

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 28 August 2023

This Week: Aug. 28 – Sept. 1	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, August 28	First day of school!		10 th – 12 th graders play at main entrance for first day of school. 7:30 a.m. report. Breakfast provided.
Tuesday, August 29		Opportunity: JMU Jazz Combo Workshop Sept. 9 - FREE	Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Green Rm. Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Wednesday, August 30		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found here . (Registration Sept. 1 – 30; Audition Oct. 1 – 8)	Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, August 31		Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found here . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)	Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Field 2 5:00: Dinner Provided by YBB 5:30: Pre-game music rehearsal in courtyard Home Football vs. Jackson Reed: 7 p.m.
Friday, September 1	<i>No School for Students – Labor Day weekend</i>		

Director's Notes:

Happy first day of school! It was great to see all the students at Yorktown today. I am excited to be starting another year with the Yorktown Bands. Members of the Yorktown Marching Band played in front of the school this morning to welcome the 9th graders as they entered. We hope this helped start of their experience with some spirit and pride in their new school. Thank you to the members who played and the volunteers who made the breakfast possible.

Congratulations to the members of the YMB for their first public performance of the season at Friday night's football game. They did a great job being flexible with the weather evacuation and delays. I am proud of them for persevering and getting out there to get a good run of the first part of the show.

Class Happenings

All band classes met today and students filled out an informational form including if they need to rent a school instrument. I have begun working on instrument assignments and students will get instruments in the coming days. The first week or so of band classes includes some getting to know each other activities, reflection, review, and we will get started by playing some pop tunes to get going. I will be sending out more information about costs and instrument rental contracts soon.

SRO

Senior Regional Orchestra auditions are coming up relatively soon. As mentioned in the spring, this is a highly competitive audition recommended for advanced player who have been preparing over the summer. Senior Regional Orchestra participants are automatically eligible for All-Virginia Band and Orchestra audition. Our top players who play orchestral instruments--especially those who study privately--should consider taking this audition. The audition information and excerpts can be found [here](#) (you need to be logged in with your APS google credentials). The audition is on Monday, October 2 and will be held at TJHSST in Fairfax County. Students who wish to audition must [fill out this form](#) by Monday, September 11 so I can get them registered. Students who register must pay the \$10 audition fee to the Yorktown Band Boosters by Thursday, September 14.

Next Week: Sept. 4 – 9	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, September 4	<i>No School for Students – Labor Day holiday</i>		
Tuesday, September 5			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Green Rm. Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Wednesday, September 6			Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, September 7			Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Field 2
Friday, September 8			Away Football @ Wakefield (pep band) 5:30 report to YHS
Saturday, September 9			Mini Camp: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Stadium Turf Field

On the Horizon:

- September 22: Home Football vs. West Springfield – *Rising Patriot Night*
- September 23: YMB Competition #1 – Colgan Classic
- September 30: BAND DAY – *all band students participate*

YMB – Saturday, September 9

Saturday, September 10 is a mini-camp day for the YMB as well as a performance at the 9/11 Memorial 5K race in Pentagon City. We hope to get the remainder of the show “on the field” during the mini-camp. Students will be on campus at 8:45 for a 9 a.m. start to rehearsal. We will break at noon for lunch (not provided, please pack or drop off). Rehearsal will conclude by 4 p.m. for winds and percussion (guard may continue past 4 p.m.). We will then have some time to cool off, change, and get ready to go to the race. Pizza is provided at the race site. Dismissal will be approximately 7:45 p.m.



Band Day is September 30 – ALL BAND STUDENTS

Band Day is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and we need all hands on deck! All band students should plan to participate, and adult volunteers are needed to drive students through the Yorktown boundary to solicit donations for the band program. The funds support all aspects of the Yorktown Band program including concert bands, jazz band, marching band, fall guard, winter guard, and indoor percussion. Watch for MyMusicOffice (MMO) emails from Yorktown Band Boosters with more information.

YHS Bands Calendar

The most up-to-date calendar can always be viewed at <http://yorktownband.org/WP/calendar/>. I have also created a “list” calendar that is available at <https://bit.ly/yhs-band-cal>.

Also, you can add the YHS Bands Google Calendar to yours. Follow these steps:

1. On your computer, open [Google Calendar](#).
2. On the left, next to "Other calendars," click Add   **From URL**.
3. Enter the [YHS Bands calendar's address](#).
4. Click **Add calendar**. The calendar appears on the left, under "Other calendars."

Tip: It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

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Useful Links:

YMB Remind: [@ymb23](#)

YMB Calendar: <https://bit.ly/yimb-cal-23>

YMB Student Resource Folder: <https://bit.ly/yimb23-resources>