

CVHS Wildcat Band Boosters NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the [Wildcat Band Booster](#) Newsletter - a central hub for all things CVHS Band Boosters.

Wildcat Band Newsletter, Valentine's Day Edition! 💙💙💙



A Few Notes from CVHS Band Director, Melissa Hall 🎵

It may be cold outside, but things are heating up in the band room! We are hard at work preparing for Band Assessments, the band's equivalent of an SOL, and I'm so proud of all the practice and effort being put in by your students. I hope you will be able to join us in the audience to support them at either the Pre-Assessment concerts at CVHS on Feb. 26 and 27 or the Band Assessment at GMU on Tuesday Mar. 11. It's hard to believe that Marching Band sign-ups are coming in April. The hints for next school year's show theme are already dropping on Instagram! Speaking of next year, check out the volunteer opportunities for our scholarship committee, band boosters board for next year, and some upcoming chaperone needs for the day of Assessment. Can't wait to see everyone in the audience Feb. 26, 27 for the pre-assessment concerts! -Melissa Hall

Key Dates for the Upcoming Month

- Feb. 26, 7:00 PM **Pre-assessment concert**. Students arrive 6:30. Features CVHS Symphonic Band, LMS Concert and Symphonic Bands. Dress is polo, black pants, black shoes, belt, instruments, music.
- Feb. 27, 7:00 PM **Pre-assessment concert**. Students arrive 6:30. Features CVHS Concert Band, CVHS Wind Ensemble, and LMS Wind Ensemble. Dress is tuxedo/gown (WE) or polo (CB), black shoes, belt, instruments, music.
- Mar. 11, **Band Assessment** George Mason University.
 1. Concert and Symphonic Band students arrive at CVHS band room at 7:00 AM in concert dress - polo, black pants, black shoes, belt, instruments, music. Parent chaperones will also arrive at the band room at 7:00 AM and ride the buses with the students. Return time is approximately 12:15 PM.
 2. Wind Ensemble students report to the band room after 2nd period (9:50 AM) to change into concert dress. Please bring your tuxedos and gowns to the band room when you arrive at school in the morning and hang them on the garment rack. Parent chaperones will arrive at 10:00 AM (for 10:45 departure) and return with the students approximately 2:30 PM.
- Mar. 20, 7:30 PM Myrtle Beach **Band Trip Meeting** for students and parents. CVHS auditorium.
- Mar. 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM **Pyramid Concert** CVHS auditorium.
- Apr. 3-6, **Band Trip** to Myrtle Beach.

Volunteer Corner

We love our parent volunteers! Thank you to those who have already stepped up to fill positions for the next school year and marching season!

We have some short and long-term volunteer needs:

- ***Immediate need*** Ms. Hall needs 4 bus chaperones for Symphonic and Concert Bands during Assessment on Tuesday Mar. 11 at 7:00 AM to 12:15 PM. The event takes place at George Mason University. She then needs 2 chaperones at 10:00 - 2:30 for Wind Ensemble. Please contact Ms. Hall if you can help MAHall3@fcps.edu. See Key Dates for more info.
- Scholarship committee still needs two volunteers - The Band Booster scholarship application is now live in Naviance. The Boosters plan to award senior scholarships and underclass scholarships this year. In this regard, the Boosters are looking for two more non-senior parents to make up the scholarship review committee. The volunteers will review the applications based on the metrics that will be provided. The applications will be reviewed and the committee will meet during the first two weeks of April. Please email Jeanne at president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com to volunteer.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Come volunteer with your favorite board and committee members! Several board seats and committee chairs will be open for new volunteers next year. The boosters are the support system of the entire band and NO experience is necessary to be a leader. Open positions include **President, Fundraising Chair, Tag Day Chair(s), and Webmaster** for the 2025-26 School Year to replace the outgoing board/committee seats. All positions can be shared with another volunteer. Need more information? Email Jeanne L. at president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com

President

The Band Booster President oversees all of the booster activities. The biggest perk is meeting and getting to know the students and their families. The president works closely with the booster board and Ms. Hall. Additional responsibilities include:

- Create the annual budget with the Treasurer.
- Oversee the financial info/activities.
- Create the monthly booster meeting agenda and run the meetings.
- Organize food trucks for Bandemonium in May.
- Co-chair Tag Day in September.
- Help to serve dinner for band students at certain events such as the Pyramid Concert or end of season banquet.
- Help to organize the Band Scholarship application process in the spring.

Most communication is via text or email, encompassing 5-10 hours a month. Please contact Jeanne Laszewski at president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com if you can fill this role for next year or are interested in learning more about being the president!

Fundraising Chair

The CVHS band program cannot operate without the money we raise from fundraisers such as restaurant nights, car wash, Tag Day, Double Good Popcorn, and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. It is vital that we fill this position before the end of the school year. Fundraising starts once marching band camp begins, one month before the start of school. If the title of Fundraising Chair seems daunting, we welcome volunteers who could be responsible for any specific fundraising events, such as the ones mentioned below. For example, one parent has already volunteered to be in charge of the carwash. Fundraising activities that could be managed as individual events:

- **Restaurant nights:** Responsibilities include scheduling fundraisers at Panera and Chipotle (done online 2-4 months in advance), advertising events, and ensuring the check is received from the restaurant (mailed to your house) and delivered to the Treasurer. Restaurant nights are usually August - October.
- **Tag Day:** Our biggest fundraiser of the year! This event raises money for the entire CVHS music department (band, orchestra, choir). Though this is a large event, it has been running smoothly for years and the logistics are already in place. There are 2 chairs, so you could volunteer for 1 of them, and the boosters president would be the other chair. The event is held on a Saturday in September (date TBA) but all the prep work can be done from home. It is a large and important commitment, but also very rewarding as we make most of our school year budget from this one event.
- **Double Good Popcorn:** This fundraiser is super easy! It involves downloading the app, scheduling our fundraising dates, and advertising the event. This event takes place late Nov/early Dec. The popcorn is shipped directly from Double Good, so there is no delivery.
- **Krispy Kreme:** Duties include collecting orders for doughnuts, submitting the order online to the store, picking up the doughnuts from the store on the delivery day, and driving them to the band room before the last bell (3:00 PM). Fundraiser typically occurs in March.
- **Spirit Wear:** Advertise the store at the beginning of the school year (through this newsletter), place orders, organize items for each student, and deliver orders to CVHS band room when they arrive.

If you are interested in helping with any of these events please feel free to reach out to Jeanne Laszewski (president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com), Paige Witte (paige.witte@gmail.com) or Ms Hall.

Webmaster

The Webmaster keeps our Wildcat Band Booster website updated by posting newsletters, booster meeting minutes, and updating pictures. Please contact Jeanne at president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com to volunteer for this role.

Fundraising Corner



ANYTIME NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER: Anytime is a good time to donate to the CVHS Band programs. No donation is too small and all donations will go directly to our band programs for things like new uniforms, new instruments and more!. Scan the QR code to go to the Band PayPal/Credit Card donation page. Or enter the link into your web browser. <https://tinyurl.com/p36r452b>

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser



FUNDRAISER

to benefit the

Centreville High School Wildcat Band Boosters

Sale Begins: February 27th

Sale Ends: March 18th

All order forms and payment must be turned in to Ms. Hall by 3pm on March 18th.

Order Pick Up: March 27th at 3pm in the Band Room

Important things to note:

- Each order is for 1 dozen original glazed doughnuts**
- The cost is \$16 per dozen**
- Payment can be made via cash or check**
- Checks should be made payable to Wildcat Band Boosters**
- Forms and payment for all orders must be dropped off with Ms. Hall by 3pm on March 18th. No exceptions.**
- Doughnuts must be picked up on March 27th between 3-4pm in the Band room.**

Questions? Contact Paige Witte at paige.witte@gmail.com or 703.362.2289

Senior Yard Signs - Final Orders due by Apr. 15!



Senior Parents - Band Boosters are now taking orders for 2025 Band Senior Yard Signs. Buy a yard sign to celebrate your senior. Yard signs are double sided, 24wX18h and will be delivered around May 1, 2025. Cost is \$20. To order, complete the google form: [2025 Band Senior Yard Sign Form](#). If you have any questions, please email president@cvhswildcatbandboosters.com Congratulations!

Winter/Spring Calendar Below

All Bands 2024-2025 Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Dec. 4 | End of Day | Myrtle Beach Spring Trip Payment #2 Due |
| Dec. 5 | 7:00 PM | Winter Concert CVHS Auditorium |
| Dec. 6 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q2A Due |
| Dec. 9 - 12 | Online! | Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser |
| Dec. 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Band Booster Meeting Google Meet |
| Dec. 31 | EOD | Leadership Applications Due |
| Jan. 17 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q2B Due |
| Jan. 18 | All Day | All District Band Auditions Robinson HS |
| Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 | TBD | All District Band Event |
| Feb. 19 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q3A Due |
| Feb. 26 - 27 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Pre-Assessment Concert CVHS Auditorium |
| Mar. 11 | See Newsletter | Band Assessment at George Mason University |
| Mar. 20 | 7:30 PM | Band Trip Mtg. Student/Parent CVHS Auditorium |
| Mar. 21 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q3B Due |
| Mar. 27 | 7:00 - 9:00 | Pyramid Concert CVHS Auditorium |
| Apr. 3 - 6 | All Day | Band Trip to Myrtle Beach! |
| Apr. 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 | JazzCats Cafe Concert |
| Apr. 30 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q4A Due |
| May 10 | All Day | JazzCats/Symphony Trip to Hershey Park |
| May 16 | 6:30 - 9:00 | BANDEMONIUM! |
| May 23 | EOD | Music Growth Project Q4B Due |
| Jun. 5 | 7:00 PM | Graduation at GMU |
| Jul. 23-25 | TBA | Drumline, Technique, Leadership Camp for MB |
| Jul. 28 | 8:00 AM | MB Camp Officially Starts for 25-26 School Year! |