



GCM
Band Parent
Organization

August 23, 2016



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GCM Band Program

- Wind Symphony and Concert Band
- Marching Band
- Color Guard and Winter Guard
- Jazz Band
- Flute Choir
- Indoor Drumline

Band Program Director: Paul Vesilind



Band Calendar - Marching

August – November

- Band Camp
- Home Football Games (5)
- Competitions (3)
 - 9/24 US Bands, Herndon High School
 - 10/1 Marine Corps Invitation, the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
 - 10/15 Bands of America Competition – Newark, DE
- State Assessment – 10/22 – Location TBD
- Pep Band at away games (Student-led; as requested)
- Tag Day (Saturday, Sept 10)
- Vienna Halloween Parade (Wednesday, Oct 26)
- Marching Band Banquet (Thursday, Nov 3)



Band Calendar - Concert

November – June

- Concert and Wind Symphony Bands (Performances in December, March, and May)
- Ensembles (Jazz Band, Flute Choir, Winter Guard, Indoor Drumline)
- Spring Trip
- Assessment
- Viva Vienna (Jazz Band)
- Falls Church Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band)
- Spring Band Banquet



The BPO (Band Parents Organization)

- Nonprofit corporation that supports all the Band programs at Marshall
- Help with uniforms, equipment, transportation, and props for performances and competitions
- Host Band Camp lunches; Fall and Spring band banquets
- Raise funds to help the Band:
 - Purchase music and uniforms
 - Replace aging instruments
 - Provide master classes and sectional instruction
 - Attend competitions



Primary Fundraising

- Stadium Concession Stand (All fall sports events)
- Tag Day (Saturday, September 10)
- Spring Fundraiser (date: TBD)
- Local Business/Corporate and Alumni Outreach



BPO Board

- President: Cece Hallisey (10th and 12th grade parent) - gcmbpopresident@gmail.com
- Vice President: Rose-Ellen Eastman (9th and 11th grade parent) - theeastmanfamily@cox.net
- Treasurer: Jim Piche (10th and 12th grade parent) - gcmbpotreasurer@gmail.com
- Secretary: Liz Curry (10th grade parent) - lcurry17@hotmail.com
- Director of Bands: Paul Vesilind - pjvesilind@fcps.edu



BPO Meetings

- Second Tuesday of Each Month, 7-8pm
- Schedule included on the Band Calendar
- Open to all parents



Major Committees

- Tag Day
- Concession Stand
- Hospitality (Band camp lunches, Fall and Spring Banquets, etc.)
- Communications (Publicity, Social Media)
- Transportation
- Pit Crew
- Props
- Uniforms
- Spirit Wear
- Parent Engagement/Volunteer Coordination
- Fundraising



Tag Day



- Saturday, September 10 from 8-4:30
- Schedule:
 - Meet and breakfast at GCM - 8:30-9:15
 - AM Tagging – 9:30-12:30
 - Break for lunch – 12:30-1:15
 - PM Tagging – 1:15-4:30
 - Ice Cream Social at GCM - 4:45–5:30
- Coordinators: Samantha Rayburn, Kristin Fitzgerald, Irene Liu
- Volunteer Needs:
 - Hospitality (ordering and serving food)
 - AM and PM Parent drivers



Concessions



- Home Games:
 - Varsity Football
 - Freshman/JV Football
 - Varsity/JV Field Hockey
- Coordinators: Rose-Ellen Eastman, TBD
- Volunteer Needs: First and Second Shift during games



Hospitality



- Coordination of Fall and Spring Band Banquets, Band Camp lunches (done), other events
- Volunteer Needs: Co-coordinator

If you would consider co-coordinating this committee, please contact a Board Member.



Communications

- Sharing information about Band with school and community (Kelly Sund)
- Social media (Facebook, etc.)
- Volunteer needs: Social Media Coordinator

If you would consider Coordinating social media, please see a Board Member.



Transportation



- Coordinating transportation of marchers and equipment to competitions
- Coordinators: Laura Osterhout; Joe Hufnagel
- Volunteer needs: For all competitions, driving trucks and moving equipment

If you can drive a truck or would like to move equipment, please contact a Board member.



Pit Crew



- Moving all Pit Equipment onto and off of field during games and competitions
- Coordinator: Andrew Eastman
- Volunteer Needs:
 - Co-coordinator
 - Volunteers at all games and competitions (competition volunteers get free admission to events)

If you would consider Co-coordinating this committee, please see a Board Member.



Props

- Building show props
- Coordinator: Chess Barberis
- Volunteer Needs:
 - Carpenters, electricians, engineers, creative minds!

*If you have carpentry, electrical, engineering experience to share,
please contact a Board member.*



Uniforms



- Pre-season fitting
- Assignment of new uniforms
- Distributing and collecting uniforms before and after games and competitions
- Coordinator: Betsy Prescott and Liz Curry
- Volunteer Needs: Before and after all games and competitions

Also are you particularly good at hemming/minor alterations? Contact a Board member.



SpiritWear

- Coordinating selection, sales, and distribution of Band Spirit Wear
- Coordinator: Laurie Beymer
- The shopping cart is open gcmband16.itemorder.com
- Orders due September 2nd for delivery by the first game
- Watch for emails and Facebook posts



Parent Engagement

- Work with Board to ensure that we have reached all parents and that volunteer needs are met. Includes reaching out to 8th grade parents in spring.
- Volunteer Needs: Coordinator

If you would consider Coordinating this committee, please see a Board Member.



Fundraising

- Revenue:
 - Tag Day
 - Concessions
 - Spring raffle
 - Local Business/Corporate and Alumni Outreach
- Volunteer Needs: Co-coordinator

If you would consider Coordinating parts of this committee, please see a Board Member.



Your Role

- Keep an eye on the calendar and look out for the



- **VOLUNTEER! Please support our kids by sharing your time and talent. There are lots of opportunities!**
- Special talents: Sewing? Construction? Electricians? Truck drivers? We need you!



Your Resources

- The Calendar: visit www.marshallband.org - has all practices, BPO meetings, games, competitions
- Volunteer Opportunities: SignUpGenius
- Social Media:
 - FaceBook: www.facebook.com/GCMBPO
 - Instagram: gcm_band
- Fees and Payment Confirmation: CHARMS



CHARMS

Please use it to:

- Keep your contact info (and your child's) up to date
- Make fee payments to FCPS

We use it to:

- Communicate with parents and students
- Track Instruments
- Track uniforms
- Track payments

www.charmsoffice.com



What's Next

- Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 - Parent Social at the Eastman's house.
- Friday, September 9 – First Football Game.
 - See SignUpGenius for the football season volunteer activities. We'll send the link this week.
- Saturday, September 10 – Tag Day. Remember it's an all day event – 8:30-5:30 (ish). Drivers Needed! Look out for Sign Up Genius.



Questions