



# George Wythe High School Band

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Dear Band Parents and Students,

As the school year is quickly coming to a close, it is time to start preparing for our 2015 Mighty Maroon Marching Band field show! We had a great competitive season last fall and have seen tremendous growth in the band's musicality during our concert season. I am very excited to see where this continued development will take us! Our first meeting will take place on **Friday, May 8** after school in the GWHS Band Room, followed by our 1<sup>st</sup> annual **Marching Band Picnic!** The picnic will be held in the stadium, weather permitting, at 6PM. Students and family of current and graduating marching band members are all invited!

We have a fantastic show in store for this season. It's titled, "Conspiracy Theory," by Gary P. Gilroy, and I think it will be great deal of fun to perform and to watch! I am excited to once again collaborate with my former drill writer and visual designer, David Semones, who will help put together a top-notch drill package.

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

- May 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal (4-6) & Marching Band Picnic (6PM)
- July 20-23: Pre-Camp (See schedule for details)
- July 27-31: **MANDATORY** Band Camp
- Aug 28: 1<sup>st</sup> Football Game
- Saturdays from end of September through October: Possible Competition Dates
- Oct 10: George Wythe Band Festival

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.**

Please see our website, [www.georgewytheband.com](http://www.georgewytheband.com), for more detailed schedule information. The show audio and sheet music are also available on our website (username: gwband, password: maroons). Also, please see the attached page regarding the GWHS Band Remind sign-up info. We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Dan Wilner  
Director

Scott Lewis  
Assistant Director