

# **THE MARSHALL MOUTHPIECE**

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

February 8 2026

Happy Super Bowl Sunday! Here's what's happening in the week ahead...

### **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:

- 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

### **Calling ALL Band Parents:**

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM** to attend our February BPO meeting followed by our **New Leadership Interest Meeting** (specifically for Current Leadership and Freshman/Sophomore Band Parents!) 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! *(Please see the attached Marshall Band Parent Leadership Positions document.)*

We are looking forward to your input and feedback so that we can continue to support the Marshall band program to the best of our ability for many years to come! Refreshments will be provided!

### **District Band Concert Congratulations!**

Kudos and applause to Marshall Band students who performed in the District XII All-District Band Concert on Saturday! We are so proud of you for representing Marshall with your excellence in musicianship! Best of luck to those students who are eligible to audition for All-Virginia Band at the end of the month: *Mateo Stine, Ashley Thompson, Ryan Viskupic, and David Wang.*

### **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, set-up, 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:**

- Monday, February 16:
  - School Holiday (Presidents' Day)
- Tuesday, February 17:
  - Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Wednesday, February 18:
  - 3:15 PM Symphonic Band After-school rehearsal
- Thursday, February 19:
  - 3:15 PM Wind Symphony After-School rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM Pre-Assessment CONCERT for Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony!
- Saturday, February 21
  - AIA Winterguard Competition at Woodgrove
- Tuesday, February 24:
  - 3:15 PM –4:45 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Wednesday, February 25:
  - 3:15 PM Symphonic Band After-school rehearsal
- Thursday, February 26:
  - 3:15 PM Wind Symphony After-School rehearsal
  - 4:00 PM –9:00 PM LEDO'S PIZZA Fundraiser Night
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal

- Saturday, February 28:
  - All-Virginia Band Auditions for participating students @ JMU
  - 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal

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