

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 28 August 2023

This 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	Students auditioning for SRO: information is here . Register here .	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 6			Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, September 7		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
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 9/11 5K Performance: 5:30 – 7; est. dismissal 7:45

Director's Notes:

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. There is some new and some repeat information in this week's update.

Class Happenings

We have instruments and lockers assigned and are getting close to being in a somewhat normal routine. We will be playing more in classes this week and going forward.

Band Costs

I have received many questions regarding SchoolCash Online and unfortunately I do not have many answers at this point. As of this publication, our band costs have not yet been loaded into the system. Once they are, it is unclear as to whether I will have the ability to "assign" costs to individual students. It may be like the previous system where there are Yorktown-specific items (like our band costs) that you can choose and pay for. I will share more information once I have it. I keep a ledger in our MyMusicOffice system and plan to have those updated 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. This rollout has been cumbersome and I appreciate your patience. If you prefer to send checks in with your student, that is fine too.

YMB- Friday

On Friday we will travel to Wakefield as a pep band for the football game. Report time is 5:30 p.m. Students will wear jeans (or dark pants) and their new show shirts, which I anticipate will arrive on Friday. Stay tuned! Wind Ensemble students who are not in the YMB are to perform at the away game and need to turn in an [Emergency Care Contact Form](#).

YMB – Saturday

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 on the stadium turf field. 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 continues past 4 p.m.). We will then have some time to cool off, change (Y-Band shirts and the shorts of your choice), and get ready to go to the race. Pizza is provided at the race site. Dismissal will be approximately 7:45 p.m. Wind Ensemble students who are not in the YMB are to perform at the 9/11 5K and need to turn in an [Emergency Care Contact Form](#).

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.

Next 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.
Friday, September 15			

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*

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.



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.

Social Media:

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

Useful Links:

YMB Remind: [@ymb23](#)

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

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

[YMB Picture Day Photos](#)