
“The Trumpeter”

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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May Highlights

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| May 18 | Jazz Band Concert | 7:30 pm |
| May 19 | Band Patron Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| May 25 | Spring Concert | 7:30 pm |
| May 26 | Band Banquet | 6:30 pm |
| May 31 | Marching Band Forms and Fees Due | |

President's Notes

Dear Patrons,

Congratulations to all the band students for winning their respective divisions during the Spring Trip competition and to the Symphonic Band for winning overall. I am sure that your student had a great time on the trip. If you haven't heard about the songwriting session please ask your student. On the band's website you can find a link to the lyrics and to the version that the students and songwriter recorded at the end of the session. All of the students were great representatives for Woodson.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the spring trip run so well. The luggage and uniform volunteers helped us organize and load everything so we could leave on time and the Chaperones, including First Aid, spent four long, busy and fun days to make this trip successful. A big thanks to our trip coordinators, Vella Bloom and Rich Heathcote who were working for several months to arrange all of the hotels, events, meals, etc. that are required for the trip. With their planning we were able to take in several activities that normally could not have been included in the trip.

Many of the Woodson Band students participated in the Solo and Ensemble festival that was held last weekend. I saw and heard several students warming up before their performances. I hope everyone had fun while working to improve their skills.

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 Thursday, May 19th. We will meet at 7:30 in the Band room. At this meeting we will elect new officers for next year and we will discuss upcoming events including the Spring Concert and the Band Awards Banquet. Also, please put the Jazz Band Concert, Wednesday, May 18th on your calendar.

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

Jim McDonald

President

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Band Director's Notes

2016 Marching Band registrations will be due May 31. The forms packet for Marching Band will be available on May 5th.

2016-17 Dates! The Marching Band Calendar will be available on May 5th. The last few weekends of the season will be listed as "Possible Competition/VBODA Assessment" dates. VBODA is supposed to notify schools by the end of May if they will have their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice of dates/sites for State Marching Assessment. After this is finalized, final edits to the end of the marching season calendar will be made.

Grading – As we approach the last quarter of the year, students need to be reminded that the grade for 4th quarter is still impacted by co-curricular requirements including participation in all outside the school day rehearsals and performances. Excessive absences from band class greatly reduce the effectiveness of the rehearsal and the quality of the performance of the band. It is important that we all realize our importance as a member of the group.

Coming up (May & June):

Much pre-planning goes into a program of this magnitude. There are bound to be conflicts with AP tests, sporting events, etc. Please don't tell us about your conflict at the last minute. The quality of the Spring Concert is dependent upon everyone being in rehearsal when possible.

| Date | Event | Time |
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| Weds, May 4 | Full Orchestra | 5th Return |
| Weds, May 4 | Senior Recital Auditions | 3:30-? |
| Tues, May 10 | Drum Major Audition Clinic | 3:15-4:45 |
| Weds, May 11 | SB Full Band | 3:15-4:45 |
| Fri, May 13 | Point Sheets Due for Band Letter | |
| Tues, May 17 | SB SCORE Clinic | 3:15-4:45 |
| Weds, May 18 | Drum Major Audition Clinic | 3:15-4:45 |
| Weds, May 18 | Jazz Band Concert | 7:30pm |
| Weds, May 18 | Drumline Clinic | 8:00pm-9:30pm |
| Thurs, May 19 | CB Full Band | 3:15-4:45 |
| Thurs, May 19 | SB Full Band | 5:30-7:00 |
| Fri, May 20 | CB Full Band | 4th Return |
| Sun, May 22 | Senior Recital - Lord of Life Lutheran Church | 3:00pm |
| Tues, May 24 | CB Full Band | 3:15-4:45 |
| Tues, May 24 | SB Full Band | 5:30-7:00 |
| Weds, May 25 | Band Spring Concert | 7:30pm |
| Thurs, May 26 | Full Orchestra | 5th Return |
| Thurs, May 26 | Band Spring Awards Banquet | 6:30pm |
| Tues, May 31 | Marching Band Forms and Fees Due | |

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| Weds, June 1 | Drum Major Auditions | 3:15-??? |
| Thurs, June 2 | Full Orchestra | 3:30-5:00 |
| Mon, June 6 | Full Orchestra | 3:30-5:00 |
| Weds, June 8 | Full Orchestra | 5th Return |
| Weds, June 8 | Orchestra Concert | 7:30pm |
| Weds, June 8 | Drumline Clinic | 8:00pm-9:30pm |
| Thurs, June 9 | New Member Band Orientation | 7:30pm |
| Thurs, June 16 | Frost Spring Band Concert at WTW | 7:00pm |
| Sat, June 18 | Graduation (2016-2017 SB Members) | Itinerary TBA |
| Tues, June 21 | Parade Practice | 7-8pm |
| Thurs, June 23 | Parade Practice | 7-8pm |
| Tues, June 28 | Parade Practice | 7-8pm |
| Thurs, June 30 | Parade Practice | 7-8pm |
| Mon, July 4 | Parade | Itinerary TBA |

The 2016 Marching Band show: We are excited to announce that we have a new design team for the show this season. Kent Baker will be writing the woodwind and brass music and also consulting on overall concept. Mr. Baker is the Assistant Drum Major with the United States Air Force Ceremonial Band. He has been a visual staff member with both the Cadets and Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps of DCI. For more than a decade, he has been the designer for James Madison HS and brought them great success. Our drill will be written by Austin Greene. Mr. Greene is on the visual staff of the Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps and is the primary drill writer for the Cadets². He had served as a band director in North Carolina until recently retiring from public school teaching and focusing full-time on drill writing. Our Color Guard component will be designed by Bob Nicholson and Kaitlyn Ries will continue as primary instructor. Mr. Nicholson was recently inducted into the Atlantic Indoor Association Hall of Fame after having served in their leadership for many years. He has worked with Mr. Baker and for the James Madison HS program for many years and built their guard into one of the strongest in the mid-Atlantic region. We are very excited to have this team joining us in designing and consulting on our marching show!

The theme for the 2016 show will be announced during the last week of May! We've already received a first draft of the music and it looks great!

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| <p>Drum Major Clinics 2016 May 10 and 18 (clinics) Weds, June 1 (Try-outs) 3:15-4:45pm in the WTW band room Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a rising Junior or Senior • High level musician/scholar • Good attendance and conduct record • Turn in your band registration by 6/1 • Pick up Application in the Band Hall • Application due 5/23 |
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WTW Drumline Clinics 2016
8:00-9:30pm
5/18 Sectional
6/8 Sectional
One more date TBD

Leadership Applications
For MB section leaders
Available in the Band Hall
Due 5/23

July 4th Parade*

Rehearsal Schedule:

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| Tues, June 21 | 7-8pm |
| Thurs, June 23 | 7-8pm |
| Tues, June 28 | 7-8pm |
| Thurs, June 30 | 7-8pm |
| Mon, July 4 | Parade!!! |

*This has the potential of being a VERY big fundraiser for the band and it is also great exposure in the community. Last year we came home with \$6,000.00. The band benefits greatly from the funds received. We need all available students to participate because number of players makes a big difference in the judges' perception of the band. Please, if you are in town, we need every student to participate in this event. Each student needs to fill out a parade form and turn it in.

Summer Music Camps

Any student interested in a summer music camp should see Mr. Dodson. He has information on available camp opportunities.

Awards Banquet – The banquet is 5/26 and students should be compiling their point sheets to turn in by 5/13. A notice will be sent out as the banquet approaches about what to bring (potluck). It is always a great event!!

Concert Uniforms

All students will turn in their uniforms following the Spring Concert. Please arrive dressed in your uniform and remember your garment bag and street clothes to change into after the concert. All tuxedo shirts and shoes will be stored at home over the Summer. Please have tux shirts laundered immediately after the concert. All uniforms are to be hung neatly in the garment bag before check-in. Volunteers will be present and check-in will be according to seniority. If you have a concert uniform issue, please contact Lori Roth, rothplace@gmail.com. Thank you!

Citrus Assistance

Like Citrus? Looking for a meaningful way to help the band?

The Band Patrons are in need of new committee leads for the citrus fundraiser. This sale has generated a net of between \$8,000 -\$12,000 over the last few years. We have worked out the communication and promotion processes so there is no need to start from scratch, but there is always room for improvement! Past committee leads will provide training and support. The good part of this volunteer task is that most of it can be done from home on your own time.

Nashville Chaperones

A BIG thank you to the Nashville Chaperone Team! If you see one of the following people, give them a pat on the back for a job well done! We had a great time. Chris & Izumi Fothergill, Sandra Adams, Ami Getu, Jean Boyle, Chrissy Rabayda, Annette Wagner, Tammy Freeman, Jim McDonald, Tim Hartman, Sam Clawson and Bill Marcotte. They did a super job keeping all the students safe, happy and well fed. I wanted to let you know just SOME of the tasks this wonderful team accomplished. Here's a few of the many things:

- bus check in
- bus trash duty
- traffic duty (rest stops, elevators, small breakfast areas)
- feeding the masses sandwiches, subs, pizza, snacks and treats
- tucking the students in
- waking the students up
- making waffles, restocking the breakfast bar
- loading the bus
- percussion equipment carrying
- bandaging toes, medications
- bus trash duty
- repairing toilets (several)
- repairing windows

- bus trash duty
- line dancing (of course to make sure it was safe for the kids...)
- taking pictures
- movie trading deals between the busses
- bus trash duty (did I mention that one before???)
- dealing with a flooded (adult) bathroom after midnight!

They are an awesome team and we couldn't have done it without any one of them.

Many, Many Thanks
 Tammy and Annette



Hospitality

Please mark your calendars for the Woodson Band Spring Awards Banquet on Thursday May 26 at 6:30 pm in Cafe A&B. A flyer will be sent out with food assignments. Help is needed for set-up, serving and cleanup. There will be a signup genius set up for volunteering soon. For any questions, please contact Kathy Moriarty at kmoriarty2@yahoo.com.



Nashville Song

While in Nashville our kids had the wonderful experience of doing a song writing workshop with James Dean Hicks (info below) at the Country Music Hall of Fame. The kids then sang it and it was recorded. Below the writer info is how you can download the lyrics and music and listen to it for yourself. Parents should note that there were stairs at the first hotel, but only for emergency exit procedures not for walking up to avoid the elevator lines. Ironically the second hotel we stayed in had stairs, but no elevator. Of course the kids were having fun with the song and the entire trip was one fun adventure after another.

If you have trouble downloading the music, contact Chrissy Rabayda and she can make you a CD. rabayda@verizon.net

A Kentucky native, James is an NSAI Vice-President and serves on the Legislative and Membership Committees. In addition to serving as a faculty member for NSAI's Song Camps and as an Adopt-A-Shop participant, James is very active in NSAI's Washington, D.C., efforts and was instrumental in the passage of the "Songwriters Capital Gains Tax Equity Act." His songwriting credits include "Goodbye Time" by Blake Shelton and Conway Twitty, as well as Randy Travis' "The Hole," Sammy Kershaw's "National Working Woman's Holiday," Confederate Railroad's "Jesus And Mama," Asleep At The Wheel's "Keepin' Me Up Nights," and The Oak Ridge Boys' "It Takes A Little Rain."

[For more on James Dean, visit his official website at jamesdeanhicks.com.]

The options the users are able to download the song:
Go to the band website at www.woodsonband.org

- PC users: Right-click on mouse and chose save option in popup menu ("Save as" in Chrome, "Save target as" in Internet Explorer and Edge).
- Mac users: CTRL + Click on the link and choose the best option (like download or Save)
- Press Ctrl + S when file is streaming (should be Cmd + S on Mac)
- Right-click on file when it is streaming, choose the save option ("Save video file" in Chrome, "Save audio file" in Edge)
- Internet Explorer doesn't have media player plug-in, and still downloads media file when you click on it

Or try getting it this way...

Our song, Band Nerds in Nashville

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7xiolqx6ld6wgew/01%20Track%201.wma?oref=e&n=349886625>

You have to click on the empty box next to the SHARE box in the upper right corner and then it will say DOWNLOAD. Click on it to download and then you can listen to it.

I'm not sure that is the easiest, but it is how I figured it out, if I have to do something else, let me know.

Lyrics

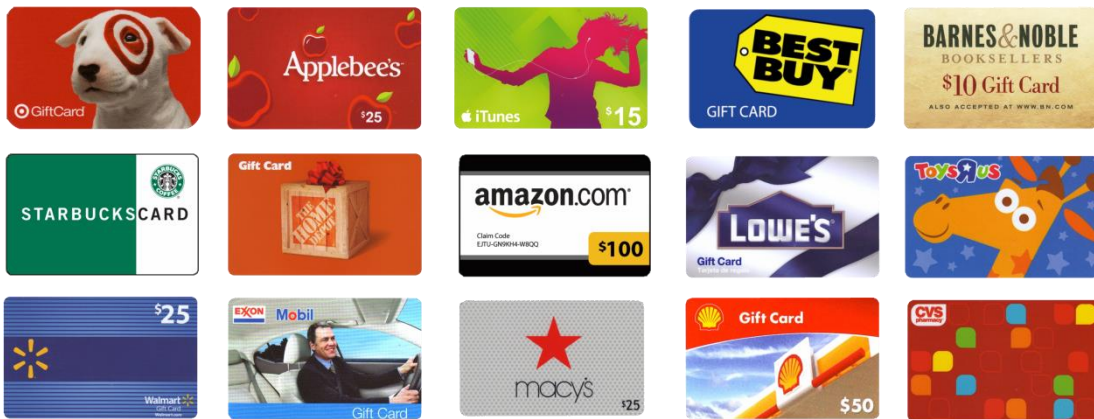
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/022vf74f6b1xlee/Band%20Nerds%20in%20Nashville.docx?oref=e&n=349886625>

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

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 pay by check when you receive your cards.

Orders will be processed after 8am on Tuesday, May 10th and will be available later in the month from the scrip coordinator.

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

Questions??
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| *looking for a new co-chair | | |