

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 2 October 2023

This 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	Homecoming Spirit Week theme: <i>Anything but a Backpack Day</i>		
			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, October 11	PSAT administration for 10th and 11th graders with asynchronous virtual instruction for 9th and 12th		
	Homecoming Spirit Week theme: <i>PJ Day</i>		
			Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Thursday, October 12	Homecoming Spirit Week theme: <i>Sports Day</i>		
		Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found here . (Audition Oct. 16)	Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5; Field 2
Friday, October 13	Homecoming Spirit Week theme: <i>YHS Day</i>		
		Audition Scales due	Home FB vs. Langley (Homecoming) 5:30 p.m. report; 7 p.m. kickoff

Director's Notes:

Congratulations to the members of the Yorktown Marching Band on an excellent first competitive performance on Saturday at the James Madison University Parade of Champions. The YMB finished third out of nine bands in our class and earned first place in Percussion and Guard!

Class Happenings

Band classes are continuing to work on some pieces specific to their class makeup (woodwind, brass, and percussion).

YMB's Next Competition – VMBC Freedom

The schedule is completed for Saturday, October 21. Review it [here](#).

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Next 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			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Wednesday, October 18			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

On the Horizon:

- October 25: APS Marching Band Showcase
- 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!

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.](#)
- 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](#)