

May 20th, 2019

Dear Band Parents and Students,

As the school year is quickly coming to a close, it is time to start preparing for our 2019 Mighty Maroon Marching Band field show! We had a great competitive season last fall and have seen tremendous growth in the band's musicality during our concert season. I am very excited to see where this continued development will take us! Our first meeting will take place on Thursday, May 30 after school in the GWHS Home Field House, followed by our 5th annual Marching Band Picnic! Practice will go until 5:30 PM with the Picnic starting soon afterward. Students and family of current and graduating marching band members are all invited! Right at the beginning of the picnic we will be giving out important information, so we strongly urge all parents to attend.

We have a fantastic show in store for this season. The show will be great deal of fun to perform and to watch! I am also excited to collaborate once again with my former drill writer and visual designer, David Semones, who will help put together a top-notch drill package.

We hope to grow our ensemble and program with your participation. With hard-work and dedication, there's no reason this band can't continue to be one of the top groups in the region! Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- May 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal (3:30-5:30) & Marching Band Picnic (6PM) - (\$100 Deposit is Due)
- July 23-26: Pre-Camp (See schedule for details)
- July 28: DCI Show @ Wake Forest
- July 29-Aug 2: **MANDATORY** Band Camp
- Aug 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Football Game
- Saturdays from end of September through October: Possible Competition Dates
- Oct 12: George Wythe Band Festival

Obviously, we perform and function better when we have a high level of attendance. Students are expected to attend all performances. Summer practices need to be attended if students are not out of town or have a previous commitment. ALL absences must be approved by a director **PRIOR** to the date to be excused. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHING MEMBERS.** Three unexcused practices may result in dismissal from the ensemble. **ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM A PERFORMANCE MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE ENSEMBLE.**

We encourage you to sign up for the GWHS Band Remind message system. This will allow you to receive important reminders or schedule changes as soon as they happen. To sign up, text gwhsband to the number 81010. Please see our website, [www.maroonband.com](http://www.maroonband.com), for more detailed schedule information. The show audio and sheet music will be available on our website (under Members – Password is gwmaroons). We are looking forward to a great season!

Sincerely,

Dan Wilner  
Director

Scott Lewis  
Assistant Director

## **Financial Responsibilities**

The GWHS Mighty Maroon Marching Band is committed to providing the absolute best experience possible for each of its' members. In addition to the amount of time and effort needed to participate, comes an added expense that is required to make this organization possible. *We do not want this to be the deciding factor on whether your child participates.* Our Band Booster Club will offer fundraising opportunities that can be used to help cover some of the costs below.

### **Marching Band:**

- **Band Camp Fee - \$210.00**

This helps to cover the band shirt we will wear under the uniform, a show shirt for competitions, uniform cleaning, a ticket to the Drum Core International show, instructional staff and costs to run Band Camp. This fee is only for members of the Marching Band. (A fundraiser will be used in the spring to help students with cost.)

\*\*\*\*A Deposit of \$100 is due by May 30 \*\*\*\*

- **Additional Show T-Shirt – approx. \$18**

Additional Show Shirts can be purchased for friends & family.

#### **WINDS/PERCUSSIONIST**

- **Marching Band Shoes - \$35**

Returning members will only need to purchase shoes if they have outgrown or lost their current pair.

- **Marching Gloves (Winds Only) - \$6.00**

- **Marching Flip Folders - \$6.00 to \$12.50 (Extra Sleeves \$.60)**

This price varies depending on which instrument.

#### **COLOR GUARD**

- **Guard Shoes - \$30 to \$55**

(2013 Price) This price varies depending on the shoe brand used. These shoes are for Color Guard Members Only.

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## Common Questions About Marching Band

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### *Q: When does the band practice start?*

A: The band will practice after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. A summer schedule is enclosed. All events and times are also on our band website.

### *Q: Are band events well chaperoned?*

A: Nothing is more important than the safety and security of our students. Students will always be well supervised. Parents are invited to chaperone on our band trips.

### *Q: What is Band Camp?*

A: Band Camp, July 29 – August 2, is the week the students learn the competition show. Practice is from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and held at George Wythe High School. This week is mandatory for anyone participating in Marching Band.

### *Q: How much does Marching Band cost?*

A: The Band Camp fee is \$210. This helps cover the show T-shirt, uniform cleaning, instructional staff, and all the other costs of running Band Camp. New members will be to purchase a pair of black marching shoes, gloves, and a maroon football t-shirt. All these items are purchased through the band.

### *Q: When are the band competitions?*

A: The band will compete in Saturday competitions from September 28 through October 26. The Band will compete in four competitions and host the George Wythe Band Festival on October 12.

### *Q: Will my child's grades be affected by marching band?*

A: Over the years, I have found that band students maintain very high grades. The majority of the students involved in marching band are honor students.

### *Q: What if I still have questions?*

A: Feel free to contact Mr. Wilner at Scott Memorial Middle School at (276) 228-2851, George Wythe High School at (276) 228-3157, by email at [daniel.wilner@wythek12.org](mailto:daniel.wilner@wythek12.org), or visit our website at: <http://www.maroonband.com>.

Band Website – <http://www.maroonband.com>

Need to see the calendar – *Homepage -> Calendar Link*

Need to sign up to volunteer – *Homepage -> Parents & Volunteer Link*

Want to find out more information about the Band Booster Organization – *Homepage -> Parents*

Want to find out up to date information – *Home -> News*

Want to download music – *Homepage -> Members – Password is gwmaroons*

Mr. Wilner would like you to join  **remind**  
**GWHS Mighty Maroon Marching Band**

To receive messages via text, text  
@gwmarching to 81010. You can opt-  
out of messages at anytime by  
replying, 'unsubscribe @gwhsband'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting  
@gwmarching to (540) 657-3434  
instead.



\*Standard text message rates apply.

#### WHAT IS REMIND AND WHY IS IT SAFE?

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students & parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs.

Visit [remind.com](http://remind.com) to learn more.

## 2019 George Wythe Mighty Maroon Marching Band Summer Practice Schedule

|  |                               |   |                      |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Tuesday & Wednesdays – July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, & 17                        |                               | Rookie Marching – 12-1 PM<br>Winds (Brass & Woodwinds) – 1:30-3 PM<br>Percussion & Color Guard – 2-4 PM |                      |
| Monday, July 22  | Leadership Day – Leaders Only | Tuesday, July 23  | Entire Band – 1-4 PM |
| Wednesday, July 24   | Entire Band – 1-4 PM          | Thursday, July 25   | Entire Band – 9-4 PM |
| Friday, July 26  |                               | Entire Band – 9-4 PM  |                      |
| BAND CAMP<br>Monday, July 29 –<br>Friday, August 2<br>FULL BAND REQUIRED |                               | Monday – Thursday<br>7:30-6 PM<br>Friday<br>7:30-3 PM   |                      |
|  |                               | Tuesday, August 6<br>Thursday, August 8<br>Monday, August 12<br>Tuesday, August 13                      |                      |
|  |                               | Full Band – 5-6:30 PM   |                      |
| Other Important Summer Dates   |                               | July 26 – Band Pool Party<br>July 28 – DCI Show<br>August 15 – First After School Practice              |                      |

## Fall Schedule

**After School Practice Schedule** – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 3:30-5:30 PM

| Date                | Football Games       | Date   | Band Competitions          |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>August 30</b>    | @ Radford H.S.       | <b>September 28</b><br><b>October 5</b><br><b>October 12</b><br><b>October 19</b><br><b>October 26</b> | Possible Band Competitions |
| <b>September 6</b>  | @ Fort Chiswell H.S. |  |                            |
| <b>September 13</b> | Marion Senior H.S.   |  |                            |
| <b>September 20</b> | Carroll County H.S.  |  |                            |
| <b>October 4</b>    | Gate City H.S.       |  |                            |
| <b>October 18</b>   | Galax H.S.           |  |                            |
| <b>October 25</b>   | Bland County H.S.    |  |                            |
| <b>November 8</b>   | Rural Retreat H.S.   |  |                            |



## 2019 Marching Band Agreement 2020

I have read and understand the commitment needed for the 2019-2020 Marching Band. I understand the following about participating in the Mighty Maroon Marching Band.

1. Students are required to participate in **all** rehearsals and performances. All absences must be approved by the Band Director in advance.
2. Band Camp is mandatory, July 29 – August 2, 7:30-6:30 PM at George Wythe High School.
3. Performances include all home, select away, and playoff football games, all band competitions, and parades.
4. Agree to abide by the rules and regulations as stated in the George Wythe Band Handbook (available at the band website, a hard copy can be obtained on request).
5. Being a member for the performing ensemble is at the discretion of the Director of Bands.
6. The Marching Band Commitment is for the entire Marching Season.
7. Students should be in good standing at George Wythe HS ~ Scott Memorial MS.
8. Any date conflict should be written on the back of this Agreement Form.

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I will participate in the 2019 George Wythe High School Marching Band  
Please **PRINT** and return the bottom part of this page as soon as possible.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2019-2020 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City\Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

|                   |      |       |
|-------------------|------|-------|
| Student Signature | Date | Phone |
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I understand the rehearsal and performance commitment that is required of a student in the Marching Band.

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| Parent Signature | Date |
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## MEDICAL INFO & RELEASE FORM

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 16/17 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

List Any Prescriptions Being Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for Prescription: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Physician/Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy Plan/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### PHOTO RELEASE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

From time to time, articles and photos are published in local newspapers, photos are included on the band website, and videotapes, brochures and pictorial displays are produced about the GWHS/SMMS Band activities, awards, and honors. If you are unwilling to allow your child's image in any of these publications please contact the Director of Bands.

### MEDICAL & TRAVEL RELEASE FORM

I give my permission and consent for my child to be given the medical treatment, aid, or care they need by a medical doctor or hospital as required on an emergency basis, in the event that the said student become ill or be injured while participating in any Band event or excursion. I am aware that this is in the event of a non-life threatening injury if I cannot be reached. My child is permitted to attend all excursions approved by the Music Department during the current school year. My son/daughter has assured me that he/she will conduct himself/herself in such a manner that that reflects positively on the Band. Both my child and I understand that all GWHS/SMMS Band & WCPS policies and guidelines are in place during any band event regardless of its location or time. I hereby release Wythe County Public Schools & the GWHS/SMMS Band Staff from any Liability related to such travel with the band.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

# Summer Attendance Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Below is the summer schedule for the Mighty Maroon Marching Band. A detailed break down of sections and times can be found on the band website. Members are required to attend at least 3 Wednesday practices prior to Pre-Band Camp. Please list below any days you will be unable to attend and/or will need to leave early/be late to a rehearsal. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY!**

| BEGINNING OF SUMMER  | PRE-BAND CAMP  | BAND CAMP (MANDATORY)   | AFTER BC/ PRE-SCHOOL   |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>Every Tuesday &amp; <b>Wednesday</b> Afternoon<br/>Starting on <b>July 2</b></p> <p><b>(July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, &amp; 17)</b></p> | <p><b>Monday-July 22-</b><br/><i>Leadership Day</i><br/><b>Tuesday-July 23,</b><br/><b>Wednesday-July 24,</b><br/><b>Thursday-July 25, &amp;</b><br/><b>Friday-July 26 –</b><br/><i>Everyone</i></p> | <p><b>Monday-July 29</b><br/>through <b>Friday-August 2</b></p> | <p><b>Tuesday-August 6,</b><br/><b>Thursday-August 8,</b><br/><b>Monday-August 12, &amp;</b><br/><b>Tuesday, August 13</b></p> |

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