

WOODSON BAND
[Welcome Meeting 2023](#)
Family/Parent Meeting Information
2 August, 2023

Welcome from Band Directors Mr. Aaron Morgan and Ms. Helen Landers

- General band information - events, activities, etc. for concert and marching bands
 - Introduction of student leaders (horn sergeants—Julie and Gabe): week 1 working on basic marching and music; today start show; week 2—spirit week & show details; week 3—split rehearsals + events and activities (trivia night and skit night), picture day and parent preview Friday night. Reminder to hydrate, eat and sleep.
 - Marching band time of year; chance to get involved in teens' activities with band marching or otherwise; encourage participation with whatever you can give (volunteer) specifically for new ninth graders—chance to get involved
- Expectations for students and families—some fees and dues—tries to minimize as much as possible; fundraisers throughout the year to assist with scholarships, trips, building storage shed, etc... Two mandatory fundraising events for the year: 1) TAG day (9 SEP)—expectation for ACT Testers to participate in afternoon session; all students participate. Need adult drivers. 2) Marching band competition (14 OCT)—require a lot of volunteers filled with students and parents (adults). Time commitment during school year: most of afterschool activities is comprised of marching band; primarily concerts for non-marchers, few rehearsals preparing for concerts—more for Wind Ensemble. Marching schedule went out (practices, games and competitions). 30 SEP competition (Herndon) will be cancelled.
- Schedule overview for concert and marching band - fall season; clarification of calendar and events to deconflict student orientation.
- Introduce Chrissy Rabayda, band admin—POC for issues, finance, accounts,...
- Introduce Ms. Helen Landers—primarily Symphonic band; team teach with Wind Ensemble and Concert band

Welcome from the Band Patrons

- Introductions - President Sean Flynn (11 years participation); reviewed purpose of band patrons and requested volunteer support (varying levels of opportunities available). Introduction of Exec Board members.
- Event, Volunteer, & Fundraising Activities - Vice Presidents Carrie Klein & Shane Gilbert; Treasurer, Shawn Silverman. Additional information pertaining to Trumpeter, webpage and calendar information (communication forums). Need some help with equipment.
- Upcoming Events (Carrie Klein & Committee Members)—reviewed each upcoming events
 - 8/12, 9am-12:30pm, ALL BANDS - Uniform Fitting Day (Rhonda Finberg and Reiko Pendleton); still need POC to assist with concert uniforms. Clarified payment methods for uniform fitting day (cash, check and electronic payments). May have additional fee for electronic payments on certain items but not uniform fitting day.
 - 8/12, ALL BANDS - Spirit Wear Deadline (Amy Vailikit); all students required to order a band polo; optional for parents.
 - 8/18, 2pm, Marching Band - Picture Day (Amy Vailikit)—showtime and volunteers
 - 8/18, 6pm, Marching Band - Parent/Family Performance (Concessions -Patrick Klein & Paul Bryson; hospitality - Alexia Grimes and Susanne Fitch)
 - 8/19, Marching Band - Pool Party (Alexia Grimes and Susanne Fitch)
 - 9/9, all day, ALL BANDS + Guard - Tag Day (NOTE: Date Change from 9/16; Julie Scoville & John Cradler)
 - 10/14, all day, ALL BANDS + Guard – Woodson Cavalier Showcase, October 14 (Carrie Klein, Shane Gilbert, planning; Lisa Hershaft, Karen Wallace, sponsorship)
 - 11/7, time TBD, Marching Band - End of Season Party (Alexia Grimes & Susanne Fitch)
 - Date/time TBD – Marching Band - Awards Ceremony
- Additional news/business