

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 16 October 2023

This Week: Oct. 16 – 21	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, October 16		YHS Jazz Auditions: 4 – 7 p.m. Register here	
Tuesday, October 17			Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, October 18			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Thursday, October 19	Arlington Indoor Percussion Interest Meeting – 6 p.m. in band room		Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2
Friday, October 20			
Saturday, October 21			Competition: VMBC Freedom Schedule

Director's Notes:

I hope our YHS community had a great Homecoming weekend. It was a lot of fun to end the football game with a last second field goal for the win. Our YMB students did a great job not only at halftime, but supporting the team and helping to create a great environment throughout the game.

We are entering the final weeks of the YMB season. I am looking forward to our VMBC competition on Saturday and continuing to improve the show as we prepare for our state assessment.

Class Happenings

Band classes are starting to look at repertoire to be performed. Wind Ensemble's chamber groups are formed and working on their music.

Concert Attire

Concert attire fittings began on Friday; thank you to Ms. Miller and the other parent volunteers who are making this happen. Students who choose the dress option will need to provide their own black shoes. Students choosing the tuxedo option must provide their own white tuxedo shirt and black bow tie. Please procure those items sooner than later so it is not a rush during concert week. If a student's concert attire does not need alterations, they must bring it home this week. Those requiring alterations will be informed when the uniform comes back from Millie's.

Arlington Indoor Percussion

The interest meeting for Arlington Indoor Percussion 2023-24 will be Thursday, October 19, at 6:00 PM in the Yorktown band room. Review [the interest letter](#) with information about the program. At the meeting, we will share more about the activity, the schedule for the upcoming season, and answer any questions you may have.

Governor's School Applications

- [Summer 2024 Governor's School VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS \(VPA\) Applications](#)
 - (hard copy, signed application pages 1-3) are due to Ms. Wagner, YHS Advanced Academics Coach (AAC), room 384, by Thursday, October 26, 2023.
 - [APS VPA APPLICANT TIMELINE](#)
 - [After-school auditions/ adjudication](#) at Kenmore MS, specific time will be assigned:
 - Wednesday November 1, 2023 Visual Art & Vocal & Instrumental Music
 - Thursday, November 2, 2023 Theatre & Dance
- Students may:
 - join the "YHS Governor's School Application" Canvas page for more information <https://apsva.instructure.com/enroll/P6AHGF>
 - meet with YHS AAC, Ms. Wagner, to discuss application during lunch, Patriot Period and after school in room 384. Request meeting at eileen.wagner@apsva.us

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Next Week: Oct. 23 – 28	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, October 23			
Tuesday, October 24			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, October 25			APS Marching Showcase: 4:45 Report Schedule
Thursday, October 26			Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2
Friday, October 27			
Saturday, October 28			VBODA State Marching Band Assessment Schedule

On the Horizon:

- November 3: Home Football vs. Herndon (Senior Night)
- November 8: Wind Ensemble Chamber Concert
- November 10: Possible Playoff Game
- November 15: YMB Maintenance Day

Student Happenings

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

Outside (Non YHS/APS) Opportunities

- [Navy Band Concert at Kenmore MS](#)
 - Saturday, October 28 at 7 p.m. – Free and open to the public
- 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>
- Shenandoah Conservatory @ SU
 - [Brass Day](#) - November 12
 - [Double Reed Day](#) – November 19
- Virginia Tech Honor Band Festival – January 19–21, 2024
 - I can nominate up to 10 students from the Wind Ensemble who are in grades 10 – 12. If you are interested in this opportunity, [please review this letter](#) with your parents. After reviewing the letter, if you and your parents would like me to consider nominating you, please email me by Friday, October 27



YMB Portraits

The individual portraits from YMB Picture Day are up and available for purchase [here](#). ALL proceeds from photo sales benefit the Yorktown Band Boosters.

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:

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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](#)