

Open your door. Open your Hearts.

The Pride of Herndon band is 'a coming, knocking



Look out for red and black on Saturday September 9th! Hosts of student musicians wearing the Herndon High School colors will be visiting local neighborhoods asking for your support. Tag Day is the annual, door-to-door fundraiser for the Herndon High School Band, affectionately called the "Pride of Herndon." The students will be working hard to knock on every door in their area to share information about the Band Program, while asking for donations.

"The Pride of Herndon is the oldest school band in Fairfax County, and we are asking for your support to maintain the high quality of our band program in our community," Band Director Kathleen Jacoby, said.

The award-winning Herndon High School Band offers a comprehensive music program including Marching and Jazz Bands, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Indoor Drumline and Indoor Guard.

"We are very appreciative of any and all support", Ms Jacoby said. "Your donation will help pay for uniforms, music, instrument maintenance, concert programs, invitational performances, and master instructors."

A full and varied calendar of performances is scheduled at the school throughout the year for the general public. These concerts not only entertain the audience with uplifting, toe tapping and patriotic music, but also provide invaluable performance opportunities for the students involved.

"Tag day is a great way to interact with our community," Ms Jacoby added. "Every band member in the school programs is involved - whether in marching, jazz or concert band, indoor drumline or guard. We'd love to meet you, tell you about our program and invite you to our concerts!" To thank the community, the Pride of Herndon will perform a Tag Day concert on October 30th. It will be free to the public at the HHS Auditorium, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon at 7 pm.

The Pride of Herndon band also shares the gift of music further afield, and has represented internationally. This year they will stay in the USA, and have been invited to represent Virginia in the 2023 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on 7 December in Hawaii.

Look out for the red and black door tag about the band. "We aim to leave an informational door tag on every door across the Herndon High School District that day," Ms Jacoby said. "Not to worry if you are out of town that weekend. You can also donate by mail, or online via the QR code on the tag." Contributions can be made online via the PayPal Giving Fund. Select the DONATE link on the www.herndonband.org homepage or use the QR code on the tag. Donations can also be mailed to Herndon High School Band, P.O. Box 1293, Herndon, VA 20172.

"We are really looking forward to meeting you and telling you about the band. Please give us a wave, a honk, or a donation!" Ms Jacoby added. "We are grateful that the ties with our community are so strong."



Established in 1947, award-winning Herndon High School Band is affectionately known as "The Pride of Herndon" and celebrated its 75th Anniversary last year. From an original 40 musicians, the program has grown to 200 students strong and includes Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Indoor Drumline and Guard. The band has not only achieved myriad awards and represented internationally - but instilled a love of music in countless students. The Pride of Herndon has been invited to represent Virginia in the 2023 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on 7 December in Hawaii. In order for every student to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event, donations are requested via Herndon High School Band PayPal Giving Fund <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/2100095>