



WELCOME TO THE



May 2014

To: CVHS Wildcat Marching Band Members and their Parents
From: Melissa Hall, Director of Bands
Subject: CVHS Wildcat Marching Band 2014 Marching Season

Welcome, returning marchers and new members, to the 2014 Centreville High School Wildcat Marching Band! We are looking forward to a fun and very successful season!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON MARCHING IN THE FALL (required for all students assigned to Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band, optional for students assigned to Concert Band or Percussion Ensemble/based on instrumentation needs of the band), **CONTINUE READING.**

IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON MARCHING IN THE FALL, you will need to do two things before reading the rest of the information in this packet:

1. Students who plan to apply for an exemption should fill out the *SPECIAL EXEMPTION from MARCHING BAND FORM* (located on the band website at www.cvhsband.org – contact Mrs. Hall immediately if you need a hard copy of this form) and return it to Mrs. Hall by **FRIDAY, JUNE 6th**. Any form received after this date **WILL NOT** be considered and the student **WILL NOT** be exempt from Marching Band.
2. Return a \$75 deposit (also due by Friday, June 6th) – **PAYABLE TO WBB** – to Mrs. Hall, which will apply towards your band payments for the 2014-2015 school year (“non-marcher” band payment for the 2014-2015 school year total \$135.00. The remaining balance will be due when school begins in the fall)**

Exemptions from marching band will only be granted to fall athletes whose sport activity directly conflicts with the marching band schedule, or for students with a medical condition that prevents them from participating (must be discussed with and approved by Mrs. Hall ahead of time).

All other students assigned to Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are **REQUIRED** to participate.

This packet contains important information about the 2014 Marching Season, including:

- Rehearsal schedules for the summer and the school year
- General Information including payments (and DUE DATES)
- Uniform information
- FORMS, FORMS, FORMS

Payments Information:

Band payments are paid to both **CENTREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** and **WBB** [put your child's name in the memo] and are non-refundable. Please read the information carefully to know who to make each check out to.

Some financial assistance may be available if a student would otherwise be unable to participate in band. Application for this assistance is confidential and should be made directly to Mrs. Hall (Melissa.Hall3@fcps.edu) as soon as possible. Assistance needs will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the treasurer/director directly if you are in need of assistance.

- **PAYMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE IN MARCHING BAND - \$335.00 (includes marching supplemental, plus general band supplemental)**
****THIS TOTAL AMOUNT CANNOT BE PAID IN ONE CHECK. PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW ABOUT HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS.**

The payments associated with marching band covers band camp instruction, drill writing, marching music, pep music, equipment, competition fees, charter bus fees, marching band uniform maintenance and 6 marching band home game dinners.

Please note that marching band shoes are not included in this payment and must be purchased by each marcher. Orders will be placed during band camp. See below for the description of general band for 'non-marching season' expenses.

\$175 – payable to FCPS [due by June 6th, 2014]

\$160 – payable to Wildcat Band Boosters (WBB) [due at August 11th, 2014 mandatory meeting]

- **COLOR GUARD PAYMENT FOR NON-BAND STUDENTS- \$175.00**
****THIS TOTAL AMOUNT CAN BE PAID IN ONE CHECK, PAYABLE TO FCPS**

The payment associated with color guard covers band camp instruction, drill writing, color guard routine writing, equipment, competition fees, charter bus fees, color guard uniform and 6 marching band home game dinners.

Please note that marching band shoes and colorguard tunics are not included in this payment and must be purchased by each marcher. Orders will be placed during band camp.

******COLOR GUARD STUDENTS WHO ARE ALSO IN BAND DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR PAY THE \$335.00 SUPPLEMENTAL******

- **PAYMENT FOR BAND STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN MARCHING BAND - \$135.00**
****THIS TOTAL AMOUNT CAN BE PAID IN ONE CHECK, PAYABLE TO WBB**

The payments associated with general band covers general band expenses, such as music, clinicians, venue fees, spring assessment registration fees, and a SmartMusic subscription for every student in the CVHS band program.

- Additional band payments not included at this time may be: marching shoes, socks, gloves, CVHS Spirit Wear, tuxedo shirts (for concert season) – many can be purchased through the WBB; more details to follow. Veteran marchers may not need to purchase any of these items – new marchers will need to purchase some. Concert season band fees may include instrument rental fees, spring trip payments (approx. \$500-\$800 per trip) and meal expenses.

A deposit of \$175, payable to CENTREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL is required by FRIDAY, JUNE 6th. The remaining balance of \$160, payable to WBB, is due at the Back-to-Band meeting on MONDAY, AUGUST 11th. You may opt for a payment plan if these payment dates will not work with your budget– please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hall (Melissa.Hall3@fcps.edu) to work something out. All payments are non-refundable.

2014 CENTREVILLE WILDCAT MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION FORM

STUDENT COMMITMENT

Name (Please print clearly) _____

I am making a commitment to be a member of the 2014 Centreville Wildcat Marching Band. This includes participating in Summer Band Camp and after school rehearsals and all performances. I understand the information given on the attached letter and have received the season schedule. I am making the commitment with that knowledge. I plan to enjoy the teamwork and the camaraderie with my fellow students and I will work my hardest to bring pride to myself and the group through my participation in the Centreville HS Wildcat Marching Band!

Signed _____ Date _____
(Student)

PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMITMENT

As parent/guardian of the above named student, I understand all that is involved in being a proud member of the Centreville Wildcat Marching Band. I have read and understand the information given in the attached letter and have received the season schedule. I give my full support of the group and my student's involvement in the group. I also understand the time commitment necessary and that all rehearsals and performances are mandatory for the success and integrity of the group.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent)

Instrument Selection: Follow these instructions precisely! Make 3 instrument choices unless you are on leadership team! Instrumentation for the marching band is based on the need for a balanced ensemble. Not all flutes and clarinets will be marching that instrument due to the need for more brass for marching band (so we can have the most successful musical balance). Many students play a different instrument during marching band and have a wonderful time. Instruction and tutoring will be provided over the summer and during band weeks for those switching instruments. **All students except Drum Majors, Section Leaders and Color Guard must make three instrument choices.** Place a '1' in front of your first choice, a '2' in front of your second choice and a '3' in front of your third choice. You will be notified of your assigned instrument and part.

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| _____ Piccolo/Flute | _____ Clarinet | _____ Alto Saxophone |
| _____ Tenor Saxophone | _____ Bari Saxophone | _____ Trumpet |
| _____ Mellophone (Marching Horn) | _____ Baritone | _____ Sousaphone |
| _____ Battery Perc. (Drum Line) | _____ Pit Percussion | _____ Colorguard |
| | | _____ Director's Choice |

Contact Information: (PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY!!)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ Grade in School '14-'15 _____

Parent (Valid) E-mail Address: _____

Student (Valid) E-mail Address: _____

Instrument Make _____ Serial Number _____

Father's Name: _____ Employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please return this form and the DEPOSIT ONLY (checks payable to Centreville HS – put your child's name in MEMO line) by JUNE 6 to the band office or mail to: Melissa Hall, Director of Bands, Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124.

Check which applies: ___ \$175 Deposit paid to CVHS (Remainder due by August 11) CHECK #: _____ CASH NOT ACCEPTED

Centreville High School Wildcat Marching Band 2014 Schedule

| Date(s) | Day | Event | Time |
|--------------|-----|---|------------------------------------|
| June 9 | M | Leadership meeting | TBD (after school is out that day) |
| August 1 | F | Leadership meeting | 8AM-3PM |
| August 4-8 | M-F | Leaders, New marchers, Guard Drumline, Pit | 8AM-12PM |
| *August 4-8 | M-F | Leaders and Returnees: music memorization tests & mandatory fundamentals review days | 12PM-3PM |
| August 11-15 | M-F | Full Marching Band Week 1 | 8AM-4PM |
| *August 11 | M | Back-to-band Parent meeting *New Marchers/Parents report at 6:30PM | 7PM |
| August 18-22 | M-F | Full Marching Band Week 2 | 8AM-4PM |
| *August 22 | F | *Parent Performance/Potluck | 6PM |
| August 25 | M | Full Marching Band Rehearsal | 6PM-9PM |
| August 26 | T | Full Marching Band Rehearsal | 6PM-9PM |
| August 27 | W | Back to School Festival | TBA (late afternoon) |
| August 29 | F | Freshman Orientation | TBA (early morning) |
| September 2 | T | First Day of School | |

NOTE: When school begins, Full Marching Band rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 3PM-5PM. Occasional practices on a Monday or Friday may be called if necessary.

Fall Marching Band Schedule:

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| September 4 | Th | Home vs. Gonzaga HS | Report TBA |
| September 12 | F | Home vs. West Potomac | TBA |
| September 19 | F | Home vs. Hayfield | TBA |
| September 20 | Sa | COMPETITION | Late Morning-Afternoon |
| September 27 | Sa | Tag Day (MANDATORY for Music dept.) | Morning-Midday |
| October 2 | Th | Home vs. Chantilly | Report TBA |
| October 11 | F | Away vs. Westfield | Report TBA |
| October 12 | Sa | COMPETITION | All Day |
| October 17 | F | Home vs. Oakton (Homecoming) | TBA |
| October 24 | F | Home vs. WL (Senior Night) | TBA |
| *October 25 | Sa | STATE MARCHING ASSESSMENT | All Day |

Saturday, November 1st – Marching Band Banquet and Awards Ceremony 6PM

**Rehearsals after October 25th will only be on an as-needed basis to prepare for any possible play-off games.*

Possible play-off games – Reserve these dates on your calendar as MANDATORY if the Wildcats make it this far!

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| November 14 | F | Regionals 1 st round | TBA |
| November 21 | F | Regionals 2 nd round | TBA |
| November 29 | Sa | Regionals 3 rd round | TBA |
| December 6 | Sa | State semi-finals | TBA |
| December 13 | Sa | State Finals | TBA |

Report times are approximate. **They will be confirmed the week prior to the event.** Competition schedules are not finalized until less than two weeks (often one week) before the event so please reserve that **entire day** for this activity.