

GBBPA NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 10/2	NO Practice	WED 10/11	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p
TUES 10/3	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p* TIME CHANGE	THUR 10/12	Walmart Edinburgh Event (Section Leaders) 6:30a
WED 10/4	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p		Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p
THUR 10/5	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p	FRI 10/13	AWAY Game @ Hickory HS
FRI 10/6	HOME Game v. Kings Fork HS	MON 10/16	NO Practice
SAT 10/7	VBMC Regional Competition @ Sportsplex	TUES 10/17	Marching Wildcat Practice 6:30 - 9:00p
MON 10/9	NO Practice	WED 10/18	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p
TUES 10/10	Marching Wildcat Practice 6:30 - 9:00p	THUR 10/19	Marching Wildcat Practice 4:00 - 6:00p
	GBBPA Membership Meeting 7:30p	FRI 10/20	AWAY Game @ Western Branch HS



Thank you for attending our first competition and most recent football game. We will work this week towards finishing the show for our home game and competition at the Sports Plex.

There is an adjustment to the schedule this week, as there are National Honor Society inductions on Tuesday evening. We will rehearse from 4-6 PM Tuesday. If this is an issue for you because it was not on the calendar originally, I understand. Having to adjust a schedule because we have so many students in NHS is a good problem to have.

Parents, if your child is leaving from a competition, please provide a signed note no later than 24 hours before the competition. This is listed at the bottom of each itinerary and is not being followed by many individuals. As a result, chaperones and myself have to pull away from the group and other issues arise with limited supervision.

Let's make the most of the last 28 days of the season!

- Mr. Ross

We have ANOTHER busy week coming up! PLEASE NOTE on Tuesday our practice times will change to 4:00 - 6:00p due to the National Honor Society Ceremony that evening.

Our annual fruit sale begins Wednesday! Flyers will be coming home with students this week. Our fruit sale helps support our band and guard programs. All orders will be due October 25.

Friday brings another home game against Kings Fork HS. There are just a few open spots for volunteers: 1 Griller, 2 Stand Helpers, 1 Food Runner, 10 50/50 Raffle Helpers. Please sign up in CHARMS if you are able or contact any board member. Again our new food procedures for the Wildcats will be in place, if your student will be eating at the game, be sure to have them prepay their \$5 on Wednesday or Thursday after practice.

Finally, on Saturday the Wildcats will compete at the VBMC Regional Competition at the Sportsplex in Virginia Beach. Be sure to come out and support your Wildcats! (Check out the itinerary and schedule of events on the last page.)

With all that's going on here's a big THANK YOU to all the parents who have been volunteering from bringing in water, to chaperoning, to working concessions, to selling 50/50 tickets. It truly takes a team to help our program be successful and to make it fun for our Wildcats. THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone that came out to the 3 Amigos Fundraiser Dinner Night! What a great turnout! Because of your support, we have raised \$250 for our band and guard programs PLUS and additional matching donation of \$250 - that's \$500! Be sure to mark your calendar for our next fundraising dinner night at 1000° Pizza Restaurant on October 23.

Please mark your calendar for our next GBBPA Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 10. The Board will meet at 6:30p and the general membership meeting will begin at 7:30p. See you there! Go Wildcats!



IMPORTANT RULES and REMINDERS:

Marching Wildcat Band Members must have long, black socks for home football games and competitions.

Marching Wildcat Members must have no visible jewelry (earrings) during competitions.

Marching Wildcat Members leaving from a competition with their parents, MUST provide a signed note no later than **24 hours before** the competition. This is very important to ensure Mr. Ross and the chaperones are able to keep your child and all members safe.

JOIN the TEAM!! Come out and join the Chaperone Team. Marching Wildcat Chaperones are always needed for home and away football games as well as our weekend band competitions.



If you would like to help and hang out with the kids and be a part of the Wildcat action, please email Doug Wilkins at doug.wilkins@att.net or call 757-544-3154 with your name and contact number. Doug will contact you to see what events you are available to attend.

**DONATIONS OF 8oz WATER BOTTLES ARE NEEDED FOR THE KIDS FOR GAMES!
PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION TO THE BAND ROOM! THANK YOU!**



The Hospitality team is in need of BAGS OF CANDY. Treat bags will be handed out to our Marching Wildcats after the Tallwood Invitational Competition on October 28! Please send in your donations of candy (or some other small, appropriate treats) to the Band Room labelled "Hospitality" as soon as possible. If enough donations are sent in before our next GBBPA Membership meeting on October 10, we will be able to form an assembly line and get the treat bags ready to go!

Thanks everyone! Annette Dickerson / Hospitality Chair / thedickersons@hotmail.com



Senior Night is coming up! Our senior Marching Wildcats will be honored at a reception at the last home football game of the season on November 3. We will have a reception with food and some small giveaways for our seniors. If you know of any local businesses that would be willing to donate any items as a send off for our seniors it would be greatly appreciated. We are planning for 25 seniors this year.

More information will be coming out soon on Senior Night planning. Keep posted, we will need food donations and NON-SENIOR parents to help so our senior families can enjoy time together. Please contact me with any questions or if you can help with donations. Thank you. Annette Dickerson / Hospitality Chair / thedickersons@hotmail.com



The kids had a positive response to the new Marching Wildcat food procedures for HOME games. Everyone agreed it helped the kids maximize their time! We have another HOME game Friday 10/6. Here are the details again:

If your Marching Wildcat would like to eat at HOME football games he/she MUST PREPAY for their Wildcat Dinner Combo. Payments will be accepted on Wednesday and Thursday after marching practice during the week of the home game. The cost of the Combo is \$5 (cash or check payable to GBBPA) and includes a hamburger, cheeseburger OR hot dog, chips and water bottle. At the game on Friday, a table will be set up near the South Concession stand with the student's meal ready for a quick pick up. (This ONLY applies to HOME games, NOT AWAY games.)



Wildcat Dollars! We are very excited that some students are using their Wildcat Dollars to pay for small things like gloves and music. When used, the Treasurer receives notice and the Wildcat Dollar amount is subtracted from the student's CHARMS account. If Wildcat Dollars are not available on the student's account, the Treasurer will then send out a bill for the remainder of the money due. If you have received a bill or should you have any questions on your student's account, please contact the GBBPA Treasurer, Richard Okrasinski / treasurer@gbhsband.org.

PLEASE NOTE: All band fees should now be paid in full. Please submit any outstanding fees today. Should you require assistance with your fees, please contact the Treasurer or Mr. Ross as soon as possible.



Plan ahead! Here are some upcoming events for your calendar:

- SAT 10/21 Marching Wildcats Compete: Parade of Champions @ James Madison University
- WED 10/25 Marching Wildcats Perform: Great Bridge Wildcats v. Hickory Hawks Baseball Game
- SAT 10/28 Marching Wildcats Compete: VBODA State Marching Band Assesment & Tallwood Invitational
- SAT 11/4 Marching Wildcats Perform: Alumni Football Game @ Stadium
- SAT 12/2 Marching Wildcats Perform: Chesapeake Christmas Parade

Scrip Tips of the Week:



- The rebate from your first on-line Scrip order is counted as 100% Wildcat dollars for your student.
- After placing 5 on-line Scrip orders of \$200 or more, your 6th online Scrip order is 100% Wildcat dollars.
- All orders placed within a day count as one order.
- We split almost all other rebates 50/50 with the band and the student's Wildcat dollar account.

Parents have paid their child's full band fees with the money they earned in Scrip. It's the best fundraiser ever because it's "free money". You don't have to sell anything AND you support the band!

Check out all of the retailers on shopwithscrip.com. You just buy gift cards and use them. There are over 700 retailers who participate!

How do I order Scrip? Go to shopwithscrip.com. Create a family account. You will need the enrollment code: 69677AL212856. This code links your family account to the band. Simply place your order. Then an email is sent to me letting me know there is a pending order. Easy!

Don't forget that Scrip orders are due on the first and third Fridays of the month which means the next deadline is this Friday, October 6th. The orders should be in by the following Friday. We also have Scrip in inventory. You don't have to wait!

Contact me for more information - I can help you get started!

Erin Oliphant - Scrip Coordinator
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Marching Wildcats at the VBMC SE Virginia Regional Competition - October 7, 2017
Virginia Beach Sportsplex - 2044 Landstown Centre Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
GB Marching Wildcat Itinerary

- 1:00 PM** Room Open – Guard Tardy Time for stretching - Chaperones Report
- 1:30 PM** Tardy Time - have your 2017 Marching Wildcats T-shirt, bibbers, Dinkles, gloves and black socks on. Garment bag (Jacket, Sash, Gauntlets) will remain on the rack until after we rehearse. You will put them on before we depart for the Sportsplex. Please eat a meal before you get to the school and bring a light snack to eat after rehearsal. - Chaperones Monitor
- 2:00 PM** Arrive at GBMS, unload and rehearsal at the stadium - Chaperones Monitor
- 4:45 PM** Depart GBMS for the Sports Plex - Chaperones Monitor
- 5:15 PM** Arrival, unload and line up for warm ups - Chaperones Monitor
- 7:45 PM** Marching Wildcats performance Time - Chaperones Monitor
- 10:20 PM** Announcement of Awards (Drum Majors & Section leaders keep Shakos and Plumes with you) -Load trailers & buses - Do not change out of uniform until we arrive back at GBHS!!! - Chaperones Monitor
- 11:00 PM** Arrive GBHS - NEATLY put uniforms and any equipment away. Leadership must check each student's uniform before they can leave. - Chaperones Monitor

***If you are leaving from the VB Sportsplex with your parents, they will need to pick you up at the buses 10:20 p.m. Please turn in a note in advance and let your bus chaperone know. You will need to take your uniform with you and return it to the school Monday morning unless you arrange to have someone return it to the racks for you.**

Marching Wildcats at the VBMC SE Virginia Regional Competition - October 7, 2017
Virginia Beach Sportsplex - 2044 Landstown Centre Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
Schedule of Events

Performance Time	Band	Group
3:50	National Anthem – Independence MS	
4:00	Green Run	A
4:15	First Colonial	A
4:30	Salem	A
4:45	Bayside	A
5:00	Landstown	A
5:15	New Kent	A
5:30	Churchland	A
5:45	30 MINUTE BREAK	
6:15	James River	AA
6:30	Bruton	AA
6:45	York	AA
7:00	Tabb	AA
7:15	Western Branch	AA
7:30	Lafayette	AA
7:45	Great Bridge	AA
8:00	Deep Run	AA
8:15	Nansemond River	AAA
8:30	Cox	AAA
8:45	Princess Anne	AAA
9:00	Grassfield	AAA
9:15	Ocean Lakes	AAA
9:30	Tallwood	AAA
9:45	Hickory	AAAA
10:00	Christopher Newport University	Exh
10:20	Awards Ceremony – Drum Majors	