

To: All 2023 - 24 YHS Band Members

Re: Summer and Next Year's Schedule

Here is the schedule for the 2023 - 24 YHS Band year. Please add these dates to your calendars. The success of our fall season depends on how hard everyone works from the beginning. Our rehearsals are designed to keep all players in shape and to learn some of the music and fundamentals before band camp. Please try to be at as many of these as possible. If for some reason you need to be absent, please call the band room phone **(890-5016)** or email me at rpurvis@ycsd.york.va.us and leave a message. I will be at school after July 15th, esp. on Tuesday and Thursday between 11:00am and 2:00pm. If you need anything please call or come up to see me. I really look forward to working with each of you. The fall fee will be \$250.00 per person in the band. This fee helps to off set the instructional, travel and camp expenses. Each parent will be a member of the Booster Club. I am asking that you make your first payment of \$50.00 on or before June 8th to secure you a position in the drill of the marching show. Your next payment of \$100.00 on or before August 1, 2023, and your last payment on or before September 2, 2023. Please make checks payable to **York Falcon Band Aides, Inc.** This fee does not include a uniform cleaning fee that is paid to York High School at the beginning of school. That fee is \$20.00 and you will receive a user's fee form on the first day of school. Please don't forget this. Make this check payable to York High School. For those new to the program, you will also need shoes. Shoes will be ordered on August 24. More details will follow. That expenditure will run about \$40.00. The stated deadlines are not etched in stone and I will work with each of you as you may need. To all newcomers, please make sure that I have your parental information so that we can start sending information home.

I am looking forward to having each of you in the High School program next year. Let's make it the best ever.

Mr. Purvis

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Welcome to the York High School Band Program!! You and your child are about to embark on one of the most memorable and life changing experiences that you will ever encounter. I am so excited that you have chosen to continue in your musical experience and growth. There are many opportunities that you will be exposed to and that will enrich your life. Music is a very strong part of our culture and being. It fosters creativity, skill, discipline, confidence, and self-esteem. Colleges and work places love to see students that are committed and dedicated to an activity that allows young people to express their passions. Band is one of those activities. Your participation here will open many doors to your child's future. Congratulations on making this decision.

The York High School Band Program consists of many sub groups. Many think that it is just the marching band but it is not. The Marching Band is the most visible part of our program. There are also the Concert Bands as well as the Jazz Band, The percussion Ensemble and the Colorguard. Students have the opportunity of participating in the All District and All State (Virginia) Bands and Solo and Ensemble festivals. There are also opportunities to go to college band clinics and workshops and we participate in the Virginia State Assessment (SOL) concert. The York Band students learn about fundamental music concepts that allow them to perform music of varying genres and styles. By being in the YHS Band program, students are eligible to earn membership in the Tri M Music Honor Society and to receive scholarship money to assist with college and after high School

activities. Our booster club raises money to provide all of these opportunities for our students.

Music and band fosters a positive atmosphere in the lives of all those that embark upon the arts. The friendships and memories that are made last a lifetime. Congratulations on making the choice to enhance your life. The experiences will be with you forever!!

**Richard Purvis
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