

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 23 October 2023

| This Week: Oct. 23 – 28 | Concert Bands | Jazz Band | Marching Band |
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| 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 | CB: Scales 2 Due | | APS Marching Showcase: 4:45 Report Schedule |
| Thursday, October 26 | WE: Chair Tests Due | | Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2 |
| Friday, October 27 | | | |
| Saturday, October 28 | | | VBODA State Marching Band Assessment Schedule |

Director's Notes:

The Yorktown Marching Band had our best run yet at the VMBC Freedom Showcase. We finished fourth out of six in our group, which was quite competitive. We have just three performances of the show remaining and three weekday rehearsals. The group has continued to improve all season and I am excited for these final couple of weeks.

Class Happenings

As we approach the end of the quarter, make sure you are caught up on everything that is due and turn in the assignments that are due this week and next. I am doing my best to keep up with grading.

Concert Attire

Concert attire fittings should be completed by Wednesday; 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.

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

Opportunity for Percussionists

The Arlington Community Orchestra is part of the adult education program through Arlington County. The ensemble is playing a show tunes program and desperately need percussionists. They need drum set, timpani, mallets, and a few extras like gong, wind chimes. They are looking for two percussionists. They rehearse Monday nights from 7-9 at Kenmore in the band room and the concert is Monday, Dec. 4 at Kenmore at 7. Let me know if you are interested.

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| Next Week: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 | Concert Bands | Jazz Band | Marching Band |
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| Monday, October 30 | WE: Bb & E Due | | |
| Tuesday, October 31 | | | Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field |
| Wednesday, November 1 | | | |
| Thursday, November 2 | | Organizational Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5 | |
| Friday, November 3 | | | Home Football vs. Herndon (Senior Night) |

On the Horizon:

- 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
- USAF Band: Brass Across Borders with The Royal Canadian Air Force Band's Command Brass
 - Wednesday, November 1 at 7 P.M. @ Memorial Theater at The George Washington Masonic National Monument. This concert is FREE and open to the public. No tickets required.
- 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](#)