



## Fall Concert October 24, 7pm

Mark the date for the first curricular band concert of the year! Reception will follow.

*TIP*  
Park in the rear of the building and enter through Door 12.

## Happy New School Year!

Our TJ Bands Program is already off to a fun and busy start!

Welcome to our first TJ Band Boosters Newsletter! We've included important information for all our ensemble families. Have a question, but not sure whom to contact? Email [info@tjbands.org](mailto:info@tjbands.org) and your message will be forwarded to the right person.

## By the numbers...

55	Symphonic Band
70	Symphonic Wind Ensemble ( <i>SWE</i> )
18	Jazz Band
8	Symphonic Percussion
9	Percussion Ensemble
103	TJ Marching Colonials ( <i>TJMC</i> )
16	2017-2018 Winter/Indoor Color Guard
32	2017-2018 Winter/Indoor Drumline
30	2017-2018 Jazz II 8 <sup>th</sup> period club open to all TJ students

## Big events coming soon...

**Virtual Tag Day** – Stay tuned for the rollout of this new TJ Bands event very very soon!

**Citrus Sale** – This year sees a new company and a larger selection than ever before! Sales dates 10/15 – 10/26. Expected pick-up at TJ 11/17. Details arriving to your inbox in the next couple of weeks!

Bookmark our website [www.tjbands.org](http://www.tjbands.org). Parent volunteers are working to keep information current.

*Check out our new Facebook page at TJHSST Band Boosters! This has been created to be a positive and supportive social space for our band and guard community.*

## September 18 Band Boosters Board Meeting

- SRO (Senior Regional Orchestra) Auditions
- Virtual Tag Day
- Invitation from CAB to help with afternoon concessions
- CHARMS issues
- Scrip updates
- Communications
- New Facebook page
- Financials

## Notes from Band Council

Q: What is Band Council?

A: Band Council is a peer-elected group of representatives from all grade levels and ensembles in the TJ band program. We help organize program-wide events like Senior Regional Orchestra auditions, Winter Showcase, and the Spring Band Banquet.

Q: What has Band Council been working on?

A: SRO auditions just took place and it was all hands on deck! This event was made possible by the hard work of over 60 student volunteers. The President Laura Gersony and Vice-President Anna Thamasett are the student volunteer coordinators.

***“We appreciate everything our parents do to support our music program. Thanks for all that you do!”***

Come cheer on our very own Marching Colonials (TJMC) this season!

There are still 3 home game halftimes and 4 competition dates remaining. Be sure to see our marching band more than once. You'll notice changes to the show over the course of the season!

- 10/06 @Loudoun Valley HS
- 10/12 Homecoming Game
- 10/19 Home Game
- 10/20 @Univ. of Delaware
- 10/26 Home Game
- 10/27 @Patriot HS for VBODA Assessment
- 10/27 @Dominion HS
- 11/03 @Liberty University

Support **all** of our ensembles!

As a member of our TJ Bands community, support our various groups. Make time to attend a performance of an ensemble you're not directly connected to.

Remember, our 9 ensembles have multiple performances each year!

## Marching Colonials...

After a busy summer of rehearsals, home camp, and away camp, our Marching Colonials are ready to wow us with their 2018 show *Fantasies in Gold*. They debuted the show at halftime during the September 13 home game. Families were next treated to a special presentation that included uniforms and props at the September 15 Parent Preview.

Way to go, TJMC!

TJMC Banquet –  
Tuesday,  
November 13

TJMC performed before an enthusiastic crowd during the September 28 home game. At the September 29 competition at Herndon HS, our Marching Colonials won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Group III with a score of 85.45, as well as Captions for Best Visual, Best Music, Best Color Guard and Best General Effect.



Curious about Indoor/Winter Color Guard or Drumline? Already planning to join one of these two performing groups? Information about the 2018-2019 season will be coming mid-November.



Some of the nearly two dozen parent volunteers helping at SRO auditions

## Senior Regional Orchestra (SRO) auditions hosted by TJ Bands on September 24

On September 24, TJ Bands hosted over 200 students who auditioned for the highly selective SRO. Our region comprises the three toughest districts in Virginia, making SRO the most difficult ensemble to

audition into for area students.

TJ Band Boosters and Band Council organized parent and student volunteers to support this important event.

We were proud to see so many TJ students audition. Our warmest congratulations to those students who earned seats in SRO!

### Upcoming concerts

10/24 & 12/18 7pm  
 \*Students may order pre-concert meals  
 \*Reception to follow concert, families contribute drinks & treats

### Upcoming TJ Band Boosters Board meetings

Open to all band and guard parents

10/16 & 11/27 6:30 in the Principal's Conference Room

### Rotation Nation

We hear there's a new club in town...8<sup>th</sup> period club, that is.

Some of our band students are meeting to teach each other their instruments.



Thank you, parent volunteers!

## It takes an engaged parent community to keep our program strong and vibrant

September through December full band and guard program parent volunteer sign-up - [Click here](#)

TJMC 2018 season parent volunteer sign-up - [Click here](#)

January through June full band and guard program parent volunteer sign-up will be posted before winter break.

*Thank you for signing up for 2-3 slots per family for each **SUG (SignUp Genius)**!*

A very big **thank you** to all the parents who have already given their time and talents to support our students through TJ Band Boosters. We also appreciate that so many parents have signed up to help at future activities and events.

There are opportunities to fit with a variety of schedules. Want to help out, but can't find an opening that fits your schedule? Contact Co-President Dana Cibulski at [danacibulski@cox.net](mailto:danacibulski@cox.net) for information.

Why volunteer?

- Form a deeper connection to our community
- Enjoy opportunities to see our students interact and work together
- Get a behind-the-scenes view
- Meet other amazing band and guard families
- Get an insider's view into TJ from veteran parents
- Support our students and staff
- Have fun!

### Lead volunteer positions still open

**Spring Band-quet Coordinator** – Order food items from caterer (caterer and menu already selected); acquire serving supplies; and organize parent volunteers to set up, serve food, and clean up. Event is June 6.

**Winter Showcase** is a HUGE event that TJ hosts each year. It is a competition for Winter/Indoor Drumline and Color Guard units. Since Drumline and Guard students and parents will have duties specific to their ensembles, we especially need curricular band parents and students to staff our volunteer roster. It is all hands on deck! There are key roles awaiting supportive band parents. Tentative date is March 23, 2019.

**Lead Coordinator** – Oversee organization of parent volunteers, work directly with directors and staff, and work with student lead organizers.

**Parking Coordinator** – Work with staff to set up traffic paths and organize parent volunteers.

**Concessions Coordinator** – Coordinate parent volunteers to purchase supplies for concessions table, staff concessions table, and sell food and beverage items.

**Judges' Hospitality Coordinator** – Organize meals and refreshments for judges. Coordinate parent volunteers to help set up and clean up judges' suite. Previous coordinator is available for consultation.

## Band Swag *Show your TJ Bands spirit!*

License plate frames, hoodies, T-shirts, pajamas, lanyards, and cookbooks...oh, my!



Items are available for purchase at every concert. Visit [tjbands.org/fundraising/order-forms/](http://tjbands.org/fundraising/order-forms/) anytime to see what's available and how to place an order at your convenience.

*Cooking with Colonials* Enjoy recipes shared by TJ families. Makes a great gift!  
Purchase at a band concert or order at [tjbands.org/fundraising/cooking-for-colonials-cookbook-sale-2017/](http://tjbands.org/fundraising/cooking-for-colonials-cookbook-sale-2017/)

Virtual Tag Day – Headed your way this week!

Citrus sale – Look for order information soon. Sales run October 15–26. Pick up fruit at TJ on Saturday, November 17. Time TBA.

### Scrip updates

\$320 = Rebates raised in September. Wow!  
15 = New families enrolled in September!

Thank you for supporting TJ Bands through Scrip!  
Visit [tjbands.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-2019-Scrip-Flyer.pdf](http://tjbands.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-2019-Scrip-Flyer.pdf) for program details.

Orders for Scrip and Reload may be placed any day, any time. Scrip is open 24/7!

## Not your average rebate program

Amazon Smile = 0.5% rebate to TJ Bands  
Amazon through Scrip = 2.5% rebate

Some vendors offer over 10% back in rebates. During special promotions, you'll spy some rebates close to **20%**!

ScripNow and Reload are always available.

Orders may be placed anytime. Pay by PrestoPay or by check.

Reload eligible physical cards purchased through our program for continued rebates.

Purchase an eGift card and choose the send date you prefer.

Physical cards may be ordered anytime, but we have only one delivery per month to be prudent with FedEx shipping charges.

**TIP:** Plan ahead for PrestoPay set-up. Allow 1-2 business days for your bank to finalize the process. Some banks seem to take even longer to approve.

**TIP:** Register physical cards purchased through our Scrip program early.

### Upcoming Scrip promotions...

October 24-30

**Fall Promotion** – A “week of extra earning” – Details revealed soon!

Tuesday, November 20

**Thank-Scrip-ing Day**

Just in time for Black Friday and Cyber Monday with “huge bonuses on eGift cards and physical gift card reloads”.

Date TBA

**Holiday Promotion** offering “exciting bonus rebates”

## Fall Fundraising Calendar

Mon 10/1	<b>Virtual Tag Day begins!</b>
Mon 10/15	<b>Fruit sale opens!</b>
Mon 10/15	October deadline to order physical Scrip cards
Wed 10/24	Scrip cards delivered at Fall Concert
Wed 10/24	Scrip Fall Promotion begins
Fri 10/26	Fruit sale closes
Tue 10/30	Scrip Fall Promotion ends
Wed 10/31	<b>Virtual Tag Day concludes</b>
Mon 11/12	November deadline to order physical Scrip cards
Sat 11/17	Pick-up fruit orders @ TJ (This is the expected date.)
Mon 11/19	Scrip cards delivered to Band Room or to parents
Tue 11/20	<b>Thank-Scrip-ing Day!</b>
Mon 12/10	December deadline to order physical Scrip cards
Tue 12/18	Scrip cards delivered at Winter Concert
TBA	Scrip Holiday Promotion

## Calendar of Events

See our full schedule on the website at [tjbands.org/2018-2019-program-calendars/](http://tjbands.org/2018-2019-program-calendars/)

Sat 10/6	TJMC @ Loudoun Valley HS
Fri 10/12	TJMC @ TJ halftime show
Tue 10/16	6:30PM, Band Boosters Monthly Board Meeting, open to all band & guard parents @PCR
Fri 10/19	TJMC @ TJ halftime show
Sat 10/20	TJMC @ Univ. of Delaware
Wed 10/24	7:00PM, TJ Bands Fall Concert
Fri 10/26	TJMC @ TJ halftime show
Sat 10/27	AM TJMC @ Patriot HS for VBODA assessment, then PM competition @ Dominion HS
Sat 11/3	TJMC @ Liberty University
Tue 11/13	TJMC Banquet
Tue 11/27	6:30PM, Band Boosters Monthly Board Meeting, open to all band & guard parents @PCR
Tue 12/18	7:00PM, TJ Bands Winter Concert

No Band Boosters Board Meeting in December.

**Does your employer match philanthropic contributions to 501c3 organizations? Match volunteer hours? File to match your contributions to TJ Band Boosters! Need help setting up TJ Band Boosters as a recipient? Speak to parent volunteer Amy Reich, or send questions to [info@tjbands.org](mailto:info@tjbands.org), subject line "Employer Matching".**