

## TRUMPETER (ALL BANDS) 01/07/24 (Happy New Year & Upcoming Events!)

*Hi All – Happy new year! I hope you all had a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous start to the new year. In this issue, updated Band Family/Patrons meeting information, NYC payment #2 info, and district band update.*

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

- 01/13 – NEW DATE: District Band Auditions, Robinson HS
  - 01/18 – DATE CORRECTION: Band Patrons/Family Meeting
  - 2/1-3 – 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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### **All Bands - District Band Auditions – NEW DATE – Sat., 1/13**

Given this weekend's rescheduling, auditions will be held at Robinson High School next Saturday, 1/13. More details to follow from Mr. Morgan. The All-District Performance is Feb. 1-3, 2024, at West Springfield High School.

### **All Bands – Band Patrons/Family Meeting – Thurs., 1/18, at 7pm**

The next band patrons meeting will be on Thursday, January 18 at 7pm in the band room. We'll be discussing the budget, upcoming assessment concert, NYC band trip, and other spring events. If you are interested in volunteering for band, please plan on attending where you can learn more about remaining volunteer activities and next year board and committee officer openings.

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

Forms should be in for the spring trip to NYC. Payment #2 for the trip is due January 16 (\$250) and March 1 (\$225). Payments can be made on My School Bucks (make sure to indicate payment #2) or by check made out to 'Woodson High School' and brought to the band box. [More information](#), including the itinerary, can be found here.

## All Bands – Library Help Needed

Looking for a few volunteers to help with band library projects. We are shelving and cataloging the jazz library and we need volunteers to help the process along. Adults or students are welcome to help. Students would receive band points or credit hours for other organizations that would accept the hours. Contact Mrs. Rabayda at [clrabayda@fcps.edu](mailto:clrabayda@fcps.edu) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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=ZGQzY2FiMjkzYzJiYTVjNmFIN2FkMjEzN2NlNmUzZTQzNGlzMWVjNGlXN2JkNTc3ZDdkZmJiMjdINTQ3ZGY4N0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbnRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>
- 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 signups

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

Trumpeter Editor

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