

# YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 11 December 2023

This Week: Dec. 11 – Dec. 16	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
Monday, December 11	CB Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5:30		AIP Rehearsal: 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12	YSO Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5 WE Rehearsal: 6 – 7:30	Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	YHSWG: 6 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13	YSO Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5		AIP Rehearsal: 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 14	Band Concert: CB report @ 5:45; 6 p.m. sound check on stage; 7 p.m. Concert Jazz report @ 6:30; 7 p.m. Concert WE & YSO report at 6:50; 8 p.m. Concert		
Friday, December 15			YHSWG: 5 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 16			YHSWG: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. AIP: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Director's Notes:

It's concert week! I look forward to seeing our students' friends and families at the concert on Thursday!

## Class Happenings

We are focusing on polishing our concert repertoire at this time.

## YSO & Jazz Band Elementary Tour

On Wednesday, December 20, the Yorktown Big Band and Symphony Orchestra are doing a tour performance at Jamestown, Nottingham, and Discovery Elementary Schools. Students in those ensembles (and their parents/caretakers), should see [this letter](#) and complete the [permission slip](#). Hard copies of the permission slip are available in the band room under the TV. Please try to complete the permission slip and turn in by Friday.

## Instrument Upgrades

A few students have recently upgraded from their beginner instruments to intermediate or professional line horns. The holidays can be a great time of year to upgrade your student's instrument. I recommend consulting a professional and trying out multiple options before you buy. I can put you in touch with someone if you need guidance. Foxes Music is a great locally owned shop. Music & Arts is also having an event, called Upgrade Your Sound. There will be exclusive one-day-only discounts and 36-month 0% interest financing available for qualified buyers at Music & Arts Chantilly on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## APS Winter Music Workshop

Apply to participate in a FUN, One-Day workshop for developing high school musicians who want to play new and interesting music together. This Honors-style event is geared towards students who are excited about music, but have not been accepted into Senior Regional/All-District Ensembles. [Applications](#) are due Wednesday, December 20. Event is Saturday, February 12.

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Next Week: Dec. 18 – Dec. 23	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
Monday, December 18		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	
Tuesday, December 19	YSO Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5 WE Rehearsal: 6 – 7:30		AIP Rehearsal: 6 – 8:30 p.m. YHSWG: 6 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20	YSO & Jazz Band Tour: 8 – 3:45		
Thursday, December 21	<i>Winter Break</i>		
Friday, December 22			
Saturday, December 23			

#### On the Horizon:

- December 20: APS Winter Music Workshop Application Deadline
- January 6: All-District Band Auditions @ McLean

#### Financial Statements

Not all costs that you can pay on SchoolCash Online apply to your student, your statement from MyMusicOffice is your official balance and should be your guide. I am pushing out statements today from MMO. Please pay balances via SchoolCash Online or check. Students need to have a zero balance on their financial statements with the band to be eligible for the spring trip.

#### 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

- [VCU Clarinet and Double Reed Day 2024](#)
- Check-in will begin at 9:30am, and the day should end around 4pm. Registration is \$30.00.
- Any interested student should [fill out this interest form](#).



#### 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:

Join our followers on Twitter and Instagram by following [@yorktownbands](#) today!

#### Useful Links:

[Instrument Rental Form](#)

[YMB Picture Day Photos](#)

[Emergency Care Contact Form](#)