

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 13 September 2023

This Week: Sept. 11 – 15	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, September 11	SRO Registration deadline		Rehearsal: 5:45 - 8; Stadium Turf Field
Tuesday, September 12		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found here . (Registration Sept. 1 – 30; Audition Oct. 1 – 8)	Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Wednesday, September 13	YBB Restaurant Night Fundraiser @ Sloppy Mama's Barbecue		Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, September 14	SRO Payments Due	Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found here . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)	Home Football vs. Washington-Liberty: 5:30 p.m. report. <i>No dinner provided.</i>
Friday, September 15			

Director's Notes:

The YMB did a great job supporting our Football Patriots on Friday at Wakefield. We also had a productive mini-camp on Saturday and we are continuing to progress putting our show on the field and gearing up for more performances. The schedule this year has been pretty front-loaded, and we have been quite busy. Things will hopefully settle into a little bit of a after next week as we have yet to get into more of a "typical" weekly rehearsal schedule. I am hopeful that the worst of the heat is behind us, and we will stop getting rained on!

Class Happenings

We are doing more fundamental playing work in classes and students are demonstrating their knowledge of the circle of fourths.

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. **STUDENTS:** [Fill out this Google form](#) to let us know who you want to be partnered with on Band Day. We will try to make it happen, although there are no guarantees. **PARENTS:** We need parent volunteers who are able to drive students to assigned Yorktown neighborhoods. [Sign up here](#).

YMB- Thursday

On Thursday night, we have a home football game against Washington-Liberty. APS was approached by the Drug Enforcement Agency and asked to support their Red Ribbon program on drug abuse awareness. They are recording the 3 high school bands wearing red ribbons while playing the National Anthem and then "splicing" them into one video that the DEA could include in their national virtual program in October. YMB students will need to sign a release that the DEA has provided. I will have those at rehearsal tonight or you can [download one to print one at home](#). The DEA is also going to provide a short announcement that will be made over the PA prior to the playing of the National Anthem explaining why the bands are wearing red ribbons.

YMB- First Competition

The YMB will perform at the Colgan Classic on Saturday, September 23. The schedule for the day can be found [here](#) and is attached at the end of the update.

Next Week: Sept. 18 – 23	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, September 18			
Tuesday, September 19		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found here . (Registration Sept. 1 – 30; Audition Oct. 1 – 8)	Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, September 20			Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2
Thursday, September 21	SRO Payments Due	Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found here . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)	Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Friday, September 22			Home Football vs. West Springfield – Rising Patriot Night. 4:45 Report; pizza provided. SCHEDULE
Friday, September 23			Competition #1: Colgan Classic SCHEDULE

On the Horizon:

- September 30: BAND DAY – *all band students participate*
- October 2: SRO Auditions @ TJHSST
- October 7: Competition #2: JMU Parade of Champions

YMB Picture Day

The photos from picture day are up and available for purchase [here](#). ALL proceeds from photo sales benefit the Yorktown Band Boosters.



Band Costs

I will be updating the ledgers in our MyMusicOffice system in the coming days. Once I have those updated, you will receive an automated email from MMO with a statement of what your student owes. That system is completely separate from SchoolCash Online. I will be submitting information to our school treasurer to have costs “assigned” to students in SchoolCash, but I do not have an estimate of when that will be complete. If you prefer to send checks in with your student, that is fine too.

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.

Social Media:

Join our followers on Twitter and Instagram by following [@yorktownbands](#) today!

Useful Links:

[Instrument Rental Form](#)

YMB Remind: [@ymb23](#)

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

YMB Student Resource Folder: <https://bit.ly/yymb23-resources>

[YMB Picture Day Photos](#)

[Emergency Care Contact Form](#)

Yorktown Marching Band



2023 COLGAN CLASSIC

13833 DUMFRIES RD, MANASSAS, VA 20112
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

BRING WEATHER-APPROPRIATE CLOTHES/SPIRIT WEAR TO PUT ON OVER YOUR Y-BAND UNIFORM AFTER WE PERFORM!

9:30 AM	REPORT -MOVE FRONT ENSEMBLE EQUIP., PODIA, SPEAKER, ETC. TO FIELD FOR 10:00 AM
START	
10:00 AM	FIELD REHEARSAL – STADIUM TURF FIELD [REHEARSAL DRESS: APPROPRIATE REHEARSAL ATTIRE (WHITE SHIRT); <u>NOT</u> Y-BAND SHIRT]
11:30 AM	ANNOUNCEMENTS / BREAK <i>STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO EAT BEFORE WE LEAVE. PACK A LUNCH OR HAVE A PLAN</i>
12:00 PM	LOAD EQUIPMENT IN FRONT OF SCHOOL (TRUCK ARRIVES AT 11:30)
12:15 PM	LOAD BUSES (BUSES ARRIVE AT 12:00) [TALL BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK MARCHING SHOES REQUIRED TO BOARD BUS Y-BAND UNIFORM, YHS SPIRIT WEAR ON BUSES]
12:30 PM	DEPART YHS FOR MANASSAS, VA
1:30 PM	ARRIVE AT COLGAN H.S. -UNLOAD EQUIPMENT -USE RESTROOM -GET DRESSED! [UNIFORM CHECKLIST: Y-BAND SHIRT/SHORTS, BLACK LONG-SLEEVED PERFORMANCE SHIRT, BIBBERS, WOLF VEST, BLACK GLOVES, TALL BLACK SOCKS]
2:00 PM	REPORT TO PRE-WARM UP (WE WILL DESIGNATE AN AREA UPON ARRIVAL) -STRETCH OUT, BREATHING EXERCISES, VISUAL BASICS
2:25 PM	OFFICIAL WARM UP
3:15 PM	PERFORM @ COLGAN CLASSIC!
3:35 PM	LOAD EQUIPMENT / CHANGE INTO YHS SPIRIT WEAR -SIT TOGETHER IN THE VISITOR STANDS BY 4:15 FOR 4, 5, & 6A BANDS AND THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS FROM VIRGINIA TECH
5:15 PM	AWARDS
6:00 PM (APPROX.)	DEPART MANASSAS FOR YHS
7:00 PM (APPROX.)	ARRIVE AT YHS -PUT AWAY EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS
7:15 PM (APPROX.)	DISMISSAL