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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## April and May Calendars

2-4 April	All-State Band/Orchestra
6 April	Great Lakes Scrip orders due, 10 pm
14 April	Band Patrons Meeting, 7:30 pm
15 April	N.Y. Trip Chaperone Meeting, 7:30 pm
<b>16-19 April</b>	<b>Band Spring Trip to New York</b>
25 April	Solo and Ensemble Festival, Lanier MS
4 May	Great Lakes Scrip orders due, 10 pm
20 May	Spring Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 pm
22 May	Marching Band Registrations due
28 May	Band Spring Concert, Lanier M.S., 7:30 pm

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### Special Note

The Band Patrons received the following note from a Community supporter:

Dear Ken,

My wife and I are proud to support the band and have since the first Tag Day. Both of my sons played in the band in the mid to late 1980s and we know what a valuable contribution their participation in the band made to their high school experience. My youngest son continued in the music field and is now the principal percussionist of the Atlanta Symphony. I firmly believe that his experience with the Woodson music program played a major role in his success. So as you can see we have more than just a passing interest in the Woodson Band and wish it continued success.

Sincerely,  
Jim Sherwood

## President's Notes

Dear Patrons,

Please make a note that our next Patrons meeting will be on **Tuesday**, 14 April, 7:30 PM in the Band Room. Our principal topic will be the upcoming Spring Trip to New York City (16-19 April). This meeting will be your chance to get all the information you need, and to ask questions. Please plan to attend.

Looking ahead, we will need volunteers to replace the parents of our graduating seniors, and Committee Chairs that do not wish to continue in their present positions. Specifically, we need volunteers for these positions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: The specific duties of the Vice President are relatively light...you are the "President Under Instruction". In that capacity, you will attend most band events, and assist the President and committee chairs as needed. The Vice President is in charge of the August Car Washes. Our current Vice President, Rich Heathcote, will be our President next year. His 1<sup>st</sup> VP will assume duties as President in June 2010.

- Treasurer: This key board position develops and tracks the Patron budget, and handles all of our banking, financial, and contracting issues. Simply put, our organization cannot function without a Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Jim Bonomo, leaves us this year after his daughter's graduation. We need to identify a relief for Jim as soon as possible to ensure an adequate turnover of this key program.

- Committee Chairs: We are working several Committee Chair positions - Spring Fundraiser, Equipment/Pit Crew, Fruit Sales, Hospitality, Publicity, and Trumpeter. If you have interest in any of these positions or need more information about the jobs, please let us know

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many contributions you have all made to the band program. Without your continued help and support, our program could not succeed.

Again, our next Patron's meeting is on Tuesday, 14 April, 7:30 PM in the Band Room. Hope to see you there.

Ken

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## Director's Notes

### **All-State Band and Orchestra**

The following students will be participating in the All-State Band and Orchestra at Hayfield 4/2-4/4:

Millie Clarke  
Michael Fede  
Dan Frakes  
Sally Golden  
Ellen Hurley  
James Moon  
Ally Viente  
Megan Woo

Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

# Solo and Ensemble 4/25 @ Lanier Middle School

## Reminders:

- Performers should dress nicely. No jeans, shorts, sneakers, hats, etc.
- Be sure to have an **original** score for the judge with the measures numbered
- Performance times should be out soon and a list will be posted in the band hall

## New York Trip: Parent Meeting, Tuesday, 4/14, 7:30 pm

Wednesday 4/15      Luggage and Meds turn-in 6:00-8pm in Café A  
6:00pm Symphonic Band  
7:00pm Concert Band

## Reminders:

- Students should bring a bag lunch for the first leg of the trip.
- **Bring a coat!** It will still be chilly in New York.
- **Don't forget the pre-trip rehearsals!**
  - **Symphonic** Wednesday, 4/15 7:30-8:30pm
- **Uniforms:** Guys need to wash and press their tux shirts. Be sure to have your **SHINY** black shoes and black socks. Ladies should have their black hose and black shoes. These things will be presented to the chaperones at luggage inspection.
- **Dress Code:** Please remember that the FCPS dress code is in effect on the trip. Boys need to have a collared shirt and tie, dress pants and nice shoes for the Broadway show. Girls need to have nice pants, dress or skirt (no minis).
- There may still be changes to the itinerary. Check the band website for any updates.

## Spring Auditions:

See attachment to the e-mail that delivered this Trumpeter

## Marching Band Registrations:

It's that time of year again! Marching Band Registrations are due May 22, 2009. They are available in the band hall or on the website.

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## Scrip

The deadline for the April Great Lakes Scrip order is Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm.  
The May deadline will be Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm

Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

WTW Band Shop with Scrip Enrollment Code: **787DC8EF2145**

Giant, Safeway and Shopper's Scrip will be available at the 14 April Band Patron meeting.

The Student Credit report will be sent out in a separate email shortly. I am hoping to have as many Student Credit Use forms processed as possible.

If you have ANY questions about Scrip, please call or e-mail me at 703-426-2856 or [mwokeo@cox.net](mailto:mwokeo@cox.net).

Kari Olsen  
Scrip Chair

**Uniforms**

**Uniforms – NYC TRIP -**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

- WHEN: WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15 – 5-8PM
- WHERE: CAFÉ A
- WHAT: SET-UP AND CHECK-IN STUDENT UNIFORMS
- WHO: 12 BAND PARENTS.

**STUDENTS:**

**LADIES – SHOW BLACK STOCKINGS AND CONCERT SHOES TO UNIFORM COMMITTEE WHEN CHECKING IN.**

**GENTLEMEN – SHOW BLACK SOCKS, CLEAN, PRESSED, TUXEDO SHIRT & CLEAN MARCHING BAND SHOES TO UNIFORM COMMITTEE WHEN CHECKING IN.**

PLEASE EMAIL [CLZNACHKO@COX.NET](mailto:CLZNACHKO@COX.NET) TO VOLUNTEER.

THANK YOU!!

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**Chaperone News**

Thanks to the parents who were able to help chaperone the Pre-Festival Concert and the Festival Concerts! I couldn't have done it without you! And special thanks to those who helped with some sick kids; it started to bring back the memories of the Atlanta trip which lead to speculation of a sign of things to come for the New York trip but we are not going to give that a second thought!!!

I would also like to send kudos to Stefan Schwarz who, for the very first time, managed the duties of lead chaperone beautifully for Concert Band's performance! It can be a challenge when first assuming the role but I know he will get the needed support of all of the parents in the coming months as he and his wife, Chris, take on this new role! Thanks so much for stepping up and volunteering to take this position!

If you are chaperoning the New York trip please make sure to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening, April 15th. We will go over many of the details prior to our departure on Thursday morning. We will meet at the baggage check in location at 7:30pm. I would like to thank Lois Urbanek for already gathering needed information on locations, destinations, and directions! You are amazing!

Thanks, katie

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## Hospitality

I just know that there is someone out there who is looking for a fun and fairly easy way to get to know the band families a little better and spread some of that hospitality cheer out there without eating away at all your free time! If you think that you might be interested but would like to find out a little more before taking on this position please send me an email and we will get in touch! It really is a great way to give back to the band without a tremendous amount of commitment! It involves Tag Day planning and attendance, the Winter Concert Treat Table and the End of the Year Celebration. Please email me at:snrztshse2@aol.com.

Thanks, katie

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## Winter Guard News

Congratulation to the Winter Guard. They ended the season with a 4th place finish at AIA Championships and received a promotion medal at the awards ceremony. A special thank you to everyone who came out to the competitions and cheered the team on. The girls really appreciated your support.

We will begin recruiting members for next year in mid May. More information on this in the next month's newsletter.

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