

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 6 November 2023

Next Week: Nov. 6 – 10	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
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		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	
	Chamber Concert – Wind Ensemble & Perc. Ens. Perform. Others should attend. 7 p.m.		
Thursday, November 9			AIP Clinic 1: 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, November 10	<i>Veterans Day – No School</i>		

Director's Notes:

The Yorktown Marching Band capped our performance season on Friday with a wonderful celebration of our seniors and an exciting Football Patriots win over Herndon. I hope you all can join us on Wednesday night for our fall Chamber Music Concert featuring members of the Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in the YHS Auditorium.

Class Happenings

I will be doing lots of grading Tuesday. Please continue to submit any outstanding assignments by noon Tuesday. Concert Band has begun looking at their concert repertoire for December.

Playoff Football – Canceled for YMB

The fact that Friday is a holiday has resulted in several hurdles that will make it impossible for the YMB to perform at the game as a pep band. Students may still attend on their own, but may not bring instruments or play. Thank you to all who communicated conflicts in advance.

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.

After-School Rehearsals – Mark your calendars (or add the YHS Bands calendar to your Google Calendar)!

Since our winds and percussion do not all meet together in class, it is necessary to have some after school rehearsals so we can play as an entire ensemble. These rehearsals are required. Students involved in YHS athletics may receive an excused absence from after school rehearsals for games but not practices. This information is going out with somewhat short notice, so excused absence requests made by the end of this week will be considered for the rehearsals on November 14. Absence requests should be made to Mr. Witkowski via email as soon as you know about a conflict. Aside from personal illness or family emergency, excused absence requests made within 48 hours of a rehearsal will be denied.

Concert Band	Wind Ensemble
Tuesday, November 14: 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Tuesday, November 14: 4:45 – 6 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29: 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.	Wednesday, November 29: 4:45 – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5: 3:30 – 5 p.m.	Monday, December 4: 4 – 6 p.m.

Spring Trip – Save the dates

We are continuing to work on plans for a spring trip open to all YHS Bands students likely to New York City but potentially Boston. Right now, it looks like April 24 or 25 – 27 is likely. I hope to have more clarity on this soon. Students will need to have a zero balance on their financial statements with the band in order to be eligible for the trip.

Financial Statements

Updated statements went out via email through MyMusic Office today. Please pay balances via SchoolCash Online or check.

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Next Week: Nov. 13 – 17	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
Monday, November 13		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	YHSWG Open House: 6 – 8 p.m. in atrium AIP Clinic 2: 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14	CB Rehearsal: 3:30 – 4:45 WE Rehearsal: 4:45 - 6		
Wednesday, November 15		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	YMB Maintenance Day 3:30 – 5:30 AIP Clinic 3: 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 16			
Friday, November 17		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	

On the Horizon:

- November 29: CB/WE After School Rehearsals
- November 30: YMB Banquet
- December 4: WE After School Rehearsal
- December 5: CB After School Rehearsal
- December 7: Band Concert

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.

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

- George Mason University
 - Brass Day - November 11 [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](#)