

# YHS BANDS 2023-24 KICKOFF NIGHT



MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

# Total Band Program at Yorktown High School

- Concert Bands
  - Concert Band (intermediate) and Wind Ensemble (advanced)
- Percussion Ensemble
- Marching Band
  - Class that meets outside the school day
- Jazz Ensemble
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- Winterguard
- Indoor Percussion

# Recent Achievements

- 2021-22
  - Virginia Honor Band
    - Superior ratings at Marching Band Assessment and Concert Assessment
    - 8th time in school history
  - VMEA Blue Ribbon School
    - Advanced Band, Choir, Orchestra all earned superior ratings at concert Assessment
    - 2nd time in school history
  - Big Band Superior ratings and finalist at Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival
  - Premiered 2 new works through YBB commissions
- 2022-23
  - Virginia Honor Band
    - Superior ratings at Marching Band Assessment and Concert Assessment
    - 9th time in school history
  - VMEA Blue Ribbon School
    - Advanced Band, Choir, Orchestra all earned superior ratings at concert Assessment
    - 3rd time in school history

# Recent Achievements

- 2022-23 continued
  - Yorktown Wind Ensemble selected and performed at Music For All National Festival
    - 2 composer collaborations; performed in a beautiful venue on national stage
  - Yorktown Winterguard earned Silver Medal at Atlantic Indoor Association (AIA) South Finals
  - Arlington Indoor Percussion earned Silver Medal at AIA South Finals
  - Yorktown Big Band earns superior ratings at Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival

**YORKTOWN IS THE PLACE TO BE FOR ARTS!**

# Sample Student Schedules

## 9th Grade

- Math
- Science
- English / Language Arts
- History
- Health & PE
- Foreign Language
- Band
  - +Marching Band and/or Jazz Band

\*Health & PE may be able to be completed in the summer online

## 10th Grade

- Math
- Science
- English / Language Arts
- History
  - Can skip if Geography was taken in 8th grade
- Health & PE
- Foreign Language
- Band
  - +Marching Band and/or Jazz Band

\*Economics/Personal Finance can be taken in the summer online or in 11th or 12th grade.

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# Sample Student Schedules

## 11th Grade

- Math
- Science
- English / Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Band
  - +Marching Band and/or Jazz Band
- Economics/Personal Finance or AP Econ or Elective
- Elective

\*Economics/Personal Finance can be taken in the summer online to free up another elective spot

## 12th Grade

- Math
- Science
- English / Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Band
  - +Marching Band and/or Jazz Band
- Elective
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\*Economics/Personal Finance can be taken in the summer online or in 11th or 12th grade.

# Co-Curricular Classes/Activities

## Marching Band - .5 Credit Class

- Placement audition required
- Requirement for all members of the advanced band - APS policy
- Students must be in a curricular band class in order to participate
  - Exceptions:
    - Guard
    - Front Ensemble members who are in another full-credit music class (e.g. orchestra)
    - Arlington Tech students zoned for Yorktown HS

## Jazz Band - .5 Credit Class

- Selected by competitive audition
- Students must be in a curricular band class in order to participate
  - Exceptions:
    - Guitar, Bass, and Piano players

# Yorktown Marching Band

- Award-winning ensemble
- All rising 9th graders *should* march!
- Starts in August with pre-camp & camp
- [Band camp at Mercersburg](#)
- Once School Starts:
  - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
    - 2 2.5 hour rehearsals; 1 1.5 hour rehearsal = 6.5 hours, < most sports
  - Fridays (mostly)
    - 5 home football games and 1 away game
  - Saturdays
    - 1 mini camp, 3 competitions, State Assessment
- Guard recruiting begins this week!
- Student Speakers



# Fees

- Cost should **never** prohibit student participation. Financial Assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Contact Mr. Witkowski for more information.
- Marching Band Camp
  - \$525 standard / \$250 for reduced lunch / \$125 for free lunch
  - Deposit due June 15; Balance due July 15
- Marching Band Season
  - TBD - was \$250 last year
  - Depends on enrollment
- Marching Band Percussion and Guard Equipment Fee
  - \$50 (anticipated)
- Instrument Rental
  - \$25 for summer/marching band
  - \$100 standard

# Get Involved!

## **It takes a village to support a comprehensive band program!**

- Join the Yorktown Band Boosters
  - Go to meetings
  - Volunteer
  - Share your skills!
- Attend our upcoming concerts:
  - Concert Band & Wind Ensemble - Thursday, May 18 @ 7 p.m.
  - Jazz on the Lawn - Tuesday, May 23

# Bookmark our Website

[www.yorktownband.org](http://www.yorktownband.org)

- Calendar
- Updates
- Audition Info
- Resources