

# YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 2 October 2023

This Week: Oct. 2 – 7	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, October 2	SRO Auditions @ TJHSST		
Tuesday, October 3		Those auditioning for AVJE must record and submit this week!	<del>Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm.</del> Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field PROPS: those with prop responsibilities should plan to arrive early.
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	CB: Scales 1 Due		
Saturday, October 7			Competition: JMU Parade of Champions <a href="#">Schedule</a>

## Director's Notes:

Thank you so much to the many people who helped make Band Day a success (especially Mrs. Huskey, coordinator)! We had great weather and really strong participation. For those who were unable to participate, we may be in touch for some follow up tasks like writing thank you notes to some of our donors.

This week's YMB rehearsals are critical in order to get ready for our competition Saturday—particularly Tuesday's where we will finish getting the closer on the field. Please make the necessary preparations and efforts to be present, on time, with all necessary materials.

## Class Happenings

Concert Band students have their first scales assessment due Friday. Wind ensemble has read two works, and the Concert Band classes have begun looking at some pieces specific to their class makeup (woodwind, brass, and percussion).

## Band Costs

On Saturday, account statements went out through MyMusicOffice (MMO) for students who have a balance. Some costs have been added to SchoolCash Online (SCO) and can be paid there. My understanding is that applicable costs for concert bands and marching band have been added as optional items for all students enrolled in those courses. When you log in to <https://arlingotnva.schoolcashonline.com/>, you should see some optional fees that *could* apply to your student. Use the statement from MMO to determine which, if any, are applicable to your student. SchoolCash does not send me any notification that you have paid, so I will periodically need to ask for reports and update MMO. Feel free to forward your SCO receipt to me so I can log it in MMO.

I have added costs for those who got new marching/guard shoes this fall. I am sorry for not getting those added sooner. I do not have those costs in SCO yet. I will work on getting those added. Alternatively, you can send a check in with your student for any costs owed.

## 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.

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Next Week: Oct. 9 – 13	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, October 9	<i>No School for Students (Countywide PL for Staff)</i>		
Tuesday, October 10		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 11			Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Thursday, October 12	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 13			Home FB vs. Langley (Homecoming) 5:30 p.m. report; 7 p.m. kickoff

#### On the Horizon:

- October 21: YMB Competition #3: VMBC Freedom
- October 28: YMB VBODA State Marching Band Assessment
- November 3: Home Football vs. Herndon (Senior Night)

#### 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!

- 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.](#)
- Shenandoah Conservatory @ SU
  - [Brass Day](#) - November 12
  - [Double Reed Day](#) – November 19
- 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](#)