

TJ Band Essentials

TJ Band Boosters

Fall 2019

Welcome to TJ Bands! Visit 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?

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

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

5 optional groups:

- Jazz Ensemble (auditioned after school group)
- Jazz II (8th period club, Jazz I not req'd)
- TJ Marching Colonials (TJMC)
- Winter/Indoor Drum Line (WDL)
- Winter/Indoor Color Guard (WG/CG)

Tip: On concert nights, park in the rear of the building and enter through Door 12, the covered entrance from the bus lot. Stay after for the reception!

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 23, 2019

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

Spring 2020 – Maybe 3/7

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

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 \$28,000** 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:

- Large-scale general fundraiser – fall
- Citrus sales – late fall through winter, weather dependent
- Showcase – late winter or early spring
- Targeted fundraiser for specialty equipment or to fund the budget gap – 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
- Occasional newsletters
- Emails from Mr. Foreman and the Band Boosters – The frequency depends on what is going on.
- *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.

2019-2020 Band Boosters Board

President:

Dana Cibulski president@tjbands.org

VP Ways and Means:

Lisa Barker vpwaysmeans@tjbands.org

VP Communications:

Val Kreider vpcommunications@tjbands.org

Receipts Treasurer:

Tom Wetterhan rcpt_treasurer@tjbands.org

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Heidi Gardner disb_treasurer@tjbands.org

Secretary:

Karen Walters secretary@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.
- Keep an eye out for a SUG coming your way soon. *What's a SUG?* It's short for SignUpGenius, the online tool we use to organize our volunteers.
- Check your inbox for additional opportunities as they arise.

Help Wanted

Seeking parents to shadow or co-lead the following amazing band activities:

- TJMC Liaison & TJMC Uniform Coord
- Winter Showcase - This is an important one-day event for our program.
- Scrip - Perfect for a parent without availability to come to TJ.
- Spring Band-quet - 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.

Contact president@tjbands.org for more info.

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

2019-2020 Activity Coordinators

TJMC Liaison: Cheri Emmert

TJMC Away Camp: Cheri Emmert

*TJMC Uniforms: Jaime Ma

*Curricular Uniforms: Val Kreider

Pre-Concert Meals (for students): Karen Walters & Ely Chen

*Concert Receptions: Dana Cibulski

SRO (Senior Regional Orchestra) Auditions: Yeongji Kim

Winter Drumline Liaisons: Dana Cibulski & Karen Walters

Color Guard Liaison: Anne Shin

*Winter Showcase Coordinator: Dana Cibulski

*Spring Band-quet: Val Kreider

Webmaster: Ram Yalla

Student Webmaster: Julian Gavino

Webmaster Emeritus: Yong Zhou

Large-scale Fundraisers: Lisa Barker
vpwaysmeans@tjbands.org

*Scrip Fundraiser: Val Kreider tjbandscrip@gmail.com

*License Plate Sales: Meg Pasquerella

Citrus Sales: Amy Yamashiro tjcitrus@hotmail.com

Spirit Wear: Mae Uy or & Helen Miller
spiritwear@tjbands.org

*Cookbook Sales: Lisa Barker
vpwaysmeans@tjbands.org

**Seeking parents to shadow or co-lead these essential roles. Contact president@tjbands.org for more information.*

Mark your calendars for these events!

2019-2020 Concert and Performance Dates

- Fall Concert: Wednesday, October 23 – 7:00pm
- VMEA Preview Concert (SWE) at West Springfield HS: Tuesday, November 19 – 7:00p
- Winter Concert: Tuesday, December 17 – 7:00pm
- Pre-Assessment Concert: Wednesday, February 26 – 7:00pm
- Symphonic Band Assessment: Friday, March 20
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble Assessment: Saturday, March 21
- Chantilly Jazz Fest: Saturday, May 8
- Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 20– 7:00pm
- Jazz Cabaret: TBD
- Graduation (SWE) at GMU: Saturday, May 30 – 7:00pm

Bookmark

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 23 at TJ	Thursday, November 7 – Saturday, November 9 at Fairfax HS
All-Virginia Jazz	TBD Late September / Early October	TBD
All-District Band	Saturday, January 11 at Robinson Secondary School	Thursday, January 30 – Saturday, February 1 at Woodson HS
All-Virginia Band and Orchestra	Saturday, February 22 (8:00am) at JMU	Thursday, April 23 – Saturday, April 25 at Richmond VA

Other activities and events

- TJ Winter Showcase: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at Hayfield SS
- TJ Music Department Spring Trip to New York: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3
- Solo and Ensemble Festival: Saturday, May 2 at Lanier MS (alt date available for trip participants)
- Spring Band-quet: TBD

Please note that TJMC, (Indoor) Winter Color Guard and (Indoor) Winter Drumline 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 after school; performs at school functions throughout the year including band concerts, Viennese Ball, Valentine’s Day Dance, Jazz Cabaret
- Jazz II – Meets during one of the weekly 8th 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, subject line “Employer Matching”.