

To: Band Members, Color Guard, and Parents

From: Lake Braddock SS Band
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Subject: Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals – 2015
Forms and Fee DUE: June 11, 2015



Dates: Monday, August 17th - Friday, August 21st - (8:00am - 4:00pm)

- All Color Guard, Percussion (this includes double reeds playing in the sideline/pit) section, and **ALL SECTION LEADERS** (These groups meet an extra week)

Thursday, August 20th - Friday, August 21st - (9:00am-12:00pm)

- **FIRST YEAR OR NEW MARCHERS** – This is absolutely **REQUIRED!!**

Monday, August 24th - Friday, September 4th (Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm)

- Pre-Season Rehearsals for **EVERYONE** – This is absolutely **REQUIRED!!**

Tuesday, August 25th at 6:30PM

- **MEET THE DIRECTORS NIGHT** – Mandatory *NEW* parent meeting for information on the season, year, and question and answer period.

Cost: The cost of this year's Marching Band Materials Fee is \$110 and is non-refundable.

*This fee is due with the attached Marching Pre-Season Rehearsal forms and reserves a spot for each member on the field.

Due Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015

All completed 2015 Marching Pre-Season Rehearsal forms and the Marching Band Materials Fee for \$110 (Paid via CHARMS – Instructions included in packet), are due by Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Remember, mark your calendars now! It's going to be a great year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

Lake Braddock Band

2015-2016 Marching Band Calendar

All Students are required to be at all Pre-Season Rehearsals!

This schedule is subject to change

August

- 17-21 Percussion (and double reeds playing in sideline/pit), Guard, and Leadership Marching Pre-season Rehearsals
- 20-21 First Year and New Marchers Rehearsals
- 24-28 Marching Pre-season Rehearsals for everyone
- 25 Meet the Directors Night (6:30PM)
Required Parent Meeting in the theater
- 31-4 Marching Pre-season Rehearsals for Everyone

September

- 1-4 Marching Pre-season Rehearsals for Everyone
- 4 Parent/Faculty Preview Show (12PM)
- 4 Home Game vs Robert E Lee
- 11 Home Game vs Annandale
- 12 Tag Day (***All Participate in this group fundraiser***)
- 18 Away Game @ Robinson
- 19 Tag Day Rain Make Up Date
- OR 19 **FCBDA Marching Band Workshop**
@Robinson
- 26 **Marching Competition**

October

- 2 Home Game vs Centreville
- 8-9 **Symphonic Band Workshop**
@LBSS
- 10 **Marching Competition**
- 15 US NAVY BAND CONCERT
@LBSS 7:30PM
- 16 Homecoming vs Woodson
Parade and Game
- 23 Home Game vs West Springfield
- 31 **VBODA State Marching Assessment**

November

- 6 **Senior Night** vs South County
- 13 1st Round Football Playoffs
- 19-21 **VMEA Conference**
- 20 2nd Round Playoffs (TBD)
- 24 Jazz/Trombone Choir Concert
- 28 3rd Round Playoffs (TBD)

December

- 3 Orchestra Concert
- 8 MS Band Concert
- 10 HS Band Concert

January

- 9 District Band Auditions
- 9 Progressive Dinner
(Marching Band Awards Night)

**PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW TO
AVOID SCHEDULING
CONFLICTS!**

After School Rehearsals

Beginning September 8th

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

3:30-5PM each day

Percussion will meet Tuesday evenings from
7-9PM instead of during the day

George C. Marshall Bands

7731 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22043
www.marshallband.org



Welcome to the 2015 Marching Statesmen

I'd like to welcome our new band students and parents to the family. We are happy you have chosen to join us and look forward to knowing you. The Marching Statesmen are a team. Together, we work hard to bring pride to ourselves, our school and our community. You will remember the camaraderie and teamwork you experience in marching band for the rest of your life. In this packet you will find all the information you need about marching band.

Who is eligible to join?

All Marshall Band students are welcome and encouraged to be in marching band.

Instrumentalists: Marching band is co-curricular with Wind Symphony. Students in Wind Symphony are required to participate in Marching band unless they are playing a GCM fall sport. Concert band students are not required to march, but strongly encouraged.

Colorguard: Any GCM students interested in dancing, spinning flag, rifle and sabre are welcome in the colorguard. Workshops will be held this spring and summer. No experience is necessary to attend workshops.

Summer Camp and After-School Rehearsals

Attendance at summer camp for all Marching Statesmen is expected. It is essential for the success of our season that all performers attend all rehearsals. Remember, marching band is the ultimate team activity. Each individual is extremely important. Please schedule doctor appointments, trips and jobs around our rehearsal schedule. If you don't feel like you can commit to the rehearsal schedule you may still be a member as a non-competitive alternate.

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August

Week 1

Monday 8/17 Rehearsal 8:15-12:00 - New marchers and leadership only

8/17 Meeting for all students and parents 7:00pm

Tuesday 8/18 - Friday 8/21 Rehearsal for **all marchers** 8:15-12:10 and 1:00-4:30

Week 2

Monday 8/24 - 8/28 Rehearsal 8:15-12:10 and 1:00-4:30

8/?? Envelope stuffing evening 4:30-7:00

Week 3

Monday 8/31 - Wednesday 9/2 Rehearsal 3:00-7:00

September

Rehearsals

Mondays 3:15-4:45 (no rehearsal on 9/7, Labor Day)

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 (including the first day of school)

Thursdays 4:00-6:00

Fridays of home games 4:00-5:30

Events

Friday 9/11 Home Game, 7pm start - Herndon

Friday 9/18 Home Game, 7pm start - Annandale

Saturday 9/19 Tag Day - - All Band Members, 8:00-3:30

Saturday 9/26 Competition TBD

October

Rehearsals

Mondays 3:30-4:45

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00

Thursdays 4:00-6:00

Fridays of home games 4:00-5:30

Events

Friday 10/2 Homecoming Parade 3:30, Home Game -Edison

Friday 10/16 Home Game, 7pm start - Wakefield

Saturday 10/17 Competition

Sunday 10/25 Sleepy Hollow/Lake Barcroft Halloween Parades, 11:30 Start

Friday 10/30 Home Game, 7pm start - Marshall

Saturday 10/31 State Marching Assessment/Competition

November

Rehearsals

No rehearsals

Events

Friday 11/6 Away Game, Bell Game at Falls Church



FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

West Potomac High School Band

6500 Quander Road
Alexandria VA 22307
703-718-2500

2015-2016 West Potomac Band and Ensemble Fees

FCPS and the West Potomac Band will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the West Potomac Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees that are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

The following is a description of the West Potomac High School Band course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	Who pays this fee?	This fee covers...
Band Course Materials Fee Due June 15, 2015	\$20	EVERYONE	Consumable items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, music, food for instructional trips, etc. Any remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.
Marching Band Fee Due June 15, 2015	\$180	Marching Band members only	Consumable items/expenses for the marching band season. Examples of these items include band t-shirt, drill book, uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, shoes, instrument accessories, music/copyright, food during instructional activities/trips, etc. Any remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee

This is a fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any activities/trips associated with the West Potomac Band. This fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip/activity – including such costs as costumes and accessories, equipment, transportation, accommodations, registration, food, and other miscellaneous expenses. Examples of trips/activities would include Marching Guard and Dance, Indoor Guard, Indoor Percussion, and Band Trip(s). Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.

Optional Activity	Amount	Due Date
Marching Guard/Dance Fee (Aug-Nov)	\$180	Due June 15, 2015
Indoor Guard (Dec – April)	To Be Determined (~\$200-300)	Beginning of December
Indoor Percussion (Dec – April)	To Be Determined (~\$200-300)	Beginning of December
Spring Trip (March or April)	To Be Determined (~\$500-700)	Initial deposit due date TBD with subsequent payments to follow

Musical Instrument Rental Fee:

This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments. No fee will be charged for an instrument when a student:

- Has been asked by the director to play a different instrument in order to meet a specific need of the band.
- Is unable to transport their instrument to school for music class.
- Must participate in the instrumental music program.

Students who are eligible to be on free/reduced meal plans pay \$20.

Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Woodwinds and Brass	\$46 per semester	Sept. 8, 2015 and Jan. 4, 2016
Percussion	\$26 per semester	Sept. 8, 2015 and Jan. 4, 2016



West Potomac Band Patrons Organization
6500 Quander Road
Alexandria, VA 22307

Dear Wolverine Band families,

It takes money to run a great high school band program, which is why every FCPS band has a booster club.

Ours is called the West Potomac Band Patrons Organization (WPBPO), and this year, as in the past few years, we're slated to add about \$60,000 + to the band program's bottom line. More than half of that money is from fundraisers, and the rest is from the annual voluntary contributions we receive from each participant.

It would be impossible to run the West Po band program without the booster funding.

We try to ask for as small a check as possible from our families. We accomplish that in two ways: 1) by fundraising as much as we can as a group, and 2) by running "lean and mean." Our program is arguably the best in the county -- we achieved both the coveted Honor Band *and* Blue Ribbon status this year -- and yet our participants end up paying less than most other high schools. We are tremendously proud of that.

The money raised by this booster club is used to enrich the Wolverine program in many ways. Among other things, it goes toward hiring extra, expert staff to work with the students on both music and marching skills. We buy uniforms and instruments, carts and equipment. We cover fees for competitions, and help provide buses to get the kids there. We also add a bit of fun in the form of things like student awards and recognition for seniors.

So what's the bottom line for you?

If your child is in marching band, guard or dance team, we'll be requesting a voluntary contribution of \$185 on the first day of pre-season rehearsal (8/17/15).

If your child is only participating in concert band, we'll be requesting a voluntary contribution of \$25 on the first day of classes (9/8/15).

We're looking forward to another fantastic year of music. Thank you for everything you do to support your child's musicianship and this program.

Sincerely,
Steve Larsen
President, WPBPO

P.S. Remember that because the WPBPO is a 501c3 corporation, your contribution is tax-deductible! As you think about where to put your charitable dollars, we hope you'll keep in mind that our community's young musicians are a worthy cause. We would gratefully welcome contributions.

Dear band parents and students,

This packet is to notify all of you about the summer and fall schedule for the W.T. Woodson Marching Band. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please call the band office @ 703-503-4665 for more information. You can also get more information on our Band website www.woodsonband.org. We look forward to a great 2015-16 season.

Sincerely,

Melinda McKenzie Hall, Band Director

W.T. Woodson Bands Pre-Season Training Information

Pre-Season Training attendance is mandatory for membership in the W.T. Woodson Marching Band. Success begins with good fundamentals and this usually means a successful season. Marching Band provides an opportunity for the younger player to perform with the more experienced students and they also progress faster because they are playing more than those not in the marching band. The improvement over three months' time is truly amazing to see. The best students in the W.T. Woodson Band program come from the marching band because they have learned discipline, team spirit and most of all, commitment.

Dates:

See attached Schedule for detailed days and dates:

Registration Forms and fees due June 1, 2015

What to bring:

- **Water (Important!!!):** All students are required to bring their own water. This will help water breaks go faster and save on cups. You can of course fill up your water containers at lunch time.
- Sneakers and socks (no sandals or flip flops)
- Cool and comfortable clothing (no bathing suits)
- Sun screen, hat, sunglasses
- Bag lunch (students may not leave campus for lunch)
- Instrument (reeds, accessories, etc.)
- Wind instruments should have their own music lyre and flip folder for their instrument.
- Pencil

Important Information:

- Eat breakfast! This is important!
- **Transportation:** Call the band office if you have transportation problems and we will send you a list of available carpools.
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, not soda. **Bring your own water!!!**
- Follow directions! This will make life simpler for everyone.
- If you need to check out an instrument for the fall, this should be done before camp starts. Call the band office and leave a message (703-503-4665) and we will help you.
- Turn in your paperwork and fees on time (**June 1**) or you may not be guaranteed a permanent spot.
- All students are expected to attend every minute of every day of camp. Please do not put doctor appointments or anything else during this time. It is crucial that **everyone** be in attendance. Any questions or conflicts please call immediately (703-503-4665)

MARCHING BAND & GUARD PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE 2015 (as of May 27, 2015)

All students are required to be at pre-season rehearsals!

This schedule is subject to change

June:

- 8 – Percussion/Guard Clinic – 5-7PM
- 10 – Percussion/Guard Clinic – 5-7PM
- 11 – Percussion/Guard Clinic – 5-7PM
- 15 – Marching Band Ice Cream Social– 6-8PM

July:

- 1-3 – Parade Rehearsal - 5:30PM – 8:30PM
- 4 – City of Fairfax Parade – 7AM – 1PM
- 8 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM – 8:30PM
- 15 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM – 8:30PM
- 22 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM – 8:30PM
- 29 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM – 8:30PM

August: Pre-Season Rehearsals

- 10-14 – Guard/Percussion – 8AM-5PM
- 11-14 – Leadership – 8AM-12PM
- 13-14 – New Marchers – 8AM-12PM
- 17- 21 – All Members – 8AM-5PM**
- 21 – Pool Party – 6:30PM-9PM
- 24-27 – All Members – 8AM-8:30PM**
(lunch provided; dinner break 4PM-5:30PM)
- 28 – All Members – 8AM-4PM;**
Parent Show & Potluck – 6-8PM
- 31 – All Members – 6-9PM**

September:

- 1-3 – All Members – 6-9PM**
- 4 – Home Game vs. Robinson**
- 8 – First Day of School – regular practice schedule begins
- 12 - TAG DAY FUNDRAISER – All Band & Guard Students Participate**
- 18 – Away Game @ Lee**
- 25 – Home Game vs South County**
- 26 – USBands Marine Corps Invitational –**
Naval Academy Stadium, Annapolis, MD

October:

- 2 – Home Game vs Stone Bridge**
- 3 – SAT weekend
- 10 – Rock Ridge Marching Competition – Ashburn, VA**
- 16 – Homecoming Parade & Game vs. TC Williams**
- 23 – Away Game @ Lake Braddock**
- 24 – All-States @ Old Dominion University**
(possible Busch Gardens trip)
- 31 – VBODA @ Patriot HS**

November:

- 6 – Home Game vs Annandale (Senior Night)**
- 7 – SAT weekend
- 13 – Potential Playoff Game**

Schedule during the school year after school until Oct. 29:

- Mondays and Thursdays – 3:15-5:30PM
- Wednesdays – 6-9PM

Other Notes:

- Marching competitions take most of the day. There will be a rehearsal at school and then the competition. Times for everything will be based on when we are scheduled to perform.
- All rehearsals and performances are required.
- Color Guard will meet separately on Tuesdays (3:15 – 6:15PM); Wednesdays and Thursdays will be with the band.
- Percussion may occasionally rehearse separately from the rest of the band. Changes in dates/times will be communicated.

2015-2016 West Springfield Band Registration Form (Due Friday, June 5, 2015)

Summer Rehearsals – July 4th Parade – We will perform in the Fairfax Independence Day Parade – Rehearsals on July 1, 2, & 3 in the afternoon. Parade on July 4th. Color guard & drum line: please refer to attached calendar for summer rehearsal dates.

Pre-Season Rehearsals: ALL members are expected to be in attendance; the success of the band is dependent on this. **After-school rehearsal schedule** will be Monday 3:15 – 5:30 PM; Wednesday 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Thu 3:15 – 5:30 PM (guard and percussion may deviate slightly from this schedule).

Attendance is mandatory at ALL Friday night football games (five home games, two away, ALL playoff games) and all Saturday competitions.

Please check the band calendar (www.WSHSSpartanBand.org/calendar.html) and keep these dates in mind as you schedule your other activities! The MOST accurate schedule will always be posted on this calendar.

Reminder: ALL members of Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony participate in Marching Band (including Percussion Ensemble members assigned to the aforementioned bands). Concert Band students are HIGHLY encouraged to participate!

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I WILL participate in Marching Band Student Name: _____
☐ I am trying out for Color Guard Instrument: _____
☐ I will NOT participate in Marching Band
☐ I intend to participate in a WSHS fall sport and seek an athletic exemption
(see Mr. Hoang regarding exemption policy)

By signing this form, I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to attend Summer Marching Band Rehearsals (see attached calendar) with the West Springfield High School Marching Band and all other activities of the Marching Band to include away games, home games and competitions, during the fall of 2015. I understand that, once submitted, all payments are NON-REFUNDABLE should my son/daughter withdraw from the program.

Included with the signed form is the following (check all that apply)

- ☐ **\$250 FCPS Marching Band Fee**, payable to West Springfield HS ***REQUIRED***
(\$100 deposit due 6/5; balance due 7/1)
- ☐ **\$50 FCPS Pre-Season Rehearsal Activity Fee**, payable to West Springfield HS ***REQUIRED***
(due 8/10, this fee covers expenses for provided lunches and instruction during August rehearsals)
- ☐ **\$50 FCPS Band Class Fee** made payable to West Springfield HS (due 9/30) ***REQUIRED***
- ☐ **Equal Opportunity Funds** – Check this box if you are in a situation of financial hardship and may qualify for assistance. No student in the West Springfield Band will EVER be prohibited from participating due to financial difficulties! Please contact Mr. Hoang at EMHoang@fcps.edu regarding financial aid.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Return all forms and payments to **West Springfield HS Band, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152**

If you have any questions please contact the band office at (703) 913-3931 or info@WSHSSpartanBand.org

This section is for band staff only				
Date of Payment: / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Account	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check/Number: _____	Amount: _____