

YORKTOWN BANDS

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Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 18 December 2023

This Week: Dec. 18 – Dec. 23	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
Monday, December 18		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m. <i>Clinician – please be on time!</i>	
	YHS Choir Concert @ 7 p.m. – support our colleagues!		
Tuesday, December 19			AIP: 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			

Director's Notes:

Congratulations to the students on a wonderful concert! I have received numerous positive comments about the performance from, students, parents, community members, staff, and Dr. Clark. The Yorktown Big Band also played in the YHS atrium for Friday Morning Music, which was extremely well received. I hope everyone has a restful break filled with people, activities, and food you love.

Class Happenings

The December concert reflection assignment will be available soon and will be due after we return from the break.

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 complete the permission slip and turn it in you have not already.

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.

Spring Trip

Commitment packages for the spring trip are due January 3. See informational emails through MyMusicOffice from Yorktown Band Boosters. Spring trip info can be found at <https://yorktownband.org/boston>

Wind Ensemble Evening Rehearsals

During the assessment cycle and into the spring, the Wind Ensemble has an evening rehearsal on Wednesday any week that the class meets fewer than three times during the school day due to the A/B Day calendar. These rehearsals are required. Typically, they are on Wednesdays due to the rehearsal schedules for indoor percussion and winter guard. I initially had a tentative one on the calendar for January 3. We *will not* rehearse on that evening. Our first Wind Ensemble evening rehearsal of the next cycle will be Wednesday, January 18. As always, please consult the Yorktown Bands google calendar on the website for the most up-to-date events. Instructions on how to add it to your own google calendar appear below.

United Sound Basketball Pep Band

On Thursday, January 11, our United Sound chapter including our new musicians will play in a pep band for the girls basketball game against W-L. This is required for United Sound members and open to any other band member interested in playing. See United Sound leaders (Ellie G., Julia L., Adam K.) for more information.

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“Next” Week: Jan. 1 – 6	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	YMB/AIP/YHSWG
Monday, January 1	<i>Winter Break</i>		
Tuesday, January 2			AIP: 6 – 8:30 p.m. YHSWG: 6 – 9 p.m.
Wednesday, January 3	<i>Spring Trip Commitment Packages Due</i>		
		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	
Thursday, January 4			AIP: 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, January 5		Rehearsal: 7 – 8:05 a.m.	YHSWG: 5 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, January 6	All-District Band Auditions @ McLean		YHSWG: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. AIP: 12 – 4 p.m.

On the Horizon:

- January 11: Basketball Pep Band with United Sound
- January 17: Wind Ensemble evening rehearsal

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](#) - January 13
 - 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:

[Spring Trip Information](#)

[Instrument Rental Form](#)

[YMB Picture Day Photos](#)

[Emergency Care Contact Form](#)