



# George Wythe High School Band

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## Virginia Tech Honor Band Friday, January 20 – Sunday, January 22

Congratulations for being selected to be a part of the Virginia Tech Honor Band. Below you will find details on the schedule and hotel we will be staying in as well as some other general info. Also attached is an Information Sheet from VA Tech.

You will need to bring money for meals for the weekend. There will be a free breakfast at the hotel Saturday and Sunday morning. We may do a group activity Saturday evening (Bowling, etc.) so you will need money for that as well.

Bring casual school appropriate clothing for rehearsals and your normal concert dress (Black/White) for the concert on Sunday. You will leave with your parents after the concert.

### Weekend Schedule

Friday, January 20		Saturday, January 21	
Roll Call at GWHS	Start of School	Rehearsals & Master Classes	9 AM-5 PM
Registration/Auditions at VT	8-11:30 AM	Sunday, January 22	
Announcement of Band Placement	12:30 PM	Dress Rehearsal	9 AM
Rehearsals	1-5 PM	Concert	1 PM
Band-A-Rama Concert @ Moss Arts Center	7:30 PM	Return with Parents After Concert	

### Hotel

Days Inn Blacksburg Conference Center, 3503 Holiday Ln, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Your \$50 registration and half of your hotel room cost is being covered, you will just need to bring in \$20 for the Band Boosters.

## Virginia Tech Honor Band Student Information Sheet

Congratulations!

You have been selected to participate in the 20th Annual VT Honor Band. We hope you'll be able to join us for three days of musically rewarding rehearsals and performances. Please let your director know as soon as possible that you plan to attend. The deadline for acceptance is December 9.

1. **Registration:** Your director or their representative should check in students at the registration table inside Squires Commonwealth Ballroom between 8:00 and 10:00 AM. There is one packet per school, so plan your arrival accordingly. Auditions will end promptly at 11:30 AM.

Be sure to bring your instrument and all supplies, including reeds, valve oil, mutes, sticks and mallets, and snare drums. We will provide large percussion equipment.

2. **Chair Placement Auditions:** Following registration, students will move to their warm-up rooms prior to auditions.
  - Winds – sight reading, major scales up to 3 sharps and 3 flats and/or chromatic scale
  - Percussion – (all three areas)
    - **Snare drum:** In addition to sight reading, be prepared to perform the following rudiments: 5-stroke roll, 9-stroke roll, long buzz roll, alternating flams, paradiddle, flam taps, flam accents
    - **Timpani:** sight reading
    - **Mallets:** sight reading

Audition results will be announced at 12:30 PM in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Once audition results are distributed, students will move to their rehearsal rooms. Rehearsals will begin at 1:00 PM.

3. **Rehearsals:** All rehearsals are held on VT's campus. Students must attend all rehearsals. We will not excuse anyone for extracurricular activities. School clothes are fine for rehearsals. Saturday and Sunday rehearsals begin at 9:00 AM.
4. **Parking:** Please read carefully. Parking will be in the upper section of the Chicken Hill lot— G.E.R.M.A.N. Club side, the blue lot on your enclosed map. Special event parking permits are required and will be passed out at the lot when you arrive. Vehicles should drop off students on the Alumni Mall side of Squires Student Center in the loading/unloading zone first. Then vehicles can go to the upper Chicken Hill lot, obtain their special event parking pass from the personnel posted there, park and take the shuttle back to Squires. Shuttles will be available from the Chicken Hill lot and Squires between the hours of 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Permits are only required on Friday. On-campus parking is open on Saturday and Sunday.
5. **Meals:** Fast food restaurants are available in our building and right across the street from Squires Student Center. Many other restaurants are located in the area.
6. **Concert Attire:** Dress for your concert on Sunday at 1:00 PM is your concert band uniform!
7. **Schedule and Lodging:** Please see the enclosed document for details regarding the schedule for the weekend and lodging details.
8. **Weather:** In case of inclement weather, you can call David McKee at 540-230-0951 or check our website at [www.performingarts.vt.edu/honorband](http://www.performingarts.vt.edu/honorband) for closure notices.