

THE MARSHALL MOUTHPIECE

GCM Band Parent & Student Newsletter

May 10, 2026

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, May 12
 - 3:15-4:45 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal
 - 7:00 PM **Band Parent Organization MEETING at The Thompson Home** (2397 Shreve Hill Rd.)...come join us for the last meeting of the year! ALL Parents are welcome!

SPRING BAND BANQUET

This year, the **Spring Band Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 21 in the GCM Cafeteria from 7:00-9:00 PM.** All band students and their families are invited to attend!

This is a wonderful evening to gather together, celebrate awards and achievements, and cheer on our graduating seniors—while having fun with friends! The attire is a bit more formal than fall post-marching season banquet—so feel free to add a little flair to the night! Dinner is a potluck where families are encouraged to bring a main dish, side, or dessert to feed 8-10 people.

Please click the link below to sign up to contribute:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CAFAB2AABFD0-63888912-2026>

Hope to see you all there! ALL are welcome...if you participate in the GCM Band program (including colorguard, marching band, concert band, winterguard, band in any capacity), please make plans to attend! ☺

JUNIOR DRUM MAJOR WORKSHOPS & TRYOUT

If you are a rising Junior who is interested in being considered for Junior Drum Major for the 2026 Marching Statesmen season, be sure to fill out the GOOGLE form that was sent out via your section group chats. Please be sure to make a note of the training workshop dates and times as well as tryout date and time listed on the Google form—and check section group chat for any additional updates.

MARCHING STATESMEN 2026 DATES NOW POSTED!

Calling all 2026 Marching Statesmen!...Summer Band Camp dates, after-school practice dates, Competition dates and HOME Varsity Football Game dates have been posted to the Marshall

Band Calendar at www.marshallband.org! Be sure to take a few minutes to update your calendars and mark off the dates NOW so that you can clear your schedule for the amazing upcoming Marching Statesmen season! (Note: If you are a current GCM Band student who has not previously participated in marching band, but are interested in giving it a try, please see Mr. Vesilind! There is always a place for you in marching band—even if you don't yet have any experience! It's a lot of work, but great fun, too...and a fantastic way to make stronger friendship connections in the GCM band community!)

CONCERT UNIFORM DONATIONS & DISCOUNTS MARKETPLACE

Are you a graduating senior who has a concert band uniform (dress or tuxedo) that you'd like to donate or sell to a younger band students (including incoming freshmen) at a discounted rate?-- or are you an underclassmen who needs a different size for next year?

Join the GCM Band Uniform Marketplace on Facebook to post an available band uniform and view uniforms or uniform parts that are available to buy, take, or trade:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17Xez6HJhb/>

We don't have storage space in the band room to facilitate this, but we want you to have the opportunity to help each other out and/or recycle your band uniform to an upcoming student!)

BPO BOARD SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The slating committee (Laura Hogan, Dionne Johnston, and Christine Neville) met last week to prepare the slate of candidates for the 2026-2027 BPO Board.

The following is the slate of nominees:

President: Michelle Thompson
Vice President: Melinda Batman
Secretary: Liz Book
Treasurer: Veronica Bong

A formal vote to approve the slate will take place at the Spring Band Banquet on May 21st. Thank you to our slating committee.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuesday, May 19
 - 3:15-4:45 PM Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble Concert *Rehearsal*
- Wednesday, May 20
 - 7:00 PM **Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble CONCERT!**
- Thursday, May 21
 - 7:00 PM **Spring Band Banquet in GCM Cafeteria!**

- Monday, May 25
 - Memorial Day: School Holiday
- Tuesday, May 26
 - Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- Wednesday, May 27
 - Student Holiday

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