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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## March Highlights

March 2	Final Spring Trip Payment Due (\$200)	
March 7	Solo and Ensemble Festival forms due	
March 8	Pre-Assessment Concert	7:30 pm
March 11	Concert Band Assessment @ Centreville HS	6:30 pm
March 12	Symphonic Band Assessment @ Centreville HS	3:50 pm
March 16	Band Patron Meeting	7:30 pm

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## President's Notes

Dear Patrons,

I hope everyone will be able to attend their student's performances at the Pre-Assessment concert and the Assessment.

We hosted District Band again this year. There were numerous compliments from the Band Directors and the conductors. I want to thank all the volunteers who signed up to provide food, drinks and their time for District Band. It takes numerous volunteers to complete all the required tasks for an event of this size.

We have several Committee chairs whose band members will graduate this year and we want to identify their successors now in order to allow an easy transition. If you can lead or be part of a team that leads a committee, please let me know.

Please join us for the next Band Patrons meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> (note the date change due to a conflict). We will meet at 7:30 in the Band room and we will discuss upcoming events including the Spring Concert and the Spring Trip.

Thanks for everyone's support for the Band. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Jim McDonald

President

(703) 764-3279 home

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## Band Director's Notes

### Upcoming Assessment Rehearsals/Performances:

CB	Weds, 3/2	Full Band	3:15-4:45
SB	Thurs, 3/3	Full Band	3:15-4:45
CB	Fri, 3/4	Full Band	6 <sup>th</sup> Return
<b>CB/SB</b>	Tues, 3/8	<b>Pre-Assessment Concert</b> ( <i>see itinerary below</i> )	7:30pm
SB	Weds, 3/9	Full Band	3:15-4:45
CB	Thurs, 3/10	Full Band	3:15-4:45
CB	Fri, 3/11	<b>Assessment @ Centreville HS</b> (itinerary attached)	6:30pm
SB	Sat, 3/12	<b>Assessment @ Centreville HS</b> (itinerary attached)	3:50pm

**Note:** Students are expected to attend all rehearsals as part of their quarterly grade. Every effort will be made to help solve conflicts, but they must be taken care of in advance of the rehearsal.

### Pre-Assessment Concert Itinerary:

**6:30pm** Concert Band warm-up in Choir Room, report by **6:20** in full uniform  
**7:00pm** Symphonic Band warm-up in Band Room, report by **6:50** in full uniform  
**7:30pm** Concert begins

### VBODA Concert Band Assessment

Itinerary is attached. We will travel by bus to and from Centreville HS. Any students not riding the bus must have their scenario pre-approved by Mr. Dodson

### **All-State News!**

The following students were selected for the All-State Band/Orchestra:

Sarah Hansler - flute  
Ashlyn McDonald - clarinet  
Claire Roth – clarinet  
Austin Moran – bass clarinet  
Anne Roth – alto saxophone  
Aaron Freeman – tuba  
Ethan Davis - percussion

Congratulations to all our WTW students who auditioned for the All Virginia Band/Orchestra!

## Spring Trip to Nashville

Dates:	April 14-17, 2016	
Total Cost:	<b>\$600.00</b>	
Payment Schedule*:	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
	February 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200

*\*Make checks payable to **W.T. Woodson High School***

Look for future trip updates and information in the Trumpeter, the WTW Band monthly newsletter.

Parents can also be updated on trip information by attending the monthly Band Patron meetings.

Any financial problems should be brought to the attention of the director if needed. No student will be excluded for financial reasons. Packets with trip forms and rooming lists will be coordinated soon.

## 2016 Solo and Ensemble Festival Instructions

**Place/Date: Twain MS Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Students will receive musicianship points for participating. Registration forms and fees are due to Mr. Dodson by **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Turn in **one form** (attached) per event. Members of a duet, trio, ensemble, etc., should turn in one form for their event along with the complete fee for that event. Members of one event should not turn in separate forms and fees for the same event. If you are doing a Solo and some sort of ensemble, you should have a separate form and separate payments for both events. Do not combine monies from two different events in the same envelope. Each student will add .25¢ to their payment. This is a VMEA per student fee, not per event.
- **Checks should be made out to W.T. Woodson Band Patrons.** Do not fold up the form and put it in the envelope. Staple the envelope to the form please.
- Music selected should be standard literature for your instrument and that which is appropriate for this event. Private teachers should help you select a solo. No pop, rock tunes, movie themes or “home-made” compositions please. If you are unsure of the appropriateness of your selection, please ask Mr. Dodson.
- If you are unsure of the grade of your solo or ensemble we can look it up for you. Any piece not in the VBODA manual will be registered as “ungraded”.
- A student must have piano accompaniment for solos (or other works) that require a piano part. A student will not receive a rating if they perform without the required piano accompaniment. A list of piano accompanists may be obtained through the Woodson Band office.
- Students should dress appropriately for this event. Wear dressy casual clothing. No jeans, sneakers, shorts, flip flops, hats, etc. Remember that you are representing Woodson H.S. at this event.

- The judge must have an original copy of the score.
- Number the measures in the judge's copy.
- Students will not receive the adjudicator's sheet or their rating at the time of the performance. Ratings will be posted in a central location shortly after the student's performance. Adjudicator's sheets will be forwarded student's director a few days following the event.

**Forms and Fees Due Monday, March 7**

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## Concert Uniforms

Looking ahead, March 8 is the Pre-Assessment Concert followed immediately by District Assessments on March 11 and 12. Please check over your uniform, wash your dress or shirt and have it ready for the pre-assessment concert. If you have any concert uniform questions or issues, please email Lori Roth rothplace @gmail.com, ASAP. Thanks!

**Concert Attire Care Instructions**

**Concert Dresses:** Wash in COLD WATER only, delicate cycle. Do not put in dryer. Hang dry. Do not iron.

**Tuxedo Shirts:** Wash and iron shirt or have laundered at the dry cleaner. Return to garment bag after each use.

**Tuxedo Jacket and Pants:** Tuxedos will be returned to the band department at the end of concert season and will be professionally dry cleaned over the summer.

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## First Aid Information for the Tennessee Trip

The spring band trip to Nashville is just around the corner. **As in past years, and in accordance to FCPS policy, no student will be allowed to take prescription medication(s) on the band trip without the accompanying FCPS paperwork completed and signed by a licensed health care provider.**

Epinephrine Pens and Inhalers have their own specific forms. Please be certain your healthcare provider completes the correct form. The general Medication Authorization Form should accompany all other prescription medicines. Once completed, please make a copy of all forms for your records and place the original in band mailbox. Also, please email me to let me know you've turned in a medication form. It helps me with planning purposes for the trip.

Every year the trip seems to coincide with the height of spring allergy season. Last year we provided the generic form of Zyrtec, Claritin and Allegra to students whose parents wrote down on the Over-the-Counter Medication Form which allergy medicine their student could take. It worked out well and we will do that again this year. If your student takes Flonase, you will need to provide the Flonase, but because it's now an OTC, you will only need to annotate it on the OTC med form.

I will be at the District Assessment Pre-Concert and the March band patrons meeting with the medication forms book so you may add OTC meds, turn in forms or ask questions pertaining to the spring band trip.

I will give specific information about medication turn-in for the trip in April's Trumpeter.

Epinephrine Authorization – [www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se64.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se64.pdf)

Inhaler Authorization - [www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se65.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se65.pdf)

Medication Authorization - [www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se63.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/it/forms/se63.pdf)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Jean Boyle  
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## Winter Guard Congratulations and Update

Congratulations to the Woodson Winter Guard students who have had four performances so far this season. We are competing in the Atlantic Indoor Association circuit and have steadily improved our show with each performance.

We are pleased to announce our new Winter Guard Coach, Kaitlyn Ries. Kaitlyn has been assisting with the Woodson guard students (on and off) since last winter season. Kaitlyn is teaming with Jesus Villeda, the guard coach at McLean, to help our guard improve skills and successfully improve our show -- now titled, "First Frost."

We are currently scheduled to have three more AIA performances and we are working on finding a time and space to perform our show to the Woodson Band community.

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## Pre-Assessment and Assessment Concert Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Pre-Assessment and Assessment Concerts. Please click on the Sign-Up Genius link below to see how you can help.



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## Scrip!

# Purchase “Scrip” GIFT CARDS during the school year to support W. T. Woodson Bands!

### What is “scrip” and how does it help Woodson Bands?

“Scrip” is, essentially, gift cards. You can purchase cards for your favorite stores, restaurants, and service providers – where you shop every day – and the Band Patrons receive a percent (ranging from 1% to as high as 18% or more) of your card purchase as income to offset expenses. *There is no additional cost to you, and you get the full value of your gift card.* Buy them for your ongoing, regular purchases, or keep some on hand for birthday or thank you gifts.



### Great Lakes Scrip (Hundreds of cards available including: Shopper's Food, Safeway and Giant!)

Available at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Register a new account (use our enrollment code, 787DC8EF2145) or log in to order.

You can set up a PrestoPay™ account to pay for your order online, or you can pay by check when you receive your cards.

Orders will be processed after 8am on Tuesday, March 8th and will be available later in the month from the scrip coordinator.

**Make checks payable to  
“WTW Band Patrons”**

Questions??  
Contact Anne Reed  
[annemreed92@gmail.com](mailto:annemreed92@gmail.com)

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## Committee Chairs

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