

TRUMPETER (ALL BANDS) 09/15/23 - Woodson Cavalier Showcase Info/SignUp (please sign up by 10/1), plus Senior Night Info!

*Happy Friday, band families. **Thank you for pitching in last weekend for Tag Day** (and see the thank you from Tag Day Chairs, below)! In this issue, I've updated the upcoming events list (prior Trumpeters had missing event info). **The big news for this week is that we have more information on the Woodson Cavalier Showcase** – see below for more details and please **sign up by 10/1** to help out with our second biggest fundraiser of the year!*

*Alumni – You are receiving this Trumpeter in the hopes that you'll be able to help with our inaugural Woodson Cavalier Showcase. See below for more details on how you can sign up to volunteer. Even if you can't work the event, we hope you'll stop by to watch the bands and help us promote this event (you'll see more on Facebook from alum Emily Flynn on this soon!). We'll have a special viewing area in the bleachers during the competition and opportunities for alumni to connect. Hope to see you there!*

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

- 9/21 – Band Patrons/Family 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) & SENIOR NIGHT!**
  - 10/7 – JMU Parade of Champions competition
  - 10/14 – **ALL BANDS – Woodson Cavalier Showcase ALL HANDS EVENT**
  - 10/20 – Homecoming (HOME) parade and football game performance (South County)
  - 10/21 – Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional competition
  - 11/3 – HOME football game performance (Springfield)
  - 11/7 – Marching Band - End of Season Party time TBD
  - TBD – Marching Band - Awards Ceremony, day/time TBD
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## All Bands – 9/21 Band Patrons/Family Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next Band Patrons/Family meeting, on 9/21 at 7pm in the Band Room. We'll be discussing the Showcase (see below) and upcoming band events and concerts. See you there!

## All Bands - Woodson Cavalier Showcase – Saturday, October 14th

The Woodson Cavalier is four weeks away and we need **YOU** to help make it a success (and raise funds for the band!). Woodson is hosting this [marching band competition](#) at Woodson's Pat Cunningham Stadium on October 14, 2023 from 5:00 – 8:30pm (*times for this event may shift slightly, see note below*). **As with tag day, every band student and family are expected to volunteer for this event as this is a major fundraiser that will generate money for both marching and concert bands.** We'll need volunteer help with ticket sales, sponsorship and promotion, parking and traffic, pit support, concessions, Woodson band performance prep, and more! More information will be provided next week on the various roles and responsibilities for each of the volunteer positions (although most roles the sign up are self-explanatory). Please commit to helping by 10/1, so that we can plan and communicate with volunteers, accordingly!

**[\\*\\*PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THIS LINK BY 10/1\\*\\*](#)**

*NOTE: We currently have eight bands scheduled to perform (with possibly two more joining this week). If they join, our schedule for set up and start may shift slightly. We will have more information on the Showcase in the coming weeks, so stay tuned for LOTS of messaging and calls for assistance with this event. Also, note, the sign up is for current band families and alumni band students and families. The planning committee will be coordinating current student*

volunteer responsibilities through Mr. Morgan and Ms. Landers. For more information on the event and how you can get involved, please contact Carrie Klein at [wtwbandvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:wtwbandvicepresident@gmail.com). THANK YOU!

## All Bands - Tag Day Thank You

This is the last Tag Day Trumpeter post you have to read for this year! Our heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful kids and parents who made Tag Day a success. We had over 130 students deployed to various neighborhoods in a fleet of 76 driving cars (some parents driving both AM & PM), as well as a small legion working within the school to help the kids look sharp in their uniforms, keep us all well-fed and hydrated, count and tabulate all of the donations, help control all of the papers and literally figure out where everyone was on the map. We heard nothing but compliments about how well our students represented the school while they were out and about, both from the parent volunteers and Woodson neighbors. Due to everyone's hard work, the day was HUGELY successful (*how successful? Come to the Patrons Meeting on 9/21 at 7pm in the band room where Treasurer Shawn Silverman will give an update!*). We will likely continue to see additional donations come in from the flyers and envelopes left in doors of folks who weren't home. Again, thank you so much for your commitment to the kids. If you want to help us out next year, we'll gladly take you onto the committee. In our case, it doesn't just take a village, but a small to medium-size city! THANK YOU!! Your grateful Tag Day Committee, Julie Scoville & John Cradler

## Marching Band – 10/6 Senior Night

Senior night for marching band will be on 10/6 during the home football game. What families need to know:

- Each senior will be recognized at the game (with their name announced to the stadium attendees). Their uniforms will be differentiated to indicate their senior status.
- Seniors and family/friend escorts (usually 2-3 people) will parade into the stadium together (students flanked by escorts) where students will receive a flower and have their picture taken with their escorts and with Mr. Morgan, Ms. Landers, and school administrative leadership.
- Students will receive more information, soon, from Mr. Morgan to designate their escorts. Before the event, escorts will receive information and instructions for what to expect on the night.

## 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](mailto:equipment@woodsonband.org) with any questions.*

## Marching Band - Game Performance 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 volunteer with one of the teams below. **Sign up ASAP as these slots won't stay open for long!**

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- **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](#)

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- **AWAY GAME vs Lake Braddock (Friday Sept 29, 2023)**

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

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

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- **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](#)

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- **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](#)

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- **HOME GAME vs WEST SPRINGFIELD (Friday Nov 3, 2023)**

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

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

[CLICK HERE To volunteer for CONCESSIONS](#)

## Marching Band - Competition Chaperone, Uniform, & Equipment Volunteer Sign Ups

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

- South County Invitational (Saturday SEPT 23, 2023)  
South County HS, Lorton VA

[CLICK HERE to help with UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE to help with EQUIPMENT/PIT](#)

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- James Madison University Parade of Champions (Saturday OCT 7, 2023)  
James Madison University, Harrisonburg VA

[CLICK HERE to help with UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE to help with EQUIPMENT/PIT](#)

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- Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional (Saturday OCT 21, 2023)  
SECU Stadium, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

[CLICK HERE to help with UNIFORMS/CHAPERONE](#)

[CLICK HERE to help with EQUIPMENT/PIT](#)

## Concert Band – Ordered Uniform Info

Concert band orders from uniform fitting day will be ready for pick up on Monday, 9/18 in the band room. If you ordered a tux shirt, cummerbund, bow tie, or shoes (to wear with dresses), please pick those up next week.

## All Bands - Calendar Changes

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

- 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 – 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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto: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.

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*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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