

Information for Tag Day, September 18, 2021

It's almost time for Tag Day, by far our largest fundraiser of the year. On Tag Day, students go door-to-door to homes in the Woodson area asking for donations to support band activities. **All band (marching and non-marching), guard members, and athletic exempt students are expected to participate for the full day**, and all parents are asked to contribute items for lunch and to volunteer as drivers, tabulators, registration workers, uniform workers, or hospitality aides. Note: We will be following all FCPS covid-19 protocols, including the use of face coverings by volunteers and students at all times while inside of Woodson High School, within vehicles, and walking outdoors in the neighborhoods, regardless of vaccination status.

Here's how it works: Students work in 4-person teams which are formed during band camp. Each team is assigned a driver and a route. When the team reaches the designated neighborhood on Tag Day, they split into pairs. Each pair takes a side of the street and walks door-to-door asking for donations. To ensure safety, the driver will always keep students in view. Drivers are provided a packet of materials that includes a detailed map of the area they are to canvas. Drivers bring the students back to school at noon to turn in money to parent tabulators and to eat lunch. Hospitality volunteers serve lunch in the cafeteria. After lunch, teams head back out to continue canvassing.

There are a few other things you should know. (1) You should drop off items for lunch in Cafeteria A by the time specified (**Food assignments will be sent out shortly**); (2) Drivers will be matched with teams of students that may or may not include their own children, unfortunately we cannot guarantee everyone's requests.

Student schedule: Students should arrive at school by 8 AM, get dressed in their uniforms, and report to the BAND ROOM. After being given instructions, student teams will go to Cafeteria A to meet with their morning drivers. Driver-Student teams will depart around 9 AM to work their morning routes and will return to the school at lunchtime. After lunch, student teams will go to Cafeteria A to meet with their afternoon drivers. Driver-Student teams will depart around 12:30 to work their afternoon routes and will return to the school by 3:30 PM. After being dismissed, students will turn in their uniforms and depart between 4:00 and 4:30.

Parent schedules vary according to volunteer activity. Driver shifts are 8 AM to noon and noon to 4. All drivers should report to the registration area near the auditorium upon arrival. Tabulator shifts are 11 AM to 2 PM and 2 to 5 PM (Cafeteria B). Uniform help is needed at the beginning and end of the day: 7:45-9 AM and 3:15-5 PM (Band Room). Registration and hospitality workers are needed in varying shifts (Auditorium Lobby/Cafeteria).

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW! This is an ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK day! We need 80+ drivers, 16 tabulators, 8 uniform workers, up to 16 hospitality workers, and up to 13 registration workers. **To sign up, click on the Tag Day Signup Genius link available at www.woodsonband.org.** You can contact us at WoodsonBandTagDay@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support!

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