

## TRUMPETER (ALL BANDS) 02/03/24 (Volunteers Needed for Next Year, Today's Winterguard Competition, and More!)

*Hi All – Hope your year continues to be off to a great start! Shaking up the order of things in this month's Trumpeter to underscore the importance and need for volunteers in the coming year:*

### All Bands – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – come to the Band Patrons/Family Meeting – Thurs., 2/15, at 7pm

The next band patrons meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 at 7pm in the band room. This year, we are going to have a HUGE turnover of family volunteers as students graduate from band. If you are interested in learning more about the various executive committee and at-large committee volunteer positions that will be available, please plan on attending. As you'll see from some of the dates posted in [the January meeting minutes](#), while it feels far away, next year's band season is really just around the corner. ***To be able to continue to support student participation in spring trips and competitions and to be able to purchase the instruments and equipment needed for a high level of musicianship, we need to maximize parent and family involvement. Please plan on attending the next meeting to learn more about how you can help and be involved.***

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

- 2/15 – Band Patrons/Family Meeting, 7pm Band Room
  - 2/29 – Pre-Assessment Concert, Woodson HS, 7pm
  - 3/5-6 – District Concert Assessment, George Mason University, Time TBD
  - 3/8 – Assessment Recording Session, 3:15 – 6:15pm
  - 3/21 – Band Patrons/Family Meeting, 7pm Band Room
  - 4/11-4/13 – [NYC Band Trip](#)
  - 4/18 – Band Patrons/Family Meeting, 7pm Band Room
  - 5/14 – Spring Concert, 6:15pm report, 7pm start
  - 5/16 – Awards Ceremony, time TBD
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## First Winterguard Competition is TODAY, Saturday, FEB 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Come join the Woodson Winterguard Team as they break out their labcoats, bunsen burners and beakers and try to discover the secret formula for LOVE in their competition show entitled "Loveology". The first Atlantic Indoor Association competition is scheduled for Saturday, FEB 3<sup>rd</sup>. This first competition will be held at **Forest Park High School** (15721 Forest Park Dr. Woodbridge, VA). Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (6-10) & Seniors, children under 5 are Free. Woodson's competition class begins at 1:20PM and **Woodson has a show performance time of 1:55PM**. Come out and support the Winterguard team as they begin their competition season! Over 37 different winterguard teams are scheduled to compete, with 11 in Woodson's class level. More information on competition venue can be found on their website [HERE](#).

## 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=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](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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