

W.T. Woodson Wind Ensemble

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Congratulations!

Congratulations on being selected as a 2018 VMEA featured performing ensemble! This is a huge honor for you and this band program. The process we are embarking on will represent all of our best work over the coming months to create a performance that will live in your memory as a positive and enriching musical experience. In order to facilitate this performance, we are asking that each of you make the printed rehearsals and performances a priority this fall.

What is VMEA?

VMEA stands for Virginia Music Educators Association. Each November, music educators in the areas of chorus, orchestra, general music, and band assemble in Hot Springs, VA for a professional development conference. This conference consists of clinics and performances that are all by invitation only, and only after a rigorous screening and evaluation process. To be invited to perform a full concert is a rare and exciting opportunity for any performing ensemble across the state.

This performance will require your unique and special talents to be successful. In order to achieve what I know we are capable of, we should expect much from each other. The music you have been given encompasses both a huge variety of styles and musical genres. The difficulty of this concert is performing 45 minutes of music at “studio” quality relatively early in the school year. It is essential that regular practice of this music becomes a part of your individual schedules. You should celebrate the immense talents of your peers in this ensemble by holding yourself and each other to the high standard of performance you all and the community have come to expect from the Woodson Band.

Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday, August 9, 6:00pm to 7:30pm *(please note, especially if you are NOT in Marching Band)*

Sunday, October 7, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 to 9:00pm

Thursday, November 1, 6:30pm to 9pm

Sunday, November 11, 1:00pm to 3:00pm *(on stage)*

Performance Schedule

Frost-Woodson Concert

Tuesday, October 30, 7:00pm (@Frost MS)

Preview Concert

Monday, November 12, 7:00pm (@Woodson)

VMEA Performance

November 16, 12:30pm* (@Homestead)

*this event is several hours away and will take the entire day, performance time tentative