

THE MARSHALL MOUTHPIECE

GCM Band Parent & Student Newsletter

February 22, 2026

Happy Snowy Sunday! Hope you are all hunkering down and keeping warm this afternoon!

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Remember to check the calendar on the Marshall Band website at www.marshallband.org regularly for the most up-to-date information:

- 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

LEDO PIZZA Fundraiser THIS THURSDAY!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 26 and support the Marshall Band program by ordering or dining in at LEDO PIZZA on Broad Street (next to Trader Joe's).



Band DINE-IN/OUT **FEB 26 from 4:00 - 9:00 PM**

Support the GCM Band by eating (or ordering) from

Ledo Pizza!
7510 Leesburg Pike
703-847-5336

The Marshall Band will receive 10% of all orders as long as you mention you're with the band when you order and/or pick-up!

Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Middle School Band Assessment!

What: George C. Marshall HS to Host the Middle School Band Assessment for our area

When: Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14.

Description: Approximately 30 middle school bands (from 15 different schools) will travel to Marshall HS to perform on stage in our auditorium in front of a panel of 3 judges, followed by sight-reading in the band room for an additional judge.

Volunteers Needed: We need many hands “on deck” for this event to make sure the event runs smoothly. Volunteer shifts are divided into small increments of 2- to 3-hour shifts on Friday, and 3-hour shifts on Saturday. You can sign up for as many shifts as you like!—and there are a variety of tasks from which to choose. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for your support of this event!

Please view the sign-up here to volunteer:

[Middle School Band Assessment VOLUNTEER Sign-Up](#)

***Student Service Hours Note:** Volunteering at Middle School Assessment Event will provide a tremendous opportunity for students to earn volunteer service hours for Tri-M Music Honor Society or for National Honor Society. *(A quick note to current freshmen and sophomores...applications for NHS are due very quickly at the start of Junior year and you may not realize that the application asks for demonstration of an already-accumulated 20 hours of community service. This is a great way to earn these hours now!)*

Marshall HS Band ASSESSMENT Coming Soon!

We hope you enjoyed the pre-assessment concert last Thursday! State assessment performance at **WAKEFIELD HS** in Arlington will take place on **March 6 and 7!** Students will need to wear their concert attire for this performance!

For Symphonic Band students, state assessment takes place on **Friday, March 6** after school hours! (Exact time will be provided by Mr. Vesilind soon!) Bus transportation for Symphonic band students will be provided from Marshall HS to Wakefield HS and back. Spectators are encouraged to attend and view the concert stage performance. Following that, students will go to another room for sight-reading where audiences are not permitted. You can then pick up your student from Wakefield HS or they can travel back to Marshall HS on the bus.

For Wind Symphony students, state assessment takes place on **Saturday, March 7**. (Exact time will be provided by Mr. Vesilind soon!) Bus transportation will NOT be provided on this date, and students are responsible for getting to/from Wakefield HS on their own.

As outlined in the band course description, participation in assessment is a required part of the band grade for band class, and participation is mandatory.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuesday, March 3:
 - 3:15 PM –4:45 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
 - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Wednesday, March 4:
 - 3:15 PM Symphonic Band After-school rehearsal
- Thursday, March 5:
 - 3:15 PM Wind Symphony After-School rehearsal
 - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Friday, March 6:
 - After-school **SYMPHONIC BAND Assessment Performance at Wakefield HS**
(Bus transportation is provided and exact time will be communicated by Mr. V).
Spectators welcome and encouraged!
- Saturday, March 7:
 - **WIND SYMPHONY Assessment Performance at Wakefield HS**
(NO transportation provided and exact time will be communicated by Mr. V).
Spectators are welcome and encouraged.

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