

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 31 October 2023

| This Week: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 | Concert Bands | Jazz Band | Marching Band |
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| Monday, October 30 | | | |
| Tuesday, October 31 | | | Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Band Rm. Rehearsal: 6:30 – 8ish; Stadium Turf Field |
| Wednesday, November 1 | WE: Bb & E Due | | Winterguard Interest Meeting – 3:30 in Band Room |
| Thursday, November 2 | | Organizational Rehearsal: 3:30 - 5 | |
| Friday, November 3 | | | Home Football vs. Herndon (Senior Night) 5:00 Report for Seniors; 5:45 for others - Schedule |

Director's Notes:

The Yorktown Marching Band had another terrific run of our show at VBODA Assessment on Saturday. The overall rating of Excellent was not what we were hoping for, but does not diminish the outstanding work the students have done this year. I am so proud of them and excited to celebrate the seniors at our final home game this week.

Class Happenings

As we approach the end of the quarter, make sure you are caught up on everything that is due and have turned everything in. I am doing my best to keep up catch up on grading.

Playoff Football

Our Football Patriots will earn a playoff bid and will play (away) on Friday, November 10. We will take a pep band to the game. This event is not required for the guard, but winds and percussionists should attend. Excused Absence requests will be considered. If you have a conflict, please get your excused absence request in by Monday, November 6. Dress for this event will be jeans/dark pants, Yorktown sprit wear, and the YMB raincoats.

Concert Attire

Please take your concert attire home if you have not done so already. Most of the alterations are back, so check the racks to see if your garment bag is there.

Winterguard Interest Meeting

The Yorktown Winterguard has an interest meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 in the band room. Winterguard is open to any YHS students. No previous experience or class/ensemble membership is required. Please help us promote this opportunity. Our 9th grade guard class in particular is small, and this is a chance for us to grow the program.

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: Nov. 6 – 10 | Concert Bands | Jazz Band | Marching Band |
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| Monday, November 6 | Tri-M Music Honor Society Meeting – 3:15 in Patriot Hall | | |
| Tuesday, November 7 | <i>No School for Students</i> | | |
| Wednesday, November 8 | Chamber Concert – Wind Ensemble & Perc. Ens. Perform. Others should attend. 7 p.m. | | |
| Thursday, November 9 | | | |
| Friday, November 10 | <i>Veterans Day – No School</i> | | |
| | | | Away Playoff Football – 5:30 report |

On the Horizon:

- 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

- 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.
- George Mason University
 - Brass Day - [Information](#) / [Register](#)
- Shenandoah Conservatory @ SU
 - [Brass Day](#) - November 12
 - [Double Reed Day](#) – November 19



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](#)