

# Deep Run Band

## Parent Information Booklet



**2023 - 2024**

**Deep Run High School**

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# Deep Run High School Wildcat Band

## Virginia Honor Band

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2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023

Dear Band Students and Families,

On behalf of the Deep Run Band Boosters (DRBB) and the entire Deep Run Band Family, we are excited to see you! The Deep Run Band program is a 17-time Virginia Honor Band. [Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association's members (VBODA, see <http://www.vboda.org/>) assess Marching Band and concert band performances in the Fall and Spring. If both Fall and Spring assessments result in a "superior" rating, our band earns the **Virginia Honor Band** distinction.]

The Deep Run High School Music Department has achieved Blue-Ribbon status 14 times from the Virginia Music Educators Association! This honor is given to schools who have their most advanced band, chorus, and orchestra receive superior ratings at District Assessments.

Tradition, excellence, and commitment run deep within our program! We are honored that you and your student have chosen our program and we are proud to have you as a member of the Deep Run Wildcat Band!

DRBB supports the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and the Marching Wildcats. These groups work together to achieve the school's superior program while also building lifelong friendships!

Prior to the start of school, please take a moment to confirm your student is enrolled in Marching Band (**course # 9232Y**) – this allows your student to participate after the school day while also obtaining 0.5 Honors credit. All musicians are *required* to be signed up for a Concert Band course that meets during the school day: brass players: **#9234B**, percussionists: **#9234P**, woodwinds: **#9234W**. For your reference, there is also Wind Ensemble **#9234** and Stage Band/Jazz Band **#9241** both of which are by audition only. If you have any course registration questions, please contact your current guidance counselor or Mr. Pennington.

Do not hesitate to reach out to ask questions! Welcome and GO WILDCATS!!

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# The Deep Run Band Boosters

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The Deep Run Band Boosters (DRBB) was created exclusively for charitable purposes to promote music study, composition, and performance for students within Deep Run High School Department of Bands.

The DRBB is a parent-run organization that supports Deep Run High School band programs by providing support to the Band Director, Jimmy Pennington.

The DRBB supports the band in the following ways:

- ❖ **Purchasing music and choreography** for marching shows
- ❖ Arranging **chaperones** for football games, marching competitions, and concert band assessments
- ❖ Providing **student meals** during football season before games
- ❖ Soliciting **parent volunteers** to assist with marching show props, photography, senior class care, band camp, fundraising activities
- ❖ Organizing student and parent **hospitality** for concerts and other celebrations
- ❖ Coordinating and providing **concessions** at home football games to raise DRBB funds
- ❖ Directing and managing **fundraisers** to support the bands' needs and capital improvements (i.e. scaffolding, podiums, sound equipment)
- ❖ Handling the care and upkeep of the Marching Wildcat **uniforms**
- ❖ Purchasing **props and screens** and other articles that are required for marching shows
- ❖ Contracting and paying **staff** that work with sections of the Marching Wildcats
- ❖ Maintaining the **Wildcat Trailer**, which transports equipment to performances *\*CHECK IT OUT next to the stands in the stadium*
- ❖ Giving organizational support to the student run **Basketball Pep Band**
- ❖ Supporting the award-winning **Winter Indoor Color Guard**

Parents formed the Deep Run Band Boosters, Inc. (DRBB) in August 2002. DRBB is an IRS Section 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Entity incorporated in Virginia and is run as a not-for-profit company. This means that DRBB does not have to pay sales tax on its purchases and contributions made to DRBB are potentially tax-deductible (subject to IRS regulations).

Joining Band Boosters is as simple as coming to the meetings. This is a great way to get to know other band families and grow closer to your kids! The master calendar in this package shows the dates and times of General Band Booster meetings. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend!

# Deep Run Band Boosters

2023 - 2024

## Board of Directors

Band Director	Jimmy Pennington	japennin@henrico.k12.va.us	804.364.8000
President	Kris Armstrong	jdke.armstrong@gmail.com	443.591.1823
Director of Finance	Sandy Sowder	drbbtreasurer@gmail.com	540.664.9091
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Secretary	Elaine Gines "Heness"	deeprunbandboosters@gmail.com	269.377.8083

## Standing Committees

Website/Social Media	Shelly Barrick Parsons	shellybp@gmail.com	304.692.3610
Concessions	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Hospitality	Lois Roethel	Roethel4@gmail.com	516.356.9121
Spirit Wear	Juli Jones	Julifinnelljones@gmail.com	703.216.1426
Marching Uniforms	Becky Gelrud	RLRGelrud@gmail.com	804.519.6564
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	Yi Sun	sunyi1999@yahoo.com	860.919.5632
Color Guard Liaison	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## Special Committees

Band Camp	Joan Edwards	greinerjm@yahoo.com	804.548.4766
Recruiting Liaison	Sally Raderer	sallyraderer@gmail.com	804.909.1202
Pep Band Liaison	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Senior Scholarships	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>deeprunbandscholarships@gmail.com</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Senior Parent	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## Assistants

Assistant to Band Director	Brooke Heilesen	bheilesen4@gmail.com	804-240-9393
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The Executive Committee consists of the Band Director, the Board of Directors, and the chairpersons of Standing Committees.

# Marching Band Facts

## Summer Clinics

Student attendance is *expected* at all summer clinics held on Tuesdays from 4pm – 8pm (see specific dates below) unless your student is out of town or sick.

- ❖ Tuesday Summer Clinics: June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25 from 4-8pm
- ❖ Color Guard Orientation Meeting: TBD (PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND)

These clinics allow students to acclimate to the marching environment, begin to learn music and marching moves, but most importantly, *develop group synergy*.

## Band Camp

Band Camp is Monday through Friday 8am-6pm, 7/31/2023 – 8/11/2023.

Mini Band Camp continues Monday through Thursday 4-8pm, 8/14/2023 – 8/17/2023.

**Monday, 7/31/2023 is the first day for the academic class called “Marching Band”.** This class will continue to meet until our last performance (may be a competition or playoff game). Consult the 2023 –2024 Deep Run Band Schedule (pg. 16) for class dates (listed in **BOLD**).

## Weekly After-School Practices

Weekly after-school practice schedule begins Tuesday, 8/22/23 through Tuesday, 10/31/23

- ❖ Mondays: No practice (*except 8/28* due to a Friday Student Holiday)
- ❖ Tuesdays – Thursdays: 4:00pm – 6:30pm\* [Clean-up, announcements and arc-up (assemble for final announcements) will follow] Dismissal will be 7pm
- ❖ Fridays (Practice & Football Game): 4:00pm – 11pm (students remain at school until football game complete)

## Saturday Practices and Competitions

Saturday practices and competitions occur at varying locations and times. Please block the entire day until you receive further information from the Band Director.

## Saturday, Dec 2 Dominion Energy Christmas Parade (and practices)

This year we will march in the Christmas Parade with Freeman HS. This will include after school/evening practices TBA. This parade and practices are **mandatory** for all marching students (including 8<sup>th</sup> grade and color guard). It is a graded event for the Honors Marching Band class. If taking SATS, it will be excused.

## Attendance

Any absences require handwritten notification (*please no emails*) from parents.

Acceptable reasons for tardiness / absence are severe personal illness or injury that keeps students from school, mandatory COVID quarantine, family emergency, religious observance, legal / court appointment, or major family events such as weddings or funerals. Other reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Director reserves the right to accept or deny requests for absence, tardiness, or early dismissal. Routine dental or medical appointments should not be scheduled during rehearsal or performance times. Work, college visits, or sibling events are not acceptable excuses.

To perform at the level expected of the Marching Wildcats, it is imperative that students attend all rehearsals and performances. Any absence will be noticed as a gap where your student marches, plays, or dances. ***We have no substitute players to fill in for absent members.***

## Marching Wildcats Money Talk

### Registration Forms due ASAP NLT 6/9/2023

Description	Date Due	Amount: 1 Student	Amount: 2	Additional Detail	
<i>Marching Band Assessment Fee Full Payment</i>					
Full Assessment	Upon Receipt of Electronic Invoice 6/30/2023	\$400	\$725*	Pays for: <b>1 white summer uniform t-shirt, 1 show t-shirt, 1 show patch</b> , marching / color guard uniform, garment bag, warm up / rain gear, competition registration, transportation to/from games/shows, music, show props. <b>Blue text = Items student(s) keeps</b> *\$75 savings for second & subsequent students in a single family	
<i>Marching Band Assessment Fee Payment Plan</i>					
Initial Down Payment	6/9/2023	\$200	\$325		
2nd Payment	6/30/2023	\$100	\$200		
Final Payment	7/21/2023	\$100	\$200		
Game Meals (Optional) (12)	NLT 6/30/2023	\$84	\$168	Meals may include: Chick-fil-A, Pizza, Pasta. Water is provided. <i>A second meal can be purchased this season for an <u>additional \$35</u> if your student is hungry!</i> If you do not choose this option; you must provide your student(s) with dinner prior to games. There is <b>not</b> time to leave school prior to games. Includes 10 (all) football games, Henrico Showcase of Bands, VBODA Assessment. Meals are NOT provided for competitions.	
Musician Show Gloves (3pr)	NLT 6/30/2023	\$10	\$20	Hornline & Woodwinds only. You can re-use suitable gloves from prior years.	
Musician Dinkles (Shoes)	NLT 6/30/2023	\$40	\$80	Dinkles are white marching shoes worn by all musicians. You can re-use suitable Dinkles from prior years. Fitting is done at Band Camp.	
<i>All Inclusive Color Guard Show Kit (optional, may purchase on own)</i>					
Color Guard Show Kit	NLT 7/31/2023	\$120	\$240	Inclusive kit that has show makeup kit, gloves, shoes, and body tight.	
<i>A-la-Carte Color Guard Items (optional, may purchase on own)</i>					
Color Guard Show Makeup Kit	NLT 7/31/2023	\$50	\$100	Kit includes skin primer, eyeshadow, eyeliner, mascara, lip color, blush, applicators/brushes, and a small bag to keep it all in. Exact product list will be provided at band camp.	
Color Guard Gloves	NLT 7/31/2023	\$20	\$40	Skin-colored gloves used to help with grip and protection for members' hands when spinning equipment. If same style is used, you can re-use suitable gloves from prior years.	
Color Guard Shoes	NLT 7/31/2023	\$25	\$50	Color Guard shoes match the show uniform. If same style is used, you can re-use suitable shoes from prior years.	
Color Guard Body Tight (Girls Only)	NLT 7/31/2023	\$25	\$50	A wicking blend tight that provides a seamless profile underneath show uniforms. If same style is used, you can re-use suitable shoes from prior years.	
Additional Summer Uniform T-Shirts (Optional)	NLT 6/30/2023	\$25.00		Each student gets 1 shirt per assessment fee. Additional shirts can be purchased for your student(s) or family members.	
Additional Show Shirts (Optional)	NLT 7/31/2023	\$25.00		Each student gets 1 shirt per assessment fee. Additional shirts can be purchased for your student(s) or family members.	

## **Method of Payment**

The Marching Band Assessment fee covers approximately one-third of the cost of running the band. The balance is comprised of fundraising.

The payment schedule is specified in the table on page 7. Checks can be accepted at Jump Start. All payments not received by mid-June will be invoiced for payment June 30. Payments can be made then via online check or credit card. Credit cards will incur a 3% fee to offset the fees the band has to pay to process credit cards. Band families with more than one student receive a discount of \$75 on the second and subsequent students.

Full payment is preferred. This allows for more efficient management of the band budget and procurement of music, show elements such as drill and props, as well as hiring staff. We understand this can be a hardship for some families and as such offer a payment plan with three installments.

Meals, musician gloves, and musician dinkles are separate charges and not included in the assessment fee.

Other optional items, including color guard kits & additional shirts, may be ordered through the date specified in the table on page 7.

### *Checks:*

Checks may be made payable to Deep Run Band Boosters. Checks will be collected at Jump Start. They can also be mailed to our PO Box (Deep Run Band Boosters, PO Box 3060, Glen Allen, VA 23058) or placed in the black secure mailbox located in the band room near Mr. Pennington's office.

## **Financial Hardship**

Deep Run Band Boosters have set aside limited funds for the purpose of assisting students who need financial aid to participate in the band programs. Recipients will be selected through collaborative review of the Board of Directors and the Band Director. Applications for financial assistance are available on the Deep Run Band Boosters website. The application outlines the submission process. Applications are due no later than 06/23/2023.

## **Refunds**

Once your student is registered for Marching Band, you are obligated to DRBB for 100% of the price of the items ordered. If your student becomes injured, sick, or decides for any reason not to participate\*, we will refund your assessment subject to the following limitations.

*\*Work with your counselor to withdraw from the Marching Band course*

### *Assessment Fee*

Requests for reimbursement must be sent to the President and/or Treasurer (Kris Armstrong, President; Sandy Sowder, Dir. Finance) via email. No other Executive Committee member is authorized to accept requests for reimbursement.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Refund</b>
5/14- 7/21/2023	100%
7/22 - 7/30/2023	50%
7/31/2023+	0%



### **Champs/Band Trip Mandatory Fee**

We have already registered for the State Championship Competition held at Liberty University in Lynchburg (October 29). For the comfort and safety of our students, volunteers and staff we rent a charter bus (2) for this trip.

Following the fun and success of the trip to Busch Gardens or Kings Dominion the DRBB is collaborating with Mr. P to do it again! We are working to arrange a day trip to an amusement park during the marching season.

There will be a \$55/student fee that will be invoiced September 29. This will offset the cost of the buses and tickets for these events (currently budgeted in excess of \$7,000). Based on the status of fundraising and expenses incurred during the season the DRBB Executive Council may be able to waive this fee.

### **Other Expenses During Football / Show Season**

- ❖ Summer Clinic / Band Camp supplies
- ❖ Summer Uniform shorts (khaki for musicians, black for color guard)
- ❖ Musician Uniforms: CREW socks all white (no logos or color bands)
- ❖ Musician Uniforms: bicycle length compression shorts all white (no logos or color bands)
- ❖ Neff Letter Jacket (~\$200); offered for optional purchase during band camp
- ❖ Student and ensemble pictures (taken for yearbook during band camp)
- ❖ Entry for family members to Football Games (~\$10) \*
- ❖ Entry for family members to Competitions/Shows (\$10-\$25) \*
- ❖ Family member travel to football games & competitions
- ❖ Concessions (snacks/meals/drinks) during games\*\* and competitions
- ❖ Donations in support of fundraising

\*Many day-of game & competition volunteers (excluding pant washers) are given free admittance to the game or show. This is limited to the parent/guardian volunteering and does not include non-volunteer spouses, children, etc.

\*\*Students are typically given an opportunity to go to concessions during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of football games

*Family Members 60+*

[Henrico County Golden Age Program](#). If you or a family member are 60+ and a Henrico County Resident you/they can get access to football games, some shows, and some performances for free or nearly free.

# Summer Clinics / Band Camp Supplies List

## ALL STUDENTS

### Required:

- ❖ Dot Book\* (used to record positions on football field; this will be a graded activity) – can use 3x5 spiral-bound index cards or search “marching band dot book” on Amazon
- ❖ Pencils
- ❖ Large (1-2 gal) Insulated Water Jug w/ Spout
- ❖ Sneakers (canvas shoes such as Vans or Converse and sandals/flip flops not permitted) and Socks
- ❖ Backpack or drawstring bag to hold binder, sunscreen, etc.
- ❖ Fanny pack to hold dot book and pencils
- ❖ Large beach towel for stretching and warmups
- ❖ Hat to shade face
- ❖ Sunscreen (apply at home then **reapply** throughout day)
- ❖ LUNCH! Pack a lunch, snacks and bring your water jug. Other snacks will be provided during band camp.

*\*Front Ensemble does not require a Dot Book*

### Recommended:

- ❖ Bug spray
- ❖ Hand wipes or hand sanitizer
- ❖ Extra hair ties
- ❖ Extra socks (can change mid-day or if shoes/socks get wet)
- ❖ Extra pair of sneakers (they get wet, muddy, and occasionally spray painted (see Dot Books))

## MUSICIANS

- ❖ White t-shirt (minimal designs ok)
- ❖ 1 Black 2” 3-Ring Binder Notebook (Hornline and Percussion)
- ❖ Sheet Protectors (~10-20) are needed to store sheets of music (Hornline and Percussion)
- ❖ Practice Gloves for ALL BRASS (cotton can be purchased through registration and will be distributed at Band Camp)
- ❖ Drumsticks / Bass Drum Mallets (Battery Percussionists) purchased and maintained by student

## COLOR GUARD

- ❖ Light blue shirts (minimal designs ok) – these are made prior to Band Camp as a team; wait to buy
- ❖ 1 roll of black electrical tape
- ❖ Guard Gloves

# Football / Show Season Supplies List

## ALL STUDENTS

- ❖ Dot Book\* (used to record positions on football field; this will be a graded activity)
  - ❖ Pencils
  - ❖ Large (1-2 gal) Insulated Water Jug w/ Spout
  - ❖ Sneakers (canvas shoes such as Vans or Converse and sandals/flip flops not permitted) and Socks
  - ❖ Backpack or drawstring bag to hold binder, sunscreen, etc.
  - ❖ Fanny pack to hold dot book and pencils
- \*Front Ensemble does not require a Dot Book*

## MUSICIANS

### *Practice*

- ❖ White t-shirt (minimal designs ok); students will change after school into this shirt for practice
- ❖ Practice Gloves (white cotton) for ALL BRASS (purchased at Jump Start, distributed at Band Camp)
- ❖ Drumsticks (Percussionists) purchased and maintained by student

### *Summer Uniform (this will be worn to warm weather events)*

- ❖ Khaki color shorts that conform to HCPS dress code (length); same or similar to Lands' End Plain Front (NO CARGO SHORTS); **color and length** primary emphasis.  
Men: item # 241937-AJ8  
Women's: item # 403782-5X8
- ❖ Plain Brown leather or leather-looking belt with simple buckle

### *Standard Marching Uniform Accessories*

- ❖ Summer Uniform / Show Shirt will be worn underneath jacket & bib (pants); purchased at Jump Start, distributed at Band Camp
- ❖ All white (no logos or color bands) CREW socks and all white bicycle length compression shorts under white marching bib
- ❖ White marching shoes (Dinkles); fit/ordered during Band Camp

## COLOR GUARD

### *Practice*

- ❖ Light blue shirts (minimal designs ok) – these are made *prior to Band Camp* as a team; wait to buy
- ❖ Guard Gloves

### *Summer Uniform (this will be worn to the first football game **before** school starts)*

- ❖ Black athletic shorts
- ❖ Guard Summer uniform shirt (issued at Band Camp)
- ❖ Sneakers

### *Show Uniform Accessories*

- ❖ TBD

## In summary, Steps to Join the Marching Wildcats

- ❑ Ensure student(s) is registered for Marching Band class and applicable music class
- ❑ Fill out registration and student / family information forms (available on the [Marching Band website](#)) as soon as possible but no later than 6/9/2023
- ❑ Pay fees in accordance with the schedule described in Money Talk (pg. 7)
- ❑ Complete the Henrico County Public School Volunteer Form (required to volunteer). You can access the form for electronic submission here:  
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NTQ4ODplbi1VUw==>  
  
OR you can complete the pdf and print and bring to Jump Start or Summer Band Clinics to an Executive Committee Member:  
<http://henricoschools.us/pdf/Community/VolunteerApplication.pdf>
- ❑ Review the summer clinic / band camp supplies to ensure your student has all they need
- ❑ Look for invitations in July to bring supplies and sign up for a volunteer shift to chaperone / serve lunch / setup or cleanup at Band Camp
- ❑ Mark your calendar for the **REQUIRED** dates in **BLACK BOLD FONT** in the Deep Run Band Schedule (pg. 16-19)
- ❑ Plan to attend the **REQUIRED Parent Meeting during the week of Mini Band Camp** (*date will be announced before the end of school*) to get ready for the Football & Show season (and see our kids perform enjoying dinner from local food trucks).
- ❑ Get PSYCHED for an awesome 2023-2024 school year and Marching Band season!

## Deep Run Marching Band Glossary

Term	Definition
Arc Up	Marching Band students assemble (typically standing in concentric half circles) for final coaching and instruction from leadership prior to dismissal. Arc Up will not occur until all instruments, equipment, etc. are put away.
Aussie	Cowboy style hat worn by the musicians in the band.
Auxiliary	A group of students who add color and style to marching band performances with flags and other props. The term was originally used for the flag/rifle carriers who stood at the front of a marching show. It has evolved into the modern color guard when dance and decorative flags were added.
Band Camp	New and returning members spend two (2) weeks learning or reviewing marching techniques, show music and routines, and drill for the field show.
Battery	Percussion section that carries drums while marching. Composed of snare drums, bass drums, and quads.
Bib	Part of the Marching Uniform. White* overalls worn under the jacket (also referred to as pants). *Drum Majors wear black.
Body Tight	Part of the Color Guard uniform for females. A nylon/spandex wicking blend tight that provides a seamless profile underneath show uniforms.
Blue Ribbon School	Granted by the Virginia Music Educators Association, this honor is given to schools whose most advanced band, chorus, AND orchestra receive Superior ratings at District Assessments.
Brass	Section of band with musical instruments whose tone is produced by vibration of the lips as the player blows into a tubular resonator. May include trumpet, trombone, mellophone, tuba, etc.
Captain	Student Leader selected to lead multiple sections in the band. For example, the Battery Section Leader and the Pit Section Leader report to the Percussion Captain.
Clinics	Summer clinics that allow students to acclimate to the marching environment, begin to learn music and marching moves, but most importantly, <i>develop group synergy</i> . Mandatory <i>IF</i> the student is in town for a given week.
Color Guard	See Auxiliary.
Dinkles	Part of the Marching Uniform. Musician's white marching shoes; fitted and ordered at Band Camp.
Dismissal	Time that the band and guard are dismissed after arc up and can leave the band room. Note that this is usually 6:50-7:00pm for "normal" after school practice which ends at 6:30pm.
Dot	Specific position of drill on the field for an individual student. Typically marked by a Section Leader with spray paint.
Dot Book	Notebook or cards that document each individual student's positions on the field for the Marching Band show. Graded assignment in Marching Band.

DRBB	Deep Run Band Boosters, a parent-run volunteer organization created exclusively for charitable purposes to promote music study, composition, and performance for students within Deep Run High School Department of Bands. DRBB is an IRS Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity incorporated in Virginia and is run as a not-for-profit company.
Drill	The steps and positions that make up a Marching Band show.
Drum Major	Student conductor(s) who direct the Marching Band as it plays.
Epaulet	Part of Marching Uniform. Braided blue cords attached to the shoulder of senior members of the marching musicians.
Front Ensemble	Stationary percussion ensemble in Marching Band that does not march (also known as Pit); sets up on the front of field and plays larger immobile percussion instruments such as keyboard, bells, marimba, timpani, etc.
Fundraising	Special efforts throughout the year to raise money for the Band Boosters, in support of expenses; parents are needed to spread the word to family and friends.
Gauntlet	Part of the Marching Uniform. Visual accent worn over wrist of musician's jacket.
Hornline	"All instruments that blow." This is all brass and woodwinds.
Jacket	Top of Marching Uniform; zips and clasps in the back.
Lining the field	Marching Band student leaders use equipment and spray paint to add the yard lines to the practice field.
Mini Band Camp	Mandatory sessions the week following Band Camp held in the evenings to continue to practice and add to the field show. Students will dress just as they do for Band Camp and after school practices.
Marching Band	A marching band is a group of instrumental musicians who perform while marching for entertainment or competition. Instrumentation typically includes brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. Most marching bands wear a uniform, often of a military-style, that includes an associated organization's colors, name or symbol. Most high school marching bands are accompanied by a color guard, a group of performers who add a visual interpretation to the music using props, most often flags and rifles.
Mirror	Part of Marching Uniform. Reflective square attached to Aussie (hat) displaying DR (Deep Run) logo.
On Time	Students are expected to arrive in advance of a practice's planned start and be in position with all required equipment at time of start.
Percussion	The section of the band that plays percussion instruments (drums, etc.)
Plume	Part of Marching Uniform. Adding height and visual appeal, a feather stack is inserted in Aussie (hat).
Practice Shirt	Specific color shirt(s) required for band camp and after school practices. Musicians wear white; color guard members wear light blue (dyed as a team-building activity).
Section Leader	Student leader selected from each section (group of instruments) to lead students.
Sectional	A separate meeting of one section, for the purpose of practicing their part, or team building, or both. For example, the Trumpet Section may have a "Sectional" to practice their particular part in the show.
Show Shirt	Screen printed t-shirt displaying visuals from the show (may be a color other than white). One is provided as part of marching band assessment. Additional shirts are

	good gifts and SWAG to wear in the stands when the band performs.
Spirit Wear	Deep Run Wildcat “branded” gear, usually clothing, blankets, hats, etc. which are made available for purchase at specific times during season.
Staff	Instructors paid by the DRBB to assist the Band Director in teaching and practicing with different sections of the band.
Summer Uniform Shirt	Screen printed t-shirt displaying the DR Wildcats logo and sponsors’ logos; it is provided as part of marching band assessment. Typically worn as part of Summer Uniform or underneath bib of Marching Uniform. <i>This should not be worn in practice.</i>
VBODA	Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (visit <a href="http://www.vboda.org/">http://www.vboda.org/</a> ), VBODA, assesses marching and concert band performances in the Fall and Spring. If both Fall and Spring assessments result in a “superior” rating, our band earns the Virginia Honor Band distinction.
Warmup / Rain Gear	Athletic water-resistant outfit: elastic waistband pants and zip up jacket embroidered with Deep Run logo. Owned by DRBB and fitted/ issued during the season for student use.
Woodwinds	Wind instruments other than brass instruments. Section may include flute, piccolo, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone.

## 2023 - 2024 Deep Run Band Schedule

**Note:** Weekly practices end Saturday, 10/28 or the last playoff game should the football team advance to the playoffs. There will be additional days required for the Dominion Energy Christmas Parade (Saturday, 12/2 (practices TBA)).

<b>Events are subject to change, so watch for further communication!</b>		
<b>BOLD are REQUIRED Events for the Marching Band Class.</b>		
MONTH/DATE	TIME	WHAT
<b>May 2023</b>		
Saturday, 5/6	9am – 1pm	JUMP START #1: Welcome, Orientation, Sectionals Parent meeting: 9am – 10am (Band Room)
Tuesday, 5/9	6:30pm – 7:00pm	General Booster Meeting (Virtual) – All parents are encouraged to attend. 2023 – 2024 DRBB budget will be reviewed/approved.
Saturday, 5/13	9am – 1pm	JUMP START #2: Welcome, Orientation, Sectionals Parent meeting: 9am – 10am (Band Room)
Thursday, 5/18	7:00pm	Spring Band Concert followed by Dessert Reception
<b>June 2023</b>		
Tuesday, 6/6	TBD	2023-24 Wind Ensemble - Graduation (11am) VCU Seigel Center
Thursday, 6/9	All Day	Last Day of School Payment Plan - Initial Payment due (pg. 7)
Tuesday, 6/20	4pm – 8pm	SUMMER CLINIC*
Tuesday, 6/27	4pm – 8pm	SUMMER CLINIC*
Friday, 6/30	All Day	Full Payment Due; Payment Plan - 2nd Payment Due (pg. 7) Game Meals, Gloves, Dinkles, Summer Uniform Shirt Payments Due
<b>July 2023</b>		
TBD	TBD	Leadership Clinic; strongly encouraged for Section Leaders & Captains; recommended/open to other students interested in future leadership positions
Tuesday, 7/11	4pm – 8pm	SUMMER CLINIC*
Tuesday, 7/18	4pm – 8pm	SUMMER CLINIC*
Friday, 7/21	All Day	Final Assessment Payment Due
Tuesday, 7/25	4pm – 8pm	SUMMER CLINIC*
<b>Monday, 7/31</b>	<b>8am – 6pm</b>	<b>FIRST DAY of Band Camp</b> Color Guard Accessories, Additional Show Shirts Payments Due
<i>*Summer clinics are required (unless out of town or sick). Please complete the Summer Clinics Participation form</i>		
<b>August 2023</b>		
<b>Monday, 7/31 – Friday, 8/4</b>	<b>8am – 6pm</b>	<b>BAND CAMP Week 1</b>
Saturday, 8/5	8pm – 10pm	BAND CAMP POOL PARTY (TENTATIVE)
<b>Monday, 8/7 – Friday, 8/11</b>	<b>8am – 6pm</b>	<b>BAND CAMP Week 2</b>
<b>Monday, 8/7 – Friday, 8/18</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Virtual Band Blast Fundraiser</b>
<b>Monday, 8/14 – Thursday, 8/17</b>	<b>4pm – 8pm</b>	<b>Mini BAND CAMP</b>



<b>TBD During Mini Band Camp</b>	<b>6pm – 8pm</b>	<b>Mandatory Parent Meeting / General Booster Meeting</b> Friends & Family Band Preview and Dinner - See the band in action in the football stadium! Enjoy food trucks picnic style on the lawn.
Monday, 8/21	9am	First Day of School
<b>Tuesday, 8/21 – Thursday, 8/24</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 8/25</b>	<b>4pm – 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Mechanicsville – (HOME @ 7pm)</b>
Saturday, 8/26	TBD	Busch Gardens or Kings Dominion Marching Wildcats Trip (TENTATIVE)
<b>Monday, 8/28 – Wednesday, 8/30</b>	<b>4pm - 7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice <i>*note the Monday practice</i></b>
<b>Thursday, 8/31</b>	<b>4pm – 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Atlee – (HOME @ 7pm)</b>
<b>September 2023</b>		
Friday, 9/1	No School	Student Holiday
Monday, 9/4	No School	Labor Day
<b>Tuesday, 9/5 – Thursday, 9/7</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 9/8</b>	<b>4pm-11pm</b>	Middle School Invitational <b>Football Game vs. Prince George – (HOME @ 7pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/9</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9/12 – Thursday, 9/14</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 9/15</b>	<b>4pm – 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Meadowbrook – (AWAY @ 6:30pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/16</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9/19 – Thursday, 9/21</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 9/22</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Freeman – (AWAY @ 6:30pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/23</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Band Competition TBA</b>
Monday, 9/25	No School	Yom Kippur
<b>Tuesday, 9/26 – Thursday, 9/28</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 9/29</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Hermitage – (AWAY @ 6:30pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/30</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Hermitage Classic Band Competition</b>
<b>October 2023</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 10/3 – Thursday, 10/5</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 10/6</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Tucker (AWAY @ 6:30pm)</b>
<b>Saturday, 10/7</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Charlottesville HS Band Competition</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10/10 – Thursday, 10/12</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
Tuesday, 10/10	6pm – 7pm	General Booster Meeting (Band Room) – All parents welcome
<b>Friday, 10/13</b>	<b>3pm-11pm</b>	<b>HOMECOMING</b> <b>Parade (from YMCA)</b> <b>Football Game vs. Thomas Jefferson (HOME @ 7pm)</b>
Saturday, 10/14	TBD	Homecoming Dance TBD
<b>Monday, 10/16</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>	<b>HCPS Marching Band Showcase @ TBD</b>
<b>Tuesday, 10/17– Thursday, 10/19</b>	<b>4pm-7pm</b>	<b>After School Practice</b>
<b>Friday, 10/20</b>	<b>4pm - 11pm</b>	<b>Football Game vs. Glen Allen (AWAY @ 6:30pm)</b>

Tuesday, 10/24 – Thursday, 10/26	4pm-7pm	After School Practice
Wednesday, 10/25	TBD	VBODA SEC Williamsburg
Friday, 10/27	4pm – 11pm	<b>SENIOR NIGHT</b> Football Game vs. Godwin (HOME @ 7pm)
Saturday, 10/28	All Day	<b>VMBC State Championship Competition</b> <b>@ Lynchburg Stadium/Liberty University</b>
TBD	TBD	All-Virginia Jazz Band Auditions
<b>November 2023</b>		
TBD	TBD	Pep Band Orientation Meeting
TBD	TBD	Indoor Winter Color Guard Try-it-Out & Information Sessions <i>Indoor Winter Color Guard Camps &amp; Rehearsals will begin in late November; the competitive season is late January through Spring Break in April</i>
Saturday, 11/4	TBD	Busch Gardens Marching Wildcats Trip Alternate Date
Monday, 11/6	No School	Wellness Day
Tuesday, 11/7	No School	Election Day
Wednesday, 11/8	7:00-8:00pm	General Booster Meeting (Virtual) – All welcome
Mid November	TBD	End of Marching Season Celebration (Commons) ( <i>TENTATIVE</i> )
Friday, 11/10	During School	Wind Ensemble Only Veterans’ Day Assembly ( <i>TENTATIVE</i> )
Monday, 11/13	No School	Diwali (Observed)
Tuesday, 11/21	During School	THES (all students)/SGES (select students) Thanksgiving Parades ( <i>TENTATIVE</i> )
Wednesday, 11/22 – Friday, 11/24	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday
Mid - Late Nov.	7:15 am – 8:45am	Early morning rehearsals for Winter Concert ( <i>Watch for emails!</i> )
<b>Late November</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Christmas Parade Rehearsals</b>
<b>December 2023</b>		
<b>Saturday, 12/2</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Dominion Energy Christmas Parade (10am)</b>
Tuesday, 12/5	7pm	Concert Bands (All) Winter Concert (DRHS Auditorium), with reception to follow. General Booster Meeting and DRBB nominations announced.
Saturday, 12/9	TBD	District Band Auditions, Hanover HS
Thursday, 12/15	During School	Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble Only - Winter Assembly
Monday, 12/22 – Friday, 1/5	No School	Winter Break
<b>January 2024</b>		
Monday, 1/8	9am	Students return from Winter Break
Saturday, 1/7	TBD	(Snow Date) District Band Auditions, Douglas Freeman HS
Monday, 1/15	No School	MLK, Jr Day
Thursday, 1/18	~6pm – 9pm	All County Band – Deep Run HS (select students)
Friday, 1/19	~9:30am – 5pm	All County Band – Deep Run HS (select students)
Friday, 1/19	Half Day	Student Half Day
Saturday, 1/20	TBD	All County Band – Deep Run HS (select students)
Late-January	7:15am – 8:45am	Early morning rehearsals for Concert Assessment ( <i>Watch for emails!</i> )

<b>February 2024</b>		
February	7:15am – 8:45am	Early morning rehearsals for Concert Assessment ( <i>Watch for emails!</i> )
Thursday, 2/1	~6pm – 9pm	All District Band Event – Highland Springs HS (select students)
Friday, 2/3	~9:30am – 5pm	All District Band Event – Highland Springs HS (select students)
Saturday, 2/3	~9am – 3pm	All District Band Event – Highland Springs HS (select students)
Tuesday, 2/13	6:30pm – 7:30pm	General Booster Meeting (Virtual) – All welcome. Election of DRBB Officers & Committee appointments.
Monday, 2/19	No School	Wellness Day
Tuesday, 2/20	No School	Student Holiday
Saturday, 2/24	TBD	All Virginia Band/Orchestra Auditions (select students) – James Madison University
Tuesday, 2/27	7pm	All Bands - Pre-Assessment Concert (DRHS Auditorium)
<b>March 2024</b>		
March	7:15am – 8:45am	Early morning rehearsals for Concert Assessment ( <i>Watch for emails!</i> )
Thursday, 3/14	TBD	VBODA Concert Band Assessment, Glen Allen HS
Friday, 3/15	TBD	VBODA Concert Band Assessment, Glen Allen HS
Saturday, 3/16	TBD	VBODA Concert Band Assessment, Glen Allen HS
Friday, 3/22	Half Day	Half Day
<b>April 2024</b>		
Mid – End of May	TBD	Senior Scholarship Application Process
Monday, 4/1 – Friday 4/5	No School	Spring Break
Saturday, 4/6	All Day	Indoor Winter Color Guard AIA Championships, Hampton Coliseum
Wednesday, 4/10	No School	Eid al-Fitr
TBD	TBD	All Virginia Band/Orchestra/Chorus in Richmond, Location TBD (select students)
TBD	TBD	Jazz Band - Jazz Festival @ Trinity Episcopal
TBD	TBD	2024-25 Wind Ensemble/ Jazz Band Auditions
TBD	TBD	2024 Marching Wildcats Leadership Interviews
<b>May 2024</b>		
Thursday, 5/2	7pm	Spring Band Concert and Awards Ceremony, with reception following General Booster Meeting (2024-25 Budget)
Saturday, 5/4	9am – 1pm	<b>JUMP START #1:</b> Welcome, orientation, paperwork, assessment. Parent meeting: 9am – 10am (Band Room)
Saturday, 5/11	9am – 1pm	<b>JUMP START #2:</b> Welcome, orientation, paperwork, assessment. Parent meeting: 9am – 10am (Band Room)
TBD	TBD	Solo and Ensemble Assessment (interested students)
TBD	TBD	2024-25 Wind Ensemble - Graduation (TBD) VCU Seigel Center
Monday, 5/27	No School	Memorial Day
Friday, 5/31	All Day	Last Day of School

## General Notes About the Band Calendar

- ❖ While every effort will be made to adhere to the above, dates and times are subject to change. Changes will be sent out via the band mailing list with as much advance notice as possible.
- ❖ Summer clinics are required (unless out of town or sick). Please complete the Summer Clinics Participation Google form for any absences.
- ❖ All **BOLD** dates beginning July 31 are strictly mandatory and graded for marching students. NOTE: There are additional days required for the Dominion Energy Christmas Parade this year, Saturday, 12/2 (practices TBA).
- ❖ The marching band competition schedule will be finalized this summer. Look for emails or check the DRBB website for the most current dates.
- ❖ Exact performance times for marching band competitions and the VBODA Marching Assessment are usually sent out approximately 7 to 10 days in advance. Please consider these as all-day events until an itinerary is distributed via email.
- ❖ District Band auditions are mandatory for all wind ensemble and jazz band members. Symphonic band members are strongly encouraged to audition. This is strictly mandatory for all students receiving honors credit, period.
- ❖ Only those students who place at the top end of All-District Band will be eligible for All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Auditions. Students who are eligible will be notified after audition results are released.
- ❖ Exact dates and times for District Concert Assessment performances are received approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. Performances may take place during the school day or in the evenings or on Saturday. Please keep these dates open until you receive specific performance times via email.
- ❖ At this time, the exact day and time for graduation in 2024 is not known. That information will be sent out via email after it becomes available.