



GCM
Band Parent
Organization

August 15, 2017



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GCM Band Program

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

Band Program Director: Paul Vesilind



Supporting the Band: The Three Fs

- Fees
- FCPS
- BPO Fundraising
 - Stadium Concession Stand (All fall sports events)
 - Tag Day (Saturday, September 9)
 - Spring Fundraiser (date: TBD)
 - Local Business/Corporate and Alumni Outreach



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



BPO Leadership

- President: Cece Hallisey (11th grade parent) - gcmbpopresident@gmail.com
- Vice President: Rose-Ellen Eastman (10th and 12th grade parent) - theeastmanfamily@cox.net
- Treasurer: Jim Piche (11th grade parent) - gcmbpotreasurer@gmail.com
- Secretary: Liz Curry (11th grade parent X2) - lcurry17@hotmail.com
- Parent Coordinator: Kelly Sund (9th grade parent) – ksund@stanfordalumni.org
- 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



Busy Marching Schedule!

www.marshallband.org

August – November

- Band Camp
- Home Football Games (5)
- Competitions - Saturdays (3)
 - 9/23 US Bands, Herndon High School
 - 10/28 US Band Marine Corps Invitation, Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
 - 11/4 US Bands Mid-Atlantic Regional
- State Assessment – 10/21 – Location TBD (followed by Parade of Champions at JMU)
- Pep Band at away games (Student-led)
- Tag Day (Saturday, Sept 9)
- Vienna Halloween Parade (Wednesday, Oct 25)
- Marching Band Banquet (Wednesday, November 8)
- Falls Church Memorial Day Parade (May 2018)

Band Program events throughout the year are all on the band calendar.



Family Commitment

Families are expected to volunteer a minimum of 5 shifts (or equivalent) plus Tag Day throughout the marching season.

We know that families have many commitments, so there are a wide variety of ways that can be done.



BPO Responsibilities

(and parent involvement opportunities!)

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



So that you can plan your Fall, we have set up several Sign Ups on SignUpGenius to cover the major events. An email will go out tomorrow with the links. Others may be added as needed throughout the Fall.



Sign Up: Game Day



Every Varsity Football home game:

- Concessions: 2 shifts (Rose-Ellen Eastman)
- Uniforms: Shifts before and after game (Liz Curry and Susan Morrison)
- Pit Crew: During game (Andrew Eastman)
- Prop Crew: During game (Maude Hales)

Every Field Hockey and JV Football home game:

- Concessions (Rose-Ellen Eastman)



Sign Up: Competition Day



Every Saturday competition/assessment, we need:

- Uniforms: During competition; Before and after at GCM (Liz Curry and Susan Morrison)
- Truck Loading and Unloading: At GCM (Andrew Eastman)
- Pit Crew: During competition (Andrew Eastman)
- Prop Crew: During competition (Maude Hales)



Sign Up: Tag Day



- Saturday, September 9
- Tentative 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, Irene Liu
- Volunteer Needs:
 - AM and PM Parent drivers
 - Hospitality (ordering and serving food)



Links to the Sign Ups are available on marshallband.org (volunteering article).

They will also be sent out in an email tomorrow, along with instructions for downloading the Band Calendar on your iPhone.



Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Corporate and Alumni Outreach
- Hospitality (Lunches, Banquets)
- Future Board Members
- Community Outreach (school and local)

*If you are interested, please contact
Cece Hallisey or Kelly Sund, Volunteer Coordinator*



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



SpiritWear

- Coordinating selection, sales, and distribution of Band Spirit Wear
- Coordinator: Laurie Beymer
- The shopping cart is open gcmband.itemorder.com
- Orders due August 27th for delivery in early September
- Watch for emails and Facebook posts



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

- Thursday, August 24, 6:30 - 9 - Parent Social at Jim and Mary Jo Piche's house.
- Friday, August 25 – First Football Game
 - See SignUpGenius for Game Day volunteer activities.
- Saturday, September 9 – Tag Day. Remember it's an all day event – 8:30-5:30 (ish). Drivers Needed! Look out for Sign Up Genius.



Questions