

# THE MARSHALL MOUTHPIECE

## GCM Band Parent & Student Newsletter

March 1, 2026

### 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, 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:
  - **4:30PM SYMPHONIC BAND Assessment Performance at Wakefield HS**  
(Bus transportation is provided and departs at 2:30 PM!—bring concert attire to school!)
- Saturday, March 7:
  - **4:15 PM WIND SYMPHONY Assessment Performance at Wakefield HS**  
(NO transportation provided, so please arrange to arrive with your instrument and music at Wakefield HS by 2:40 PM wearing your concert attire!)

### WINTERGUARD GIVES WINNING PERFORMANCE!

We are thrilled to announce that our impressive Marshall Winterguard brought home another **FIRST PLACE** win at competition on February 22 with their program titled *Human Nature*!



Congratulations to guard captains Miri B. and Ori U. and the entire GCM Winterguard Cast of 2026: Alaia C. Alice V., Ari H., Ashley C, Bug M., Charli K., Charlie S., De'Lynn B., Emma K., Hannah Z., Mariana D., Marha T., Matthew V., Megan L., Sadie R., Sreya R. Tati R., Walker R., Ying Y., and Zoe N. And thank you to our wonderful coaches/directors: Alex Stenseth and Sami Marino!

**ASSESSMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY!**

We need a few parent volunteers to serve as bus chaperones and percussion equipment helpers at our state assessment performance at **WAKEFIELD HS** in Arlington this week!

Please click here to volunteer to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAFAB2AABFD0-62676889-marshall#/>

*Symphonic Band* will perform on **March 6 at 4:30 PM**. Students will board a bus that will leave from GCM at 2:30 PM on Friday, and the bus will return to GCM at approximately 6:00 PM. Students will need to wear their concert attire for this performance! Spectators are welcome to watch the concert at Wakefield, and you can pick up your student from Wakefield OR you can pick them up at GCM after the buses return.

*Wind Symphony* will perform at **4:15 PM** on **Saturday, March 7**. Bus transportation will NOT be provided on this date, and students are responsible for getting to/from Wakefield HS on their own. Please wear your concert uniforms. Again, all are welcome to be part of the audience in support of our students!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Middle School Band Assessment on March 13/14**

Thank you to those who have already started signing up ...there are still plenty of opportunities to join us...and you can sign up for as many shifts as you like!

**Middle School Band Assessment VOLUNTEER Sign-Up**

**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.

**\*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!)*

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Tuesday, March 10
  - 3:15 PM –4:45 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 12:
  - 5:30 PM–9:00 PM Winterguard Rehearsal
- Friday, March 13:
  - 2:30 PM –9:00 PM Marshall HS hosts Middle School Band Assessment
- Saturday, March 14:
  - **8:00 AM–5:00 PM Marshall HS hosts Middle School Band Assessment**
  - Winterguard Competition at WGI in Richmond, VA

**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)