

TRUMPETER (ALL BANDS) 12/10/23 (Showcase, District Band, & Happy Holidays!)

Hi All – Happy holidays! Brief Trumpeter this month with a few calendar updates below. Enjoy the holidays and have a happy new year!

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

- 12/14 – Winter Showcase, report at 6:45pm, show begins at 7:00pm
 - 01/06 – District Band Auditions, Robinson HS
 - 01/11 – Band Patrons/Family Meeting
 - 2/2-3 – All-District Band Event, West Springfield HS, Time TBD
 - 2/29 – Pre-Assessment Concert, Woodson HS, 7pm
 - 3/5-6 – District Concert Assessment, George Mason University, Time TBD
 - 4/11-4/13 – [NYC Band Trip](#)
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Wind Ensemble – Winter Showcase – December 14

Wind ensemble is performing in the Winter Showcase this Thursday, December 14. Report time is at 6:45 and the showcase begins at 7:00. Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 13. For updated report times student should check their Schoology accounts.

All Bands - District Band Auditions – Jan 6, 2024

Payments are due for District Band auditions. Cost \$12. Pay on My School Bucks or by Check to **Woodson High School** and put into band box. **Audition sign ups, [here](#)**. NOTE: If you sign up, you owe the fee regardless of whether you show up for the audition. Auditions will be held at Robinson High School. The All-District Performance is Feb. 1-3, 2024, at West Springfield High School.

All Bands – NYC Spring Trip – April 11-13, 2024

Forms should be in for the spring trip to NYC. Future payments are due January 15 (\$250) and March 1 (\$225). Payments can be made on My School Bucks or by check made out to 'Woodson High School' and brought to the band box. [More information](#), including the itinerary, can be found here.

RaiseRight Info

RaiseRight is an easy and almost passive way to make money for the band. You pay face value for the cards (or Ecards), and the band gets a percentage in return. The phone app makes it easy to reload your Starbucks or Dunkin Card, buy or reload Safeway or Giant cards for groceries/gas, and even pay for vacation travel. **An active RaiseRight program for our band could generate thousands of dollars in fundraising with very little effort.** Register a new account here <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=65LB5ALF2145> (or contact Shawn Silverman for our enrollment code). You can order online or pay by check when you receive your cards. Ecards and reloads are available anytime! Please feel free to contact Shawn Silverman with any questions treasurer@woodsonband.org

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=ZGQzY2FiMjkzYzJiYTVjNmFIN2FkMjEzN2NlNmUzZTQzNGlzMWVjNGlXN2JkNTc3ZDdkZmJiMjdINTQ3ZGY4N0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
- 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
Trumpeter Editor*

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