

# YORKTOWN BANDS

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YHS Bands Update: 26 September 2023

This 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		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	CB chair tests due via Canvas		
Saturday, September 30	<i>BAND DAY – ALL band students participate: 8:30 a.m. report; finished around 1 p.m.</i>		

## Director's Notes:

Band day is Saturday and is a critical event to support our robust programs. Thank you in advance for your time and work!

It was great to see many parents/caretakers at Back to School Night last week. Thank you for coming!

The YMB had a great performance on Friday night at the home football game and we had a lot of fun with the middle school students who joined us for Rising Patriot Night. Recruiting and retention is critical and something we can all work together to promote all year long. One of the best things students and families can do is share the positive experiences they are having in the Yorktown Band program and encourage others to continue/join.

The cancelation of Saturday's competition due to weather was disappointing; we were really looking forward to getting the show out there and the feedback. We have a lot of work to do before JMU and the wet weather did not do us any favors. I am doing some checking to see if more field time might be available and we may look at trying to add a rehearsal or modify the schedule if it's possible.

## Class Happenings

Scale and technique work continues and our skills are developing. We are beginning to read some "real music" this week. Concert Band students have their chair test assessment due Friday.

## This Saturday is BAND DAY – 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](#).

- Please meet in the Yorktown cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Breakfast will be provided.
- Students in marching band will change into their marching band uniforms, so they should wear their Y-Band Uniforms, black socks, and MTXs. Students not in marching band should wear their Yorktown Band shirts or previous years' YMB show t-shirts. (9<sup>th</sup> grade and transfer students will get their shirts on Friday or Sat.)
- The weather should be pretty nice on Saturday. Students should bring a water bottle!

Next Week: Oct. 2 – 7	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, October 2	SRO Auditions @ TJHSST		
Tuesday, October 3		Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (Audition Oct. 1 – 8)	Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, October 4			Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Thursday, October 5	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, October 6			
Saturday, October 7			Competition: JMU Parade of Champions <a href="#">Draft schedule</a>

### On the Horizon:

- October 13: Home FB vs. Langley (Homecoming)
- October 21: YMB Competition #3: VMBC Freedom
- October 28: YMB VBODA State Marching Band Assessment

### 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

- Mason Bands: [Fusion Concert](#) – Tuesday, September 26 @ 8 p.m.
  - Complementary ticket available – tell the box office you are a guest of Dr. Lake
- 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 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](#)

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## **2023 JMU PARADE OF CHAMPIONS**

251 BLUESTONE DR, HARRISONBURG, VA 22807

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

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

- 9:30 AM REPORT
- 9:15 AM LOAD EQUIPMENT IN FRONT OF SCHOOL (TRUCK ARRIVES AT 9:00)
- 9:45 AM LOAD BUSES (BUSES ARRIVE AT 9:30)  
[TALL BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK MARCHING SHOES REQUIRED TO BOARD BUS  
Y-BAND UNIFORM, YHS SPIRIT WEAR ON BUSES]
- 10:00 AM DEPART YHS FOR HARRISONBURG, VA
- 12:00 PM ARRIVE AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY  
-WATCH JMU MARCHING ROYAL DUKES PERFORM @ 12:30  
  
-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]
- 1:50 PM (EST.) REPORT TO PRE-WARM UP (WE WILL DESIGNATE AN AREA UPON ARRIVAL)  
-STRETCH OUT, BREATHING EXERCISES, VISUAL BASICS
- 2:10 PM (EST.) OFFICIAL WARM UP
- 2:57 PM PERFORM @ PARADE OF CHAMPIONS!
- 3:20 PM LOAD EQUIPMENT / CHANGE INTO YHS SPIRIT WEAR  
-SIT TOGETHER IN THE STANDS BY 4:24 TO WATCH 4A BANDS
- 6:00 PM (APPROX.) DEPART HARRISONBURG FOR YHS
- 8:00 PM (APPROX.) ARRIVE AT YHS  
-PUT AWAY EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS
- 8:15 PM (APPROX.) DISMISSAL