

# **THE MARSHALL MOUTHPIECE**

## **GCM Marching Statesmen Band Parent & Student Newsletter**

February 4, 2026

Well, hello again! Hope the snow is thawing out around you...and welcome back from our many snow days!

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Remember to check the calendar on the Marshall Band website at [www.marshallband.org](http://www.marshallband.org) regularly for the most up-to-date information:

- Thursday, February 5:
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
  - 6:30 PM-9:00 PM District Band Event (Rehearsals) Day 1 at Oakton HS (after school)
- Friday, February 6:
  - 8:30 AM–4:30 PM District Band Event (Rehearsals) Day 2 at Oakton HS
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Dress Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 7:
  - AIA Winterguard Competition at Forest Park
  - 8:15 AM District Band Event (morning rehearsals) Day 3 at Oakton HS
  - 12:30 PM District Band Concerts begin (Middle School, Symphonic, then Wind Ensemble)

### **Winterguard Victory!**

Congratulations to our amazing winterguard team for earning FIRST PLACE in their first competition of the season on January 24! The team continues to put in an impressive number of hours of rehearsal time, and we wish them much success at their next competition this Saturday at Forest Park!

### **All-District Band Event & Concert**

District band event for participating students starts *tomorrow* with rehearsals beginning in the evening at 6:30 PM, continuing all day on Friday, and again on Saturday morning. All rehearsals take place at Oakton High School (enter through door 7/8). Participants, please see email sent by Mr. Vesilind last week for additional details.

All are invited to attend the district band concerts on Saturday 2/7, beginning at 12:30 PM with middle school, with high school symphonic and wind symphony following immediately afterward.

### **Calling all FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE Band Parents:**

Please mark your calendars for next **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM** to attend our February BPO meeting followed by our **New Leadership Interest Meeting** and find out more about the many opportunities we have available for you to serve in a *parent leadership role* to support our wonderful Marshall Band program! For the upcoming 2026-27 school year, we will have vacancies to help with concessions leadership, marching uniforms co-chair, concert uniforms co-coordinator, board positions, transportation leads, community fundraising outreach, spirit wear, banquet chairperson, concert programs design/printing, technology/social media leads, field show props, hospitality leads, and so much more!

Hope to see you there!!!

### **Marshall HS to Host Middle School Band Assessment!**

Please *save the dates* (March 13-14) and be on the lookout for a shift sign-up that will be posted in the newsletter in February to assist with Middle School Band Assessment that will be hosted at Marshall HS.

**Parents**—We will need a number of parent volunteers for transportation support for judges, setup, clean-up of hospitality room, and meal service setup and cleanup on Friday evening and Saturday lunchtime.

**Students**—We will need plenty of student volunteers to assist with guide and runner duties, setup, cleanup, and hosting. This will provide a tremendous opportunity for you to earn volunteer service hours for Tri-M Music Honor Society or for National Honor Society.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Tuesday, February 10:
  - 3:15 PM –4:45 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM Band Parents Organization meeting followed by PARENT LEADERSHIP INTEREST MEETING in Band Room
- Wednesday, February 11:
  - 3:15 PM Symphonic Band After-school rehearsal
- Thursday, February 12:
  - 3:15 PM Wind Symphony After-School rehearsal
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 14:
  - 2:00 PM–8:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Michelle Thompson (Band Parent Organization President) at [gcmbpopresident@gmail.com](mailto:gcmbpopresident@gmail.com) or Paul Vesilind (Marshall Band Director) at [pjvesilind@fcps.edu](mailto:pjvesilind@fcps.edu)