

# 2017 BAND INFORMATION TO BE RETURNED ASAP

This is your **first graded assignment**. This form (last page only) needs to be completed and signed. The information requested will be used to contact your parents and you when necessary. Please hand in the last page only. This is due no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your band fee with this form or pay online prior to submitting the form.

## UPDATES TO THE GMHS BAND HANDBOOK

**GMHS Band Fee:** The band fee this year is **\$120.00**. This fee covers band t-shirts, clinicians, tuxedos and gowns, band parties, instruments, and numerous other events and equipment. Please see the band handbook for a full description. If families are experiencing a financial burden, please see Ms West confidentially and we will work to get a scholarship.

### Payment Options:

**1) Bring checks for \$120 made out to the: Falls Church City Band Boosters with your students name in the memo line to the GMHS Band Office.** Please attach to the INFORMATION TO BE RETURNED FORM distributed on the first days of school. Copies can be found on Schoology. The check can also be put in Ms West's mailbox or the FCCPS Band Booster mailbox in the GMHS Front Office.

**2) Mail the check and INFORMATION TO BE RETURNED FORM to:**

FCCPS Band Boosters  
c/o GMHS BANDS  
7124 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22043

**3) New this year is an online option.** In addition to the \$120 Band Activity Fee, your credit card will be charged a \$3.89 processing fee. The total cost would be \$123.89. The website address is <https://squareup.com/store/fccps-band-boosters>.

### **Parent Volunteer Information: We need you!** 😊

I would like to support the band by helping the band boosters. If interested and we hope so, please fill in the following and check your interests:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Winter and Spring Concert – Tuxedo and Gowns Dec 6 and May 23

Arrive at 6:15 pm and help students with tuxes and gowns and after the concert (30 minutes prior and 30 minutes after the concert)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chaperoning the Spring Trip

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraisers (Online)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gowns and Tuxedo Help (fit students, manage gown/tuxes)

## **Tuxedos and Gowns**

All tuxedos and gowns are property of George Mason High School and should be treated with care. Musicians are required to follow the guidelines below to maintain their appearance and quality.

### **Care and Maintenance**

- All individual tailoring costs will be the students' responsibility. All dresses and tuxedos will be hemmed to the same length determined at the beginning of each school year. Sizes will be fit to each individual and allow for growth throughout the year.
- Damage - All damage costs to the gown or tuxedo will be the student's responsibility. Rips and tears, broken zippers and the like will need to be fixed at student expense.
- Keep your tuxedo or gown safe - Each musician is solely responsible for making sure their gown and tuxedo is safely stored in the storage rooms with their name clearly written on the cover.
- Report any loss or damage immediately to the band director - Lost or damaged tuxedos and gowns must be replaced at cost. Cost may include replacing the item. Musicians will be notified in writing of the amount he or she owes.

### **Men's Uniforms**

School furnished: This year the school will provide a full tuxedo for each of the men in band. This can be accomplished by using student fees and with the help of the band boosters. A red cummerbund and bowtie is also furnished.

Student furnished:

Wing tip pleated tuxedo shirt, black socks, and black dress shoes.

(The cost is \$25 made out to Falls Church City Band Boosters for the tux shirt. We order these tux shirts directly and they are delivered to the school. THIS IS A ONE TIME EXPENSE. Student sizes and associated checks **will be collected in November**. The shirt will last throughout high school.)

### **Women's Uniforms**

School furnished: Black suede and satin dress

Student furnished: Stockings and black shoes.

Please see page 12 of the Band Handbook for more information.

### **Schedule:**

The next page lists all band performance opportunities both required and optional. If band students miss a required performance their grade is affected. Please write these dates on your calendar and if there is a conflict, notify me by phone at least five days prior. Please refer to page 6 and 9 in the handbook for more details.

**Grading** is outlined on page 6 of the band handbook!

**School Instruments** must be signed out with the band director. Students will be responsible for any damage related expenses.

**INFORMATION SHEET TO BE RETURNED (Please return this page only)**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print email CAREFULLY as I use this frequently for communication!**

**Email Address** of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ (printed clearly)

**Email Address** of Student \_\_\_\_\_ (printed clearly)

OPTIONAL: INSTRUMENT SERIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and understand the Band Handbook, discussed the grading and attendance policy, and understand what is expected of us. Please hand this in by Friday, September 15th with your \$120 participation fee made out to Falls Church City Band Boosters.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**XX** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**XX** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

## George Mason High School Band Dates 2017 – 2018 Music Department Trip, TBD

<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>Pep Band 7 pm Sidwell Friends School (WE/CB only)</b>
Thursday, September 14	Petting Zoo for TJ Instrumental – sign up
<b>Friday, September 22</b>	<b>Pep Band 7 pm Manassas Park HS – WE/CB/SB (Homecoming)</b>
<b>Friday, September 29</b>	<b>Pep Band 7 pm Brentsville HS - WE/CB/SB</b>
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	<b>Pep Band 7 pm Strasburg HS – WE/CB/SB</b>
Thurs & Fri, October 19 and 20	JV Show (Jazz, Percussion)
<b>Friday, November 3</b>	<b>Pep Band 7 pm Madison County HS (Senior Night?)</b>
November 16 - 18	GMHS Musical, Spamalot 7:30 pm sign up
<b>Wednesday, Dec 6</b>	<b>Winter Band Concert REQUIRED 7 pm ALL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB After school rehearsals are on Nov 29 and Dec 5</li> <li>● WE rehearsals on Nov 30, Dec 4</li> <li>● TIME: 3:15 – 5:30 pm in the auditorium</li> </ul>
Saturday, December 9	District Band Auditions @ West Potomac HS sign up
Wednesday, January 17	Auditions for District Jazz Ensemble @ Hammond MS
TBA	District Jazz Event @ Episcopal HS sign up
Thurs–Fri–Sat, Feb 1, 2, 3	District Band at Hayfield HS sign up
Saturday, February 24	State Band Auditions at JMU

### WIND ENSEMBLE REQUIRED DISTRICT ASSESSMENT REHEARSALS

Thursday, Jan 4 3:15 – 5:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Jan 10 12:45 – 2:30 pm  
 Thursday, Jan 18 3:15 – 5:00 pm  
 Tuesday, January 23 3:15 – 5:00 pm  
 Wednesday, February 7 3:15 - 5:30 pm  
 Monday, February 12 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**PREFESTIVAL ASSESSMENT CLINIC – OPEN TO PARENTS February 15 7 – 9 pm**

Wednesday, February 21 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday, February 27 3:15 - 5:30 pm

**FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, MARCH 2 or 3 DISTRICT ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE at Falls Church HS**

April 5 – 7	State Band in Richmond sign up
Saturday, April 21	Solo and Ensemble at Holmes Middle School sign up
<b>Wednesday, May 23</b>	<b>Spring Band Concert (ALL)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB after school rehearsals- May 15, May 21</li> <li>● WE rehearsals on May 16 and May 22</li> <li>● TIME: 3:15 – 5:30 pm in the auditorium</li> </ul>
Thursday, Friday, June 7 and 8	JV Show (Jazz, Percussion)
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b>	<b>HS Graduation at Constitution Hall (WE, CB)</b>

**ALL = WE, SB, CB, PERCUSSION WE = Wind Block 2 SB = Symphonic Band Block 3  
 Percussion = Percussion Block 7**