

Welcome to the George C. Marshall HS Band!

Please visit our website at www.marshallband.org for helpful information about the Marshall Band program!

For those students who are intending to participate in **Marching Band for the 2026 season, the deadline for registration is this Friday, June 5.**

Please review the following dates, mark your calendars, and plan to be present at all marching band rehearsals and performances. It takes a lot of time and dedication to make the Marching Statesmen field performances come together, but it is definitely worth the effort!

2026 SCHEDULE

For Rising 9th Graders who are signing up to join the Marshall High School marching band (known proudly as the MARCHING STATESMEN), here is what the marching band schedule looks like at a glance for the upcoming 2026 season.

(Note: please check the official calendar on the Marshall Band website frequently at www.marshallband.org for any changes, additions, or deletions to this list.)

- **2026 Marching Band Camp**
 - **August 3: LEADERSHIP DAY (upperclassmen leaders only)**
 - **August 4–7: Half-Day Band Camp**
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Marching Winds and Colorguard*
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Marching Percussion (includes front ensemble)*
(*Note: Times listed above are based on 2025 schedule but check calendar at end of June for updates.)
 - **August 10–14: Full Day Band Camp** *(All students attend from 8am-4pm)*
 - **August 17–20: Full Day Band Camp** *(All students attend from 8am-4pm)*
- **After-School Rehearsals (from August 25–November 5).**
 - **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm-6:00pm****
 - **Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm****
(**Note: See calendar for some exclusions to these dates)
- **2025 Marshall Band Commitments** *(Includes ALL Varsity Football “Home” Games, Tag Day Fundraiser, Vienna Halloween Parade, and 4 Saturday Competition Dates)*
 - **Friday, August 28** (Marshall Football Game v. Annandale HS)
 - **Saturday, August 29** (All Day “TAG DAY” Fundraiser)
 - **Friday, September 25** (Marshall Football Game v. Madison)
 - **Saturday, October 3** (US Bands Marine Corps Invitational Marching Competition)
 - **Saturday, October 10** (VMBC Shenandoah Valley Marching Invitational)
 - **Friday, October 16 (Marshall Homecoming Game v McLean)**
 - **Friday, October 23 (Marshall Football Game v. Wakefield)**
 - **Saturday, October 24 (VMBC Oakton Classic Marching Competition)**
 - **Wednesday, October 28** (Vienna Halloween Parade)
 - **Friday, November 6** (Last Marshall Football Game v. Herndon)
 - **Saturday, November 7** (VMBC Championships Competition at Woodson HS)
 - **FALL BAND BANQUET TBD** *(Usually a Wed. or Thurs. in early November!)*

*Note that MARCHING COMPETITION DAYS are typically all-day events. Specific competition times for each school are not finalized/provided until the week of the event, and we will let you know the timing as soon as we are notified by the organizers. Students meet at Marshall High School and take buses to/from the competition venue. Spectators are strongly encouraged to attend—and we can carpool or caravan behind the buses or meet at the venue!

MARCHING STATESMEN PARENT SOCIAL

Fun before business...

Parents: Want to meet some other Marshall Band parents and hear some great music at the same time? Please mark your calendars, grab some friends and neighbors, and plan to join us to see our very own Marshall Band Director Paul Vesilind and Percussion Instructor Doug Wallace perform LIVE in their cover band, *Latent Defect*, at Jammin' Java in Vienna! (Note that this event is not sponsored by Marshall Band, BPO, or Marshall HS, and is open to the public for all ages! We just enjoy going to support and have a great time!)

Here are the details:

What: *Latent Defect* LIVE performance! (Featuring Mr. Vesilind and Mr. Wallace)

Where: Jammin' Java (227 Maple Ave. Vienna, VA 22180)

When: Saturday, June 12 at 8:00PM (Doors open at 7PM)

Tickets can be purchased online in advance at:

<https://www.unionstagepresents.com/shows/an-evening-with-latent-defect/>

(Purchase today to secure tickets before they sell out!)

CALL FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Band parents (and grandparents and caregivers!) are the BEST...and many hands make light work! Your help is welcome, valued, and NEEDED for our upcoming Marching Band season! (No experience necessary.)

A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out within the next few weeks for parents to sign up for various committees and “shift” roles for the many tasks “behind the scenes” that are involved in making this marching band magic happen! (This includes summer band camp lunch set up/serving/cleanup crew, drivers for Tag Day (annual band fundraiser), marching season uniforms crew, concession stand crew, pit crew/props field duty, loading crew, chaperones, etc.) **We ask that ALL parents commit to signing up for 8 shifts/tasks during marching band season to support our band program.**

QUESTIONS? Please contact Michelle Thompson (Band Parent Organization President) at gcmbspresident@gmail.com.