

May 24, 2023

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Mighty Maroon Marching Band! Now that the school year is quickly coming to a close, it is time to start preparing for our 2023 Mighty Maroon Marching Band field show! This evening we will discuss everything you need to know to get you ready for the upcoming marching band season!

We have a fantastic show in store for this season titled, "Paradise." The show will be a great deal of fun to perform and to watch! I am excited to have Hannah Dishner and Mikayla Grimsley instructing our color guard this year!

We hope to grow our ensemble and program with your participation. With hard-work and dedication, there's no reason this band can't continue to be one of the top groups in the region! Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- June 15 - July 27: Thursday Summer practices
- July 31- August 4: **MANDATORY BAND CAMP (at GWHS)**
- August 16: After school practice schedule begins
- Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov Friday nights: possible football games (see schedule below)
- Last Saturday in Sept. and Saturdays throughout October: Competition Dates
- Oct 14: George Wythe Band Festival (Parents, we need your help!!!!)

Obviously, we perform and function better when we have a high level of attendance. Students are expected to attend all performances. Summer practices need to be attended if students are not out of town or have a previous commitment. ALL absences must be approved by a director **PRIOR** to the date to be excused. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHING MEMBERS.** Three unexcused practices may result in dismissal from the ensemble. **ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM A PERFORMANCE MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE ENSEMBLE.**

We encourage you to sign up with the Band App. This will allow you to receive important reminders or schedule changes as soon as they happen. To sign up, scan the QR code on the sheet below Please see our website, www.maroonband.com, for more detailed schedule information. The show audio and sheet music will be available on our website (under Members – Password is gwmaroons). We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Dan Wilner
Director of Bands



Financial Responsibilities

The GWHS Mighty Maroon Marching Band is committed to providing the absolute best experience possible for each of its members. In addition to the amount of time and effort needed to participate, comes an added expense that is required to make this organization possible. ***We do not want this to be the deciding factor on whether your child participates.*** Our Band Booster Club will offer fundraising opportunities that can be used to help cover some of the costs below.

- **Band Fees - \$245.00**
 - This helps to cover the band shirt we will wear under the uniform, a show shirt for competitions, uniform cleaning, instructional staff, costs to run Band Camp, meals provided, our annual DCI trip, etc.

******A Deposit of \$50 is due by May 31 ******

- **Additional Show T-Shirt – approx. \$18**
 - Additional Show Shirts can be purchased for friends & family.

Payment Schedule (to be paid in full by band camp):

- **By May 31: \$50**
- **By June 30: \$50 (\$100 TOTAL)**
- **By July 31: \$50 (\$150 TOTAL)**
- **By August 31: \$50 (\$200 TOTAL)**
- **By September 30: \$45 (\$245 TOTAL)**

WINDS/PERCUSSIONIST

- **Marching Band Shoes - approx \$35**
- Returning members will only need to purchase shoes if they have outgrown or lost their current pair.
- **Marching Gloves (Winds Only) - \$6.00**
- **Marching Flip Folders/Lyres - \$6.00 to \$12.50 (Extra Sleeves \$.60)** This price varies depending on which instrument.

COLOR GUARD

- **Guard Shoes - from \$30 to \$55**

This price varies depending on the shoe brand used. These shoes are for Color Guard Members Only.



Common Questions About Marching Band

Q: When does band practice start?

A: A summer schedule is enclosed. The band will practice after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. All events and times are also on our band calendar.

Q: Are band events well chaperoned?

A: Nothing is more important than the safety and security of our students. Students will be well supervised. Parents are invited to chaperone on our band trips.

Q: What is Band Camp?

A: Band Camp, July 31 – August 4, is the week the students learn the competition show. Practice is from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and held at George Wythe High School. This week is mandatory for anyone participating in the Marching Band.

Q: How much does Marching Band cost?

A: The Band Camp fee is \$250. This helps cover the show costs, show T-shirt, uniform cleaning, instructional staff, DCI trip and all the other costs of running the marching band season. New members will be to purchase a pair of black marching shoes, gloves, and a maroon football t-shirt. All these items are purchased through the band.

Q: When are the band competitions?

A: The band will compete in Saturday competitions throughout October. The Band will compete in four competitions and host the George Wythe Band Festival on October 12.

Q: Will my child's grades be affected by marching band?

A: Over the years, I have found that band students maintain very high grades. The majority of the students involved in marching band are honor students. However, students will need to manage their time responsibly to keep their grades up.

Q: What if I still have questions?

A: Feel free to contact Mr. Wilner by email at daniel.wilner@wythek12.org, or send a message over the Band app.

Band Website – <http://www.maroonband.com>

Need to make a payment – Homepage -> Online Donations & Payments (Bottom of page)

Need to see the calendar – Homepage -> Calendar Link (Middle of Page)

Need to sign up to volunteer – Homepage -> Parents & Volunteer Link

Want to find out more information about the Band Booster Organization – Homepage -> Parents

Want to find out up to date information – BAND App

Want to download music – Homepage -> Members – Password is gwmaroons





2023 George Wythe Mighty Maroon Marching Band Summer Practice Schedule

******* Summer practice dates are subject to change!!!*******

<p>June Thursdays June 15, 22, 29</p>	<p>Rookie Marching: NOON to 1:15 Winds: 1:30 to 3:00 PM Guard & Percussion: 3:30 - 5 <i>Guard will also meet on Tuesdays of these weeks!</i></p>
<p>July Thursdays July 6, 13, 20, 27</p>	<p>All Marchers (ALL Winds, Guard, & Battery) NOON to 1:15 Everyone (Winds, Percussion, Guard) - 1:30 to 3:00 PM</p>
<p>Band Camp July 31st - August 4th *MANDATORY*</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM</p>
<p>Other Important Dates</p>	<p>Band Pool Party - August 4th Practice - Tuesday, August 8 - 5-6:30 PM Practice - Thursday, August 10 - 5-6:30 PM First After School Practice - August 17 George Wythe Band Festival - October 14</p>

Fall Schedule

After School Practice Schedule – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 3:30-5:30 PM

Date	Football Games	Date	Band Competitions
September 8	Graham		
September 15	Carroll Co.	September 30	Richlands HS
September 22	Rural Retreat	October 7	Bristol, TN
October 6	Giles	October 14	GW Band Festival
October 20	@ Ft Chiswell	October 21	VBODA/John Battle
October 27	@ Grayson Co	October 28	Pulaski HS
November 3	Auburn		



2023 Marching Band Agreement 2024

I have read and understand the commitment needed for the 2023-2024 Marching Band. I understand the following about participating in the Mighty Maroon Marching Band.

- Students are required to participate in **all** rehearsals and performances. All absences must be approved by the Band Director in advance.
- Band Camp is mandatory, July 31 - August 4 at George Wythe High School.
- Performances include all home, select away, and playoff football games, all band competitions, and parades.
- Agree to abide by the rules and regulations as stated in the George Wythe Band Handbook (available at the band website, a hard copy can be obtained on request).
- Being a member for the performing ensemble is at the discretion of the Director of Bands.
- The Marching Band Commitment is for the entire Marching Season.
- Students should be in good standing at George Wythe HS ~ Scott Memorial MS.
- Any date conflict should be written on the back of this Agreement Form.

I will participate in the 2023-2024 George Wythe High School Marching Band
Please **PRINT** and return the bottom part of this page as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____ 2023-2024 Grade Level: _____

Instrument: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Address: _____

City\Town	Zip
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Student Signature	Date	Phone
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I understand the rehearsal and performance commitment that is required of a student in the Marching Band.

Parent Signature	Date	Phone
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George Wythe High School Band

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MEDICAL INFO & RELEASE FORM

Student's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Known Allergies: _____

List Any Prescriptions Being Taken: _____

Cause for Prescription: _____ Family Physician/Phone #: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Name of Insured: _____

Insurance Policy Plan/Group Number: _____

PHOTO RELEASE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

From time to time, articles and photos are published in local newspapers, photos are included on the band website, and videotapes, brochures and pictorial displays are produced about the GWHS/SMMS Band activities, awards, and honors. If you are unwilling to allow your child's image in any of these publications please contact the Director of Bands.

MEDICAL & TRAVEL RELEASE FORM

I give my permission and consent for my child to be given the medical treatment, aid, or care they need by a medical doctor or hospital as required on an emergency basis, in the event that the said student become ill or be injured while participating in any Band event or excursion. I am aware that this is in the event of a non-life threatening injury if I cannot be reached. My child is permitted to attend all excursions approved by the Music Department during the current school year. My son/daughter has assured me that he/she will conduct himself/herself in such a manner that that reflects positively on the Band. Both my child and I understand that all GWHS/SMMS Band & WCPS policies and guidelines are in place during any band event regardless of its location or time. I hereby release Wythe County Public Schools & the GWHS/SMMS Band Staff from any Liability related to such travel with the band.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

