

# YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 19 September 2023

This Week: Sept. 18 – 23	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, September 18			
Tuesday, September 19		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (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 <a href="#">here</a> . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)	Rehearsal: 5:30 – 8; Field 2
Friday, September 22			Home Football vs. West Springfield – Rising Patriot Night. 4:45 Report; pizza provided. <a href="#">SCHEDULE</a>
Saturday, September 23			Competition #1: Colgan Classic <a href="#">SCHEDULE</a>

## Director's Notes:

I hope parents/caregivers/supporters can join us tonight (Tuesday) for the Yorktown Band Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in Patriot Hall here at YHS. I also look forward to seeing many of you at Back to School Night on Wednesday.

The YMB had another great performance at the football game on Thursday night vs. Washington-Liberty. This week we are preparing for another home football game as well as our first competition. Please review the schedules linked above.

## Class Happenings

The students have demonstrated their knowledge of the circle of fourths. Scale and technique work has begun and our skills are developing.

## 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- 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.

## Band Costs

Last week, parents received an updated account statement from our MyMusicOffice system. 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.

Next Week: Sept. 25 – 30	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, September 25	<i>Holiday – Yom Kippur</i>		
Tuesday, September 26		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (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 27			Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, September 28	SRO Payments Due	Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)	Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2
Friday, September 29			
Saturday, September 30	<i>BAND DAY – ALL band students participate: 8:30 report; finished around 1 p.m.</i>		

### On the Horizon:

- October 2: SRO Auditions @ TJHSST
- October 7: Competition #2: JMU Parade of Champions
- October 13: Home FB vs. Langley (Homecoming)

### 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.

### Student Happenings

If you/your student have any events coming up like this, recitals, concert with outside groups, sporting events, etc., let me know and I am happy to include them in the updates so we can support you!

- We are proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of two of our band program seniors who have been named National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Congratulations to Michael Discenza (Wind Ensemble, YMB, Indoor Percussion) and Leila Silva (YMB and Winterguard).



### Outside (Non YHS/APS) Opportunities

- UVA Band Day: The Cavalier Marching Band will host UVA Band Day on Saturday, November 5, 2022, when UVA takes on the North Carolina Tar Heels. We invite high school students grades 9–12 to experience a day as a CMB member. The first 300 registered performers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. [Full information is available in this letter.](#)
- Mason Bands: Fusion Concert – Tuesday, September 26 @ 8 p.m.
  - Complementary ticket available – tell the box office you are a guest of Dr. Lake
- Mason Bands Shadow Day – Tuesday, October 24, 2023
  - Get the experience of a Mason music student for a day! Register at <https://bit.ly/masonbandsshadowday2023>

### 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/ymb-cal-23>

YMB Student Resource Folder: <https://bit.ly/ymb23-resources>

[YMB Picture Day Photos](#)

[Emergency Care Contact Form](#)

# Yorktown Marching Band



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## 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. <b>PACK A LUNCH</b> 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, <b>BLACK</b> 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