

# TJ Band Essentials

TJ Band Boosters

Fall 2018

Welcome to TJ Bands! Visit [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org) for more information.

## What's this *Odd Lob* I keep hearing about?

That would be the *Aud Lob*, short for *Auditorium Lobby*, the large open space between the TJ Auditorium and the Main Gym. Welcome to TJ-speak!

## What groups do the TJ Band Boosters support?

5 curricular groups that meet as scheduled classes during the school day:

- Symphonic Band (SB)
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE)
- Jazz Band
- Symphonic Percussion Ensemble (also performs with SB)
- Percussion Ensemble (also performs with SWE)

4 optional groups:

- Jazz II (8<sup>th</sup> period club, Jazz I not req'd)
- TJ Marching Colonials (TJMC)
- Winter/Indoor Drum Line
- Winter/Indoor Color Guard

## Who are the TJ Band Boosters?

We are the group of parent/guardian volunteers who support all aspects of the TJ Band Program. Do you have a student in one of the 9 TJ Band/Guard ensembles? Then **you** are a member of the TJ Band Boosters. No membership forms or dues. It's that easy!

In addition to fundraising, our leadership team organizes parent/guardian volunteers for many activities throughout the year. Support our students by being involved in our wonderful music program.

## Save the dates!

Monday, September 24, 2018

SRO (Senior Regional Orchestra) auditions at TJ  
Many students and parents are needed to help out.

Spring 2019 – Maybe 3/23

Showcase – hosted by TJ  
All hands on deck! We need all available parents and students to help. This is a HUGE event!

**Tip:** On concert nights, park in the rear of the building and enter through Door 12, the covered entrance from the bus lot.

## Fundraising... It's not a dirty word

Our fundraising activities are essential to supporting all aspects of the program. The TJ Band Boosters need to raise **over \$22,000** for the band program this coming year to cover essential expenses.

Year-round fundraisers:

- Scrip – Shop at your usual stores while earning rebates for the band program.
- Amazon Smile – Click on [this link](#) to earn rebates on your purchases.
- Spirit wear – Show your TJ Bands pride!
- License plate brackets – These are very popular, and customizable too.
- Cookbook sale – *Cooking with Colonials* is still available. Be sure to get your copy before they're gone!

Seasonal fundraisers:

- Virtual *Tag Day* – New for 2018-2019!
- Citrus sales – late fall through winter, weather dependent
- Showcase – late winter or early spring
- Targeted fundraiser for specialty equipment – spring

**You are vital to the success of the TJ Band Program!**

**There are many ways to get involved:**

**Support a fundraiser  
Chaperone a trip  
Drive a carpool  
Volunteer at an event  
Attend a concert  
Become a coordinator  
Go to a Boosters Meeting**

Did you know that most local high schools raise over \$20,000 in just a few hours during their annual *Tag Day*?

## What are Booster funds used for?

Booster funds pay for sectional coaches, leadership camps, equipment, uniforms, student scholarships, and other items that FCPS does not allow to be funded with student fees. Additionally, we sponsor fundraisers targeted for specialty instruments for use throughout the program. Last year the TJ Band Program was the grateful recipient of grants from the TJ Partnership Fund to replace several old instruments. Thank you, TJPF!

## How do parents know what's going on in the band program?

- Our website – [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org)
- Quarterly newsletters – New for this school year!
- Emails from Mr. Foreman and the Band Boosters
- *This Week @ TJ* – Look for blurbs in the weekly school newsletter.
- Your student – Really. Information is given to students during their rehearsals or posted on *The Drive*. Student-led Band Council communicates through the closed (students only) Facebook page.
- Calendars specific to each ensemble.

## **2018-2019 Band Boosters Board**

Co-Presidents:

Carol Small [president@tjbands.org](mailto:president@tjbands.org)

Dana Cibulski [danacibulski@cox.net](mailto:danacibulski@cox.net)

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Disbursements Treasurer:

Heidi Gardner [disb\\_treasurer@tjbands.org](mailto:disb_treasurer@tjbands.org)

### **Curious about volunteering?**

*Many band activities need parent support.  
Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!*

- Contact any of the parents listed here.
- Check out the SignUp Genius forms.  
[Fall Semester](#)  
[Spring Semester](#)
- Check your inbox for additional opportunities as they arise.

### **Help Wanted**

Seeking parents to take lead roles for the following amazing band activities:

- SRO (Senior Regional Orchestra) Auditions - Use existing information to oversee the Band Boosters' responsibilities for this single evening event.
- Winter Showcase - This is an important one-day event for our program. Contact [president@tjbands.org](mailto:president@tjbands.org) for more info.
- Spring Band-banquet - This one is very easy! Use existing documents to place banquet order with caterer; coordinate evening's program with Band Council; and coordinate parent volunteers for set-up, serving, and clean-up.

**Our parent volunteers are essential to the success of ALL our student ensembles!**

### **2018-2019 Activity Coordinators**

TJMC Coordinator: Cheri Emmert  
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TJMC Away Camp: Cheri Emmert  
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Webmaster: Yong Zhou [yongzhou@yahoo.com](mailto:yongzhou@yahoo.com)

Virtual Tag Day: Lisa Barker  
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Spring Fundraiser: VPs Ways and Means  
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SRO (Senior Regional Orchestra) Auditions:  
OPEN

Bandquet (Spring Band Banquet): OPEN

Winter Showcase Coordinator: OPEN

Winter Showcase Concessions: OPEN

Winter Showcase Judges' Hospitality: OPEN

# Mark your calendars for these events!

## 2018-2019 Concert and Performance Dates

- Fall Concert: Wednesday, October 24 – 7:00pm
- Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 18 – 7:00pm
- Pre-Assessment Concert: Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00pm
- Symphonic Band Assessment: Friday, March 15
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble Assessment: Saturday, March 16
- DC Big Band Jam (Jazz Band): Mid- to late April
- Chantilly Jazz Fest: Saturday, May 18
- Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 22 – 7:00pm
- Jazz Cabaret: Tuesday, June 4 – 7:00pm
- Graduation (SWE) at GMU: Saturday, June 8 – 7:00pm

Bookmark

[www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org)!

Check out our  
searchable calendar.

All hands on  
deck, students  
and parents,  
for Winter  
Showcase!

## Honor Ensembles

Ensemble	Audition Date	Event Date(s)
Senior Regional Orchestra (SRO)	Monday, September 24 at TJ	Thursday, November 8 – Saturday, November 10 at Fairfax HS
All-District Band	Saturday, January 12 at Robinson Secondary School	Thursday, January 31 – Saturday, February 2 at Woodson HS
All-Virginia Band and Orchestra	Saturday, February 23 (8:00am) at JMU	Thursday, April 4 – Saturday, April 6 at Richmond VA

## Other activities and events

- Winter Showcase: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at Mount Vernon HS
- TJ Music Department Spring Trip to Orlando: Wednesday, April 24 – Sunday, April 28
- Solo and Ensemble Festival: Saturday, May 4 at Lanier MS
- Spring Band-quet: Thursday, June 6 – 6:00pm

*Please note that TJMC, Indoor/ Winter Guard and Indoor/ Winter Drum Line send out calendars directly to their members.*

## A little bit more about our ensembles...

- Symphonic Band (SB) – Meets as a scheduled class during the school day, mostly underclassmen
- Symphonic Percussion Ensemble – Meets as a scheduled class during the school day, mostly underclassmen, also performs with Symphonic Band
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) – Placement by audition, meets as a scheduled class during the school day
- Percussion Ensemble – Placement by audition, meets as a scheduled class during the school day, also performs with Symphonic Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Band – Placement by audition, meets as a scheduled class during the school day, performs at school functions throughout the year including band concerts and Jazz Cabaret
- Jazz II – Meets during one of the weekly 8<sup>th</sup> period blocks, open to any TJ student who would like to explore this genre of music, performs at Jazz Cabaret in June, Jazz Band NOT a prerequisite
- TJ Marching Colonials (TJMC) – Marching band group (winds, percussion, color guard), rehearses during the summer and after school throughout the first quarter, performs during halftime at home football games, participates in marching band competitions on certain weekends during the season
- Winter/Indoor Drum Line – Percussion group that incorporates artistic choreography in its performances, includes marching battery and stationary pit, rehearses late fall through early spring, participates in drum line competitions on certain weekends during the season
- Winter/Indoor Color Guard – Color guard group that showcases flag and weapons talent in its choreography, rehearses late fall through early spring, participates in color guard competitions on certain weekends during the season

*Marching band and indoor drum line percussion decoded...*

*Pit – Stationary percussion instruments (e.g., marimba and keyboard), AKA Front Ensemble*

*Battery – Marching percussion instruments (e.g., snare and bass drum)*

### **Does your employer match philanthropic contributions to 501c3 organizations? File to match your contributions to TJ Band Boosters!**

*The TJ Band Boosters, as well as the TJ Partnership Fund, have been added to Benevity, a tool that disburses charitable funds for hundreds of companies. With just a few minutes of effort, your contribution may be doubled, or even tripled, per your employer's support commitment. If you work for an organization that has a philanthropic program in place, and you need help adding the TJ Band Boosters to that tool to secure matching contributions, please contact parent volunteer Amy Reich. Amy will help you add our organization so that you can secure matching contributions. Did you know that many organizations that have philanthropic programs in place will also match volunteer hours? Log in those TJ Band Boosters volunteer hours to secure additional TJ Band Booster funding!*

*Send questions to [info@tjbands.org](mailto:info@tjbands.org), subject line "Employer Matching".*