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# *“The Trumpeter”*

The Newsletter of the W.T. Woodson Band Patrons

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## September and October Calendars

Tue Sept 1	Dinner & a Movie, Brion's Grill, 5:30
Wed Sept 2	Bowling at Bowl America, Burke, 7:30
Thu Sept 3	Picture Day, Pool Party
Fri Sept 4	Home Football Game
Wed Sept 9	Elementary Tour Permission Forms due
Fri Sept 11	Elementary Tour
Sat Sept 12	Tag Day Spirit Wear Orders due
Thu Sept 17	Band Patrons Meeting, 7:30 pm
Fri Sept 18	\$6 fee due for Sr. Regional Orchestra Auditions
Sat Sept 19	Drill Day
Fri Sept 25	Home Football Game, Frost Night
Sat Oct 3	Spotsylvania HS Competition
Mon Oct 5	Sr. Regional Orchestra Auditions, Lake Braddock Secondary
Fri Oct 9	Paperwork and \$90 fee due for Oct 24-25 Overnight
Fri Oct 9	Home Football Game, Homecoming
Sat Oct 17	MB Competition - Oakton Classic
Fri Oct 23	Home Football Game
Sat/Sun Oct 24/25	Lee Davis-Mechanicsville Overnighter

Thu Oct 29	Frost/Woodson Concert at WTW
Sat Oct 31	VBODA West Springfield HS Competition

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## Director's Notes

### **2009 Fall Competition Dates** (times are still TBA)

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Spotsylvania H.S.  
 October 17 Oakton Classic  
 October 24-25<sup>th</sup> Lee Davis – Mechanicsville (overnighter)  
 October 31 VBODA West Springfield

The Marching Band is doing a fabulous job. Please . . . parents . . . let's have a big cheering section at these competitions especially because they are all fairly close by.

**Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions** are on Monday 10/5 Lake Braddock Secondary. Registration begins at 4:00pm. Students who are auditioning for this should turn in \$6 in an envelope labeled with your name by **Friday, 9/18**. Students auditioning on Flute/Piccolo or Oboe/English Horn need to bring a filled out preference form with them to the registration table at auditions.

**Elementary Tour:** Students going on the Elementary Tour will receive a parent permission and teacher form next week. These are **due by Wednesday, 9/9**.

**Fall Trip 10/24-25** Paperwork will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. The cost for the fall trip is \$90.00 which includes:

One night in the Marriott Springhill Suites in Glen Allen, VA  
 Dinner Saturday night  
 Charter Bus  
 Breakfast Sunday morning

All paperwork and fees will be due **October 9<sup>th</sup>**!

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## Band Camp - 2<sup>nd</sup> week Schedule

**Monday, 8/31**

8-12:30 Drill on the Field

12:30 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Drill on the Field

**Tuesday, 9/1**

8-12:30 Drill on the Field

12:30 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Drill on the Field

3:00-4:00 Drill or Pass-offs (students who have passed off may leave)  
Dinner and a Movie

**Wednesday, 9/2**

8-11:30 Drill on the field

11:30 Freshmen eat lunch/Pass-offs (students who have passed off may leave)

4:30 packet pickup

5:30 Full Band meet in the Band room (wear band shirt or other white t-shirt)

6:45 Cav Kick-off pep rally (Band will play)

7:30 Bowling

**Thursday, 9/3**

8-12:00 Drill on the field

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Change into Uniforms

1:00 Pictures in the Main Gym (bring black socks, black shoes, white T-shirt)

3:00 Pass-offs (students who have passed off may leave)

6:30-9:30 Pool Party @ Somerset Old-Creek pool

**Friday, 9/4**

9-12:30 Drill on Field

1:30 Pass-offs (students who have passed off may leave)

5:30 Report to Band room/Change into uniforms\*

6:00 Lineup/Inspection

6:30 Run-through on the MB field

7:00 FB Game

\*The decision to wear uniforms or not will depend on the weather. We will let you know.

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**Marching Cavalier Picture Day!**

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2009

Time: 1:00pm

Dress: MB uniforms (bring black socks, MB shoes, white T-shirts)

**Info:**

Students will come to band camp in the morning as usual (8:00am). Students will have lunch at 12:00 this day. After lunch, students will change into uniforms and should be down at the gym by 1:00 to set up.

**Payment:** Checks should be payable to Lifetouch and must be turned in at the time of the pictures. Please give checks and order forms to the photographer, not the chaperones or band director.

You must have a separate check and order form for each group picture that you order.

*Examples of Group pictures: Full Band, Guard, Section (trumpet, flute, etc.), seniors. These are all groups and must have a separate form and check. If you are getting a full band, Section picture and Individuals, that would be two forms and two checks because there are two group pictures.*

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**Tag Day 2009**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be on **Saturday, September 12, 8AM – 4PM**. It's a fun day for marching band members and parents, when band members go door-to-door in the Woodson community asking for donations. Students are chaperoned. This is mandatory for all marching band members, including color guard.

We need parent help: drivers, hospitality aides, registration workers, and tabulators. To help make this great event happen, please contact Kathy Getz at [WTWTagDay@gmail.com](mailto:WTWTagDay@gmail.com). Keep an eye out for Tag Day flyers being sent home with the band members on Monday August 31 and on the second day of school.

NOTE: If you signed up as a volunteer at the June or August Band Patrons meeting, you do not need to volunteer again. You will soon receive a confirmation from Kathy. If you signed up as a volunteer for tag day at any other time or in any other way, please volunteer again, as the Tag Day Coordinators have not received your information.

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**Tag Day Hospitality**

Attached to this Trumpeter you will find the Tag Day Food Assignment Flyer for 2009. Please note that Hospitality feeds the marchers **LUNCH**

**ONLY!** Your child must come already full from **breakfast at HOME**. They also need to **bring water or some high energy snacks** to take with them while they collect the donations.

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### Pool Party Hospitality

End of Band Camp Pool Party

Please come and join your friends for food, fun and karaoke to celebrate 2 weeks of hard work.

Where? Somerset-Older Creek Pool (9705 Laurel Street; Fairfax, VA)

When? Thursday, August 3rd; 6:30 to 9:30 pm

**What to Bring? Freshman: Fruit or Veggie Platter**

**Sophomores: 12 Pack of Soda or Water**

**Juniors: Chips and Dip**

**Seniors: Desserts**

Questions? Call Lani Furbank and 703-323-5653

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### Chaperone News

Thanks to everyone who assisted at our four August car washes. We could not have been so successful without your assistance and monitoring of our students during these important fundraising events.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted with band camp. We know how hard it is to not only be there for your scheduled shift, but to complete all of the steps a chaperone needs to accomplish. Mrs. Hall, her clinicians and the marchers really do appreciate all of your efforts.

The ice scoop issue should have resolved itself by now, since the school year will be starting next week. The cart that you have been using for band camp should still remain in the practice room, Room 149, even after the school year begins. After school practices will begin next week, from 3-5 pm. If you don't find the band students on the practice field (between the tennis courts and the stands), you may find them on the football field for a short time before football practice begins. Please remember that it may still be hot and practices are two hours long. If you are scheduled to chaperone for an after school practice, it is still necessary to come. It can be just as hot in early to mid September, as it typically is in August.

We have been sending out daily reminders at the beginning of each week, to give you a heads-up about your scheduled chaperone day. Thanks again for your assistance to keeping the kids safe during their practices.

We have some events coming up in September. Thanks to all who have already replied to past notes about the Football games, drill day and the elementary school tour in September. We are well staffed with chaperones for the September 4<sup>th</sup> football game, but another 4 chaperones are needed for the September 25<sup>th</sup> football game, and another 6 chaperones for drill day. We are well staffed for the elementary school tour.

There is a need for chaperones on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It is Drill Day. The entire band gathers for the day to get everything ready for competition! If you could spare a couple of hours between 10 am – 4 pm then email us with your availability. Even two hours is fine! If you want to work the entire day you won't be turned down!!! Thanks!

We will be looking for chaperone assistance for the other 3 football games. We will need a minimum of 6 chaperones per game. All chaperones are needed from 5:30 pm until approximately 10 pm for the games. The games will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, (Frost Night); Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>; and Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> (Senior Night).

We will need chaperones for the following competitions scheduled in October. We will be looking for approximately 8-10 per competitions. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. They are currently scheduled, but location may change and time has not yet been determined. More details will follow. If you think you might be interested then let me know and I will confirm with you once everything has been set.

The fall overnigher trip date has been scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Details are still being worked out. If you have an interest in attending, please let me know. This does not mean that you are guaranteed to be able to go - as a lot has to be worked out with the committee chairs and the need for pit crew – but, this will give me an idea of interest.

Look for emails containing information about the upcoming events/games/competitions. We will continue to send reminders out weekly for your band camp/after school chaperone schedules and any other events you have signed up to chaperone.

Thanks so much for everyone's help. We could not do this without your assistance.

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**Pit Crew News**

Want to be a part of the BEST DRESSED committee of the WTW Band Patrons? Join the Pit Crew! No experience necessary! On the job training available! Get the best seats in the house for performances. Interested? Contact Kathy Beernink at [kathy@campcrossroads.org](mailto:kathy@campcrossroads.org).

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**Cavalier Cards**

*The new Cavalier Cards are IN!* The card has **20** participants this year, including returning merchants: **A.C. Moore, Best of Thai, Carlos O'Kelly's, Cinema Arts Theaters, King's Park Caribou Coffee, Mamma Lucia, Noodles & Co, Optometrist Dr. Cheryl Bloom, Pickett Road Valet, Papa John's Pizza, Fairfax's Own Red, Hot & Blue, Robek's, Subway (next to CVS), Choices by Shawn (formerly Sweet Life Café), Total Framing, and Yen Cheng Restaurant.** This year we also welcome **Foster's Grille, Indian City Grill, Metro Silver Diner, and Sweet Berry!**

The four prepaid cards will be distributed to students or their parents over the next week or so. For additional cards, please contact Jennifer Planert at [jplanert@verizon.net](mailto:jplanert@verizon.net).