

TRUMPETER (ALL BANDS) 09/08/23 - Tag Day Details & Uniform Washers Needed!

*Happy Friday, band families and a **big thank you for signing up to drive for Tag Day!** We have some breaking information on Tag Day (tomorrow) with day-of details and still have some open spots/needs for driving and food donations – please read the Tag Day section for signups. Also, with temps in the high 80s, those marching uniforms that the kids are wearing on Tag Day are going to need a wash. [Please sign up to help wash uniforms here](#) (many hands/washing machines make light work!). There is a lot going on this weekend, so THANKS AGAIN for all you are doing to help Woodson Band!*

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Upcoming Events: (band calendar & event info on [band website](#))

- 9/8 – Home Football Game
 - 9/9 – ALL BANDS - Tag Day, All Day - ALL HANDS EVENT
 - 9/21 – Band Patrons meeting, 7PM, Band Room
 - 9/22 – Home Football Game performance (Alexandria)
 - 9/23 – VMBC South County competition
 - 9/29 – Football game away (all band required)
 - 9/30 – VMBC Herndon competition (CANCELLED)
 - 10/6 – Home Football game performance (Fairfax)
 - 10/7 – JMU Parade of Champions competition
 - 10/14 – ALL BANDS – Woodson Cavalier Showcase, October 14, ALL HANDS EVENT
 - 11/7 – Marching Band - End of Season Party, November 7, time TBD
 - TBD – Marching Band - Awards Ceremony, day/time TBD
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All Bands - Calendar Changes

Please see the [calendar changes in this document](#) and note the changes communicated by Mr. Morgan on 8/24:

- Wednesday 9/13 practice moved to 3:30-6:30 due to a conflict with the stadium
- The competition on 9/30 has been removed
- Wednesday 10/11 practice moved to 3:30-6:30 due to a conflict with the stadium
- Practice on Tuesday 10/24 and Wednesday 10/25 has been cancelled
- The game on 10/27 has been removed
- Practice added on Thursday 11/2 from 3:30-6 (this is now our final practice)
- Game added on Friday 11/3 (this will now be our final game)

All Bands - Tag Day - Saturday, September 9th

****ALL PARENTS AND STUDENT PLEASE READ****

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TAG DAY, Saturday Sept 9

So many thanks to everyone who signed up to help! Tag Day is a huge effort and we will hit as many neighborhoods as possible. Weather should be ok, about 85 degrees and partly cloudy.

The event will be rain or shine, at this point the forecast is fairly clear, but kids can bring small umbrellas if the forecast changes. We will have some coffee/tea for adult volunteers in the cafeteria starting at 8 am. All adult volunteers and students will be offered a sandwich lunch between the morning and afternoon shifts starting about 12 pm.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: Our students could not do this without you, so again thank you!!! Please report to the following locations:

- Drivers and registration to Auditorium lobby
- Hospitality to Cafeteria A
- Tabulators to Cafeteria B
- Uniforms to the Band Room.

Hospitality, Tabulators, Drivers, and Registration may enter in the front auditorium lobby doors and park in front of the school. The band room may be kind of zany in the morning when students are changing. [Arrival time will depend on your shift so please confirm via the sign up genius link.](#) ***As a reminder, the parking lot behind the band room is being painted, so please park in front of the school and enter through Door 18.***

We are still a couple drivers short for the afternoon. If anyone volunteering in tabulation, registration or hospitality can switch to afternoon driving, please switch your slot if there are still openings. Driving is the one job we really cannot get by with fewer people. Several people have been concerned about the size of their cars, but all we need is 4 seats besides the driver with seat belts. No need to have an SUV or minivan. The kids will only be riding with you a very short while on the way to and from the school, as they will be out walking the majority of their shifts. We have detailed maps and instructions and you can be out enjoying the sunshine with the company of some nice, hard-working kids.

STUDENTS: Please report to the band room at 8 a.m., well-hydrated and well fed as you will be out walking a lot. Feel free to bring your own personal water bottle (water only in other parent's cars) and also bring some hand sanitizer.

Band students will wear marching uniforms, please arrive wearing:

- white t-shirt
- gym shorts
- black socks
- comfortable walking shoes, like tennis shoes, (but no flip flops or sandals)
- No hats will be worn, so hair can be down

Guard students will wear their red, white, and blue parade uniforms along with black leggings and comfortable walking shoes.

Team assignments will be posted in the band room, and after you are dismissed from the band room you will report to the cafeteria to the table with your team name to meet your driver. All students with conflicts should have communicated these to Mr. Morgan by now, but if there are any last minute issues please contact both Mr. Morgan/Ms. Landers and Julie Scoville at woodsonbandtagday@gmail.com as teams and drivers have been already been assigned. Any changes now will result in drivers and teams needing to be shuffled, and this is not as easy as it sounds.

EVERYONE: [Please check the separate sign up genius for food and drink donations.](#) Food or beverages can be delivered to the cafeteria at the specified time either by students or parents. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please reach out to the Tag Day Committee at woodsonbandtagday@gmail.com if you have any other concerns or questions. See you Saturday!!!

Marching Band – Uniform Wash Sign-Ups & Game Night Process

Uniform Wash Sign Ups: Don't have a lot of time to spend at the school or want a way to contribute from home? Volunteer to wash uniforms. New families are welcome. You'll wash 10 uniforms split into 4-5 loads in a large capacity machine. Detailed instructions will be provided at pickup. First wash will be picked up Sept. 9 after Tag Day. Trust us, they need to be washed after being worn all day. You can still drive for Tag Day and take home 10 uniforms. Return uniforms at the start of rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. *We usually need about 10 volunteers to wash our marchers' uniforms each time. We are asking for additional volunteers after Tag Day to wash the extra uniforms used by non-marchers.* [Sign up here to help!](#)

Game Night Process: In addition to checking uniforms out/in before and after the game, the first game is the first time our new members are wearing their entire uniforms with hair requirements. They will need help. Especially those with hair that needs to be pulled up. If you have experience with putting hair up for dance, gymnastics, etc., our students could use your

expertise. Check-in will also take longer the first time as our new members learn the process. We will do our best to get your child out as soon as possible after the game, but more help makes for a speedier process. [Please sign up to help with the first game night on 9/8!](#)

Marching Band – Equipment Volunteers Needed!

The band has been working hard on a fantastic show, but they need our help to get the essential pieces out on the field and back to the school. Helping with equipment is lots of fun and keeps you in the middle of the action. For home games, we need people to help the students in front ensemble (pit) push the large instruments from the band room to the edge of the field, and then out onto the field at half-time, get the props and drum major platforms into place, and move everything off again. For competitions, volunteers load the larger instruments and props onto rental trucks, drive the trucks to the competition, and get the equipment onto the field and off again, reloaded, and unloaded back at the school.

We have some great veteran equipment parents who can show you the ropes if you're new, and there's a wonderful energy and excitement to being part of the show. You can sign up for home games, for loading for competitions, for driving, for helping at the competition itself, or any combination. *See the signups for each game and competition, below, or contact Laura Braceland at equipment@woodsonband.org with any questions.*

Marching Band Chaperone, Uniform, Equipment, & Concessions Volunteer Sign Ups

Football Game Signups: Free tickets to all Home Football games and one away game! Just sign up to chaperone below. **Sign up ASAP as these slots won't stay open for long!**

- **FIRST HOME GAME vs OAKTON (Friday Sept 8, 2023)**

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for EQUIPMENT/PIT/PROP TEAM](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

- **HOME GAME vs ALEXANDRIA CITY (Friday Sept 22, 2023)**

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for EQUIPMENT/PIT/PROP TEAM](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

- **HOME GAME vs FAIRFAX (Friday Oct 6, 2023)**

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for EQUIPMENT/PIT/PROP TEAM](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

- **HOMECOMING PARADE & GAME vs SOUTH COUNTY (Friday Oct 20, 2023)**

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for PARADE/UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for EQUIPMENT/PIT/PROP TEAM](#)

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

- **HOME GAME vs WEST SPRINGFIELD (Friday Nov 3, 2023)**
CLICK HERE To volunteer for UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE (SIGN UP TBD)
[CLICK HERE To volunteer for EQUIPMENT/PIT/PROP TEAM](#)
[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

Competition SignUps: Free entry to all Competitions! Just sign up to chaperone below. **Sign up ASAP as these slots will go fast!**

[CLICK HERE to help with UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE on 9/23](#)
[CLICK HERE to help with UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE on 10/21](#)

[Marching Band – Pictures Are Here & Decals/Magnets for Sale](#)

Orders from picture day have arrived! There is a bin in the band room with all orders alphabetized by last name. Woodson Band car decals (\$5) and magnets (indoor use only, \$3) are for sale. Contact amy@vailikit.com to purchase. They will also be available at the next band patrons meeting.

[All Bands - Woodson Cavalier Showcase – Saturday, October 14th](#)

Woodson is hosting this [marching band competition](#) and inviting area bands to come and compete at Woodson's Pat Cunningham Stadium on October 14, 2023. **As with tag day, every band student and family are expected to participate** as this is a major fundraiser that will generate money for both marching and concert bands. We'll need help with ticket sales, sponsorship and promotion, parking and traffic, pit support, concessions, and more! To learn more about the competition and how you can help, [contact Carrie Klein](#). More information will follow soon!

BE or RECRUIT A SHOWCASE SPONSOR! Don't miss your chance to place an ad in the virtual program for the Woodson Showcase! We're still looking for sponsors - this is a great way to promote your company to the crowd in the stands and help WTW at the same time. Do you own a local business? Work for a company that wants to support music education? If not, maybe you have neighbors or family members who do! There are several options - a banner, an ad in the program, and/or your logo on the t-shirts. ***The deadline for submitting an ad is September 20th.*** Please check out the details below and contact Lisa Hershaft by emailing sponsorship@woodsonband.org to reserve your spot ASAP!

[All Bands – Band Fee Info](#)

The remaining fees for Band class (WE/SB/CB) and marching fees will be invoiced in mid-September by the school. Instrument rental fees, percussion class fees, and percussion marching fees are due now and can be paid online at My School Bucks by pulling it up a la cart. You can also pay these fees by check to "Woodson High School" and send in with your student

to put in the band box. You could also mail it to W.T. Woodson High School Band, Attn Aaron Morgan, Director, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22031. Mrs. Rabayda will be sending notices of those fees soon. Fees are as follows: Instrument rental (\$100), Percussion Class (\$60), Marching Percussion (\$30). Contact Chrissy Rabayda, clrabayda@fcps.edu, with any questions.

All Bands - 8/24 Band Patrons/Parent Meeting Notes & Next Meeting Info

Notes from the 8/24 Band Patrons/Parents meeting can be found [here](#). **Mark your calendars for our next Band Patrons/Parents meeting, on 9/21 at 7pm in the Band Room.** See you there!

As always, [there are a ton of ways to be involved in supporting your and the band program](#). We still need some committee chairs and co-chairs. [Contact Carrie Klein](#) at to volunteer or get more information. Descriptions can also be found [in the Band Handbook](#).

Link to the Band Calendar

Add the 2023-2024 Woodson Band Google calendar to your calendar by using the links below. Dates are current with the latest schedules distributed through Charms. Please expect that dates and times will change throughout the year and enable syncing to ensure you receive all updates.

- To add the Woodson Band 2022-23 calendar to your Google Calendar: Open your Google Calendar To the left, choose Other calendars and click on the plus sign Choose From URL Paste the following iCal URL
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=ZGQzY2FiMjkzYzJiYTVjNmFIN2FkMjEzN2NINmUzZTQzNGlzMWVjNGIxN2JkNTc3ZDdkZmJiMjdINTQ3ZGY4N0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
- To open the calendar in a web browser for other applications, use this link:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/dd3cab293c2ba5c6ae7ad2137ce6e3e434b31ec4b17bd577d7dfbb27e547df87%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Connect with the Band!

Charms Email Please contact Mr. Morgan or Carrie Klein wtwbandvicepresident@gmail.com if you are not receiving them. Meanwhile, the Trumpeter is posted to the website and all signup genius links can be found under "Current Volunteer Opportunities". You may expect weekly Trumpeters during marching season and monthly the rest of the year.

- **Woodson Band Website** <https://www.woodsonband.org/> Our webmaster (Thank you Shane) is fabulous. This is a great and up to date resource!
- **Get last minute notifications Join "Remind"** for text message alerts. Text the message @wtwba to the number 81010. You won't be overloaded with texts but this is helpful to get arrival times after competitions and other last minute notices. **NOTE: We will be updating the Remind list this week and deleting anyone**

who is not connected to a current band member (families of former band students).

- **Facebook** - "WT Woodson Band Patrons"
- **Smugmug Photos** - <https://woodsonband.smugmug.com/>
- **Band Patrons meetings** will resume in September. All parents welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Did you make it to the bottom? Impressive! For you new parents, this might be overwhelming but don't fret! Take time to look through it and identify the **must-do requirements** (schedules, measurements due Aug 1, and connect with the band (calendar, Facebook, remind...). Do note **Uniform Fitting Day, Tag Day, and the Cavalier Showcase** are key dates and we'll need a lot of parents for those too! Just familiarize yourself with the rest and signup to volunteer when you're ready! Hearty thanks to all!*

Carrie Klein
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