finance Summary

FCPS regulations require that fees be divided for their specific purpose within the Band Program. To help with any confusion as to what a student should be paying, below are some example scenarios for reference. Please refer to the official FCPS Fee Document for information regarding the fees.

Examples Scenarios – Separate Check for Each DO NOT COMBINE FEES INTO ONE CHECK!

<p>Student is in Marching Band, is <u>not</u> a percussionist, and does <u>not</u> need to rent an instrument from WTW. -\$125 MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -\$25 Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)</p>	<p>Student is in Marching Band and <u>is</u> a percussionist. -\$125 MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$60 Percussion Equipment Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -\$25 Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)</p>	<p>Student is in Marching Band and needs to rent a school instrument. -\$125 MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$92 Instrument Rental Fee (check to Woodson HS) -\$100 Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -\$25 Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)</p>
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Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Band Director if financial assistance is needed. Particularly, if your child is on the FCPS Free/Reduced Lunch program, notifying the Band Director of this status allows for pursuit of county funds to cover the fees. All requests for assistance of any type will be kept confidential.

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.

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	
May	13	Solo and Ensemble	
	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.