



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 2016 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 13** after school in the GWHS Band Room, followed by our 2nd 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! Right at the beginning of the picnic we will be giving out important information, so we strongly urge all parents to attend.

We have a fantastic show in store for this season. The show music is by Gary P. Gilroy, and I think it will be great deal of fun to perform and to watch! I am also excited to collaborate with a new drill writer and visual designer, Robert Strunks, 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 13: 1st Rehearsal (4-6) & Marching Band Picnic (6PM)
- June 4: Car Wash (Members can raise funds for their Band Camp Fees)
- July 18-21: Pre-Camp (See schedule for details)
- July 25-29: **MANDATORY** Band Camp
- Aug 26: 1st Football Game
- Saturdays from end of September through October: Possible Competition Dates
- Oct 8: 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, 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



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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 or not your child participates. Our Band Booster Club will offer fundraising opportunities, such as the Car Wash on June 4, that can be used to help cover some of the costs below.

Marching Band:

- **Band Camp Fee - \$120.00**

This helps to cover the show T-shirt, uniform cleaning, instructional staff and costs to run Band Camp. This fee is only for members of the Marching Band. (A fundraiser will be used in the spring to help students with cost.)

****A Deposit of \$50 is due by May 18 ****

- **Friday Band T-Shirt – approx. \$18**

All members will to have a Friday t-shirt (same shirt as 2015 and Carowinds). You do not need to order an additional shirt if they already have one.

- **DCI Ticket- approx. \$20-30**

This ticket is for the DCI show in Winston-Salem on July 31. The band will be attending this show the Sunday after Band Camp.

WINDS\PERCUSSIONIST

- **Marching Band Shoes - \$35**

Returning Members will only need to purchase shoes if they have outgrown or lost current pair.

- **Marching Gloves (Winds Only) - \$6.00**

- **Marching Flip Folders - \$6.00 to \$12.50 (Extra Sleeves \$.60)**

This price varies depending on which instrument.

COLOR GUARD

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

(2013 Price) This price varies depending on shoe used. These shoes are for Color Guard Members Only.



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Common Questions About Marching Band

Q: When does the band practice start?

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

Q: Are band events well chaperoned?

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

Q: What is Band Camp?

A: Band Camp, July 25-29, is the week that the students learn the competition show. Practice is from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and held at George Wythe High School. This week is mandatory for anyone participating in Marching Band.

Q: How much does Marching Band cost?

A: The Band Camp fee is \$120. This helps cover the show T-shirt, uniform cleaning, instructional staff, and all the other costs of running Band Camp. 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 from September 24 through October 29. The Band will compete in four competitions and host the George Wythe Band Festival on October 8.

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.

Q: What if I still have questions?

A: Feel free to contact Mr. Wilner at Scott Memorial Middle School at (276) 228-2851, George Wythe High School at (276) 228-3157, by email at daniel.wilner@wythek12.org, or visit our website at: <http://www.georgewytheband.com>.



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2016 Marching Band Agreement 2017

I have read and understand the commitment needed for the 2016-2017 Marching Band. I understand the following about participating in the Mighty Maroon Marching Band.

1. Students are required to participate in **all** rehearsals and performances. All absences must be approved by the Band Director in advance.
2. Band Camp is mandatory, July 25-29, 7:30-6:30 PM at George Wythe High School.
3. Performances include all home, select away, and playoff football games, all band competitions, and parades.
4. 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).
5. Being a member for the performing ensemble is at the discretion of the Director of Bands.
6. The Marching Band Commitment is for the entire Marching Season.
7. Students should be in good standing at George Wythe HS ~ Scott Memorial MS.
8. **Any date conflict should be written on the back of this Agreement Form**

I will participate in the 2016 George Wythe High School Marching Band
Please PRINT and return the bottom part of this page as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____ 2016-2017 Grade: _____

Instrument: _____

Student Email: _____@_____ Parent Email: _____@_____

Address: _____

City\Town _____ Zip _____

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
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