

# YORKTOWN BANDS

Established 1960



Department of Music

YHS Bands Update: 21 August 2023

This Week: Aug. 21 – 25	Marching Band	Jazz Band
Monday, August 21	Student Leadership Meeting: 5 p.m., Green Rm.; All Report: 5:45; Rehearsal: 6 – 9 p.m., Field 2	
Tuesday, August 22	Report: 5:45; Rehearsal: 6 – 9 p.m., Stadium turf field	Opportunity: <a href="#">JMU Jazz Combo Workshop</a> Sept. 9 - FREE
Wednesday, August 23	“Leadership and Friends” Pep Band: Report: 5:45 p.m. for Orientation Performance, wear a show shirt Others: Report 6:30 Rehearsal: 6:45 – 9 p.m., Field 2	Information about All-Virginia Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (Registration Sept. 1 – 30; Audition Oct. 1 – 8)
Thursday, August 24	Report: 5:45; Rehearsal: 6 – 9 p.m., Stadium turf field	Information about auditions for Yorktown Jazz can be found <a href="#">here</a> . (Scales due Oct. 13; Audition Oct. 16)
Friday, August 25	YMB Pictures: 3:45 – 5:30 Individual Portraits on stage: Seniors: 3:45 – 4:10 Juniors: 4:10 – 4:35 Sophomores: 4:35 – 4:55 Freshmen: 4:55 – 5:15 Group Photo in courtyard: 5:15  5:30: Pre-game music rehearsal in courtyard 7 p.m. Kick-off: Home FB vs. Woodson	

## Director’s Notes:

I have included the entire band program on this update as it includes information for students wishing to pursue Jazz opportunities. See above. The marching band continues to progress and is doing quite well. I hope everyone will join us at our first home football game on Friday as we cheer on our Football Patriots against Woodson. Beat the Cavaliers!

## YMB Picture Day

This Friday is picture day for the YMB along with our first home football game. Please see the schedule for pictures in the grid above. Students will wear their uniforms for pictures (no shakos; yes gloves) for their individual portraits. If you cannot make the time assigned to your class, please come at another time between 3:30 and 5:15; the earlier the better.

## ACT/SAT Planning for Seniors

I do what I can each year to consider ACT/SAT testing when constructing the fall calendar. Seniors who plan to take these tests should:

- Take the ACT on September 9 (Mini-Camp), *not* October 21 (VMBC Freedom Competition). ACT Standby registration deadline is Sept. 1.
- Take the SAT on November 4 (no band events), *not* October 7 (JMU Parade of Champions)

We may be performing earlier in the day than we are used to this year, so please do not plan to take these tests on competition days. Absence requests due to testing will not be approved for competition dates.

Next Week: Aug. 28 – Sept. 1	Concert Bands	Jazz Band	Marching Band
Monday, August 28	First day of school!		10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> graders play at main entrance for first day of school. 7:30 a.m. report. Breakfast provided.
Tuesday, August 29			Student Leadership Meeting: 3:15 p.m., Green Rm. Rehearsal: Winds 4:30 - 7; Guard & Percussion 6 – 8:30; Field 2
Wednesday, August 30			Rehearsal: 6:30 - 9; Stadium Turf Field
Thursday, August 31			Rehearsal: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.; Field 2 5:00: Dinner Provided by YBB 5:30: Pre-game music rehearsal in courtyard Home Football vs. Jackson Reed: 7 p.m.
Friday, September 1	<i>No School for Students – Labor Day weekend</i>		



#### On the Horizon:

- September 8: Away Football @ Wakefield
- September 9: Mini Camp & 9/11 Memorial 5K performance
- September 22: Home Football vs. West Springfield – *Rising Patriot Night*
- September 23: YMB Competition #1 – Colgan Classic
- September 30: BAND DAY – *all band students participate*

#### 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:

YMB Remind: [@ymb23](#)

YMB Calendar: <https://bit.ly/ymb-cal-23>

YMB Student Resource Folder: <https://bit.ly/ymb23-resources>