

HERNDON

High School Band Program

presents



Spring Concert

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the
Herndon Band Program



Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:00 PM

Kathleen Jacoby, **Director of Bands**

Aubrey Adams, **Percussion Director**

Chris Cunningham and Brian Fisher, **Jazz Band**

Duncan Crosson, Joe Fogleson and Natie Hara, **Indoor Drumline**

Liz Noto, **Principal**



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Wind Ensemble





Special Announcements

Congrats to our All-Virginia instrumentalists!

These students are the best in the entire state – they spent all day Saturday at JMU auditioning against the top high school players from each district and region. We are so proud of them!

Orchestra: **Aakash Natarajan** (bass)

Concert Band: **Jenna Ainge** (horn), **Luke Demers** (tuba)

Congrats to Herndon HS Band Director Kathleen Jacoby

who is the 2022 FCPS Teacher of the Year AND also the county nomination for 2023 Washington Post Teacher of the Year, for which she was a finalist!

2023-2024 Herndon Band Sponsorship details are now available!!

Visit <https://www.herndonband.org/sponsorship>

If you would like be a band sponsor, please email president@herndonband.org



75th Anniversary of the Pride of Herndon band



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Pride of Herndon band. The 'Pride' is recognized as the first band program in Fairfax County, which then served as the model for future band programs throughout the County. The Pride was established in 1947 by dedicated parents and citizens who convinced Vladamir Johnson, a Russian interpreter and part-time music teacher from Washington, D.C., to rehearse with a group of fledgling musicians in the rural town of Herndon. At the time of the first rehearsal, most of the students had never seen, let alone played a musical instrument, yet the band's first performance was a short eight weeks later. Over the years the band program at Herndon High School has grown from the initial group of 40 musicians and 6 majorettes to almost 200 students. The band program has been recognized with countless awards and honors, traveled abroad, and instilled a love of music in countless students. This year the band program includes 115 students who participate in Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Indoor Drumline, and Indoor Guard. To mark this achievement, a 75th Anniversary composition has been commissioned by the HHSBPA which will be performed with our alumni at the Herndon HS Spring Concert today!



CONGRATULATIONS



The Herndon High School 'Pride of Herndon' Marching Band has been selected to represent Virginia in the 2023 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Hawaii on December 7.



Our goal is for every student to be able to participate in this once in a lifetime event.

To achieve this goal we have a lot of fundraising to do. That's why we're reaching out to ask for your support. We have several campaigns lined up throughout the year, which we will keep you posted about. Meanwhile, you can always just make a Donation to our [PayPal Giving Fund](#). Every cent donated goes towards the 2023 Pearl Harbor trip!



2023 Upcoming Events

May 30	Band Awards Banquet
June 3	Dining for Dollars @ Chipotle
June 7	Graduation
June 12	Band Orientation for all 2023-2024 Members
June 17	Dining for Dollars @ On The Border

Summer: MARCHING BAND CAMP

July 25 – Jul 26	Tues-Wed	Percussion: 8:00am – 12:00pm
July 27 – Jul 28	Thur-Fri	Rookie Camp (all new marchers): 10:00am – 2:30pm
July 26 – Jul 28	Wed-Fri	Leadership: 9am – 4pm *Campout Fri night – Sat morning

July 31 – Aug 4	Mon-Fri	Band Camp (For All) Winds and Percussion: 8:00am - 5:00pm *Friday Dismiss at 12pm Guard 1:00pm – 9:00pm *Friday Dismiss at 5pm
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August 7 – 11	Mon-Fri	Band Camp (For All) Winds, Percussion and Guard: 8:00am - 5:00pm *Friday: Dismiss at 12pm
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August 11	Friday	Pool Party: 7:00pm – 9:30pm at Lake Newport (Reston)
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Aug 14 – Aug 17	Mon-Thu	Band Camp (For All) 5:00 pm - 9:00pm Thursday: Freshman Orientation Performance: 8am – 9am Thursday: Annual Band Parent Meeting and Show 7:00pm
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Program



Indoor Drumline

Cadences

Jazz Band

Let the Good Times Roll
On Green Dolphin Street
Stitzel
Fudge Said the Judge

Sam Theard/Fleecie Moore, arr. Paul Murtha
Ned Washington/Bronislau Kaper, arr. Rick
Les Taylor

Stage Change: Clarinet Ensemble

“Spring” from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons, arr Pearson

Symphonic Band

Military Escort
Portsmouth Reflections
Funiculi Funicula (1880)
Elio Ceunen, accordion

Henry Fillmore, arr Larry Clark
Michael Oare
Luigi Denza, arr Aubrey and Patti Adams

Fraternal Order of Police Donation: Michael Murn and Gabriel Miranda

A Night In Budapest

David Bobrowitz

Stage Change: Euphonium Ensemble

Chorale from “Jupiter”

Gustav Holst, arr Matthew Ballard

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Program



Symphonic Winds

To Create a Voice

Carol Brittin Chambers

Sponsorship recognition:

Ruth and Hal Landers Charitable Trust, Jeff Fairfield

Northwest Federal Credit Union, Michelle Sandy, Community Engagement Manager

Pixar Movie Magic

arr Michael Brown

Wind Ensemble

Suite from Mass

Leonard Bernstein, arr Michael Sweeney

Adam Short, Jenna Ainge, Ethan Boswell, Lexi Gray, Luke Demers

75th Anniversary Commission - Wind Ensemble and Alumni

Like Diamonds, Shine

Andrew Sharrock

Herndon High School Fight Song

Washington & Lee Swing and You've Said It All



Indoor Drumline

Gurprit Singh
Michelle Velasquez
Kaden Ferguson
Renee DeRoche
Ryan Griffiths
Javier Romero-Cruz
Clayton Smith
Pandora Grissom
Michael Fullerton



Jazz Band

Alto Sax

Chris Bunnell
Courtney Gilson
Spencer Laskowski
Maria Romero-Cruz
Alicia Saunders
Adamariz Vasquez-Sudario
Lian Wasser-Goren

Tenor Sax

Jeffrey Baker
Menen Teklehaimanot
Quinn Reda

Bari Sax

Joseph Gonnella
Jaylen Medrano-Lozano

Trumpet

Rylan Allen
Gustavo Bonilla-Lemus
KC Cummins
Thomas Dilli
Steven King
Cade McCafferty
Colin Mills
Ryan Mraz
Devon Pipes
Adam Short
Deonte Wiggins

Trombone

Amran Ahmed
Leland Blouch
Christina Chung
Helena Chung

Piano

Luke Demers
Praise Onuoha

Guitar

Burke Adkins
Brady Jordan

Bass

Aakash Natarajan

Percussion

Kaden Ferguson
Michael Fullerton
Daniel Saunders
Ryka Sen
Gurprit Singh

Symphonic Band

Flute

Feven Mekonnen
Adalyn Puentes
Katherin Rubio Umanzor

Bassoon

Marjorie Diaz-Alberto

Clarinet

Paola Henriquez
Angela Herrera Jimenez
Sebastian Lema Soria
Yoselin Mejia-Torres
Menen Teklehaimanot

Bass Clarinet

David Merlos

Alto Sax

Charlie Smith
Chris Bunnell

Bari Sax

Thaleia Khader

Horn

Devon Pipes

Trumpet

KC Cummins
Brisia Fuentes
Steve King
Evangeline Robles
Maliha Sadique
Deonte Wiggins

Trombone

Christina Chung
Helena Chung
Jaylen Medrano-Lozano
Geeta Mjavanadze
Eduardo Naula

Euphonium

Morgan Kohles
Giselle Lemus-Romero

Tuba

Garrett Evans

Percussion

Elio Ceunen
Renee Deroche
CJ Doan
Brock Florence
Anyi Gaitan Gomez
Ryan Griffiths
Drake Inman
Gurprit Singh
Clayton Smith
Michelle Velasquez

Symphonic Winds

Flute

Sharon Alcantara-Ramirez
Johnny Harrington
Eduardo Naula
Emily Pham
Maria Romero-Cruz
Adamariz Vasquez-Sudario

Oboe

Laura Rodriguez-Sanchez

Clarinet

Courtney Gilson
Sebastian Kasper
Logan Lopez

Alto Sax

Kevin Coleman
Spencer Laskowski

Bari Sax

Joseph Gonnella

Horn

Tasneem Abdul-Rashid
Gustavo Bonilla-Lemus
Lottie Sorto Perdomo

Trumpet

Rylan Allen
Thomas Dilli
Celeste Martinez
Cade McCafferty

Trombone

Ethan Boswell
Natalie Branson
Adam Short

Euphonium

Leland Blouch
Javier Romero-Cruz

Tuba

Simon Cheng
Eric King

Percussion

Kaden Ferguson
Earnest Gant
Ryka Sen

Wind Ensemble

Flute

Isabel Lewis (piccolo)
Devon Haneline
Anika Natarajan
Samantha Hueper
Ava Shahidi

Oboe

Quinn Reda

Bassoon

Teagan Kohles
Natalie Branson

Clarinet

Lian Wasser-Goren
Jason Coleman
Blanca Velasquez-Canales

Bass Clarinet

Matthew Yarnoff

Contra Bass Clarinet

Burke Adkins

Alto Sax

Alicia Saunders
Sidney Ide
Emely Otero
Pedro Vidal Vasquez

Tenor Sax

Aylin Rodriguez-Sanchez

Bari Sax

Jeffery Baker

Horn

Jenna Ainge
Ethan Boswell

Trumpet

Adam Short
Ryan Mraz
Keny Mejia

Tenor Trombone

Amran Ahmed
Lexi Gray
Rhea De Santis

Euphonium

Emmy Tublin

Tuba

Luke Demers

Percussion

Liz Morad
Daniel Saunders
Michael Fullerton
Lily Page
Jack Gattoni

Clarinet Ensemble

Lead by Jason Coleman and Lian Wasser-Goren

Quinn Reda
Calla Inman
Chris Bunnell
Anika Natarajan
Blanca Velasquez-Canales
Angela Herrera Jimenez
Menen Teklehaimanot
Courtney Gilson
Ava Shahidi

Euphonium Ensemble

Amran Ahmed
Christina Chung
Helena Chung
Giselle Lemus-Romero
Leland Blouch
Javier Romero Cruz



A Little History

The Herndon High School Band has been a part of Northern Virginia since 1947. The oldest established high school band in Fairfax County had its genesis when dedicated parents and citizens convinced Valdemar Johnson, a Russian interpreter and part-time music teacher from Washington D.C., to rehearse with a group of fledgling musicians in the rural town of Herndon. Many of these students had never seen a musical instrument, let alone played on. Eight weeks later the newly formed marching band marked their first performance at the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA.

The Herndon Band program served as an inspiration and model for the instrumental music groups later formed in Fairfax County schools. Today, these programs expose thousands of young people to the unique enjoyment of making music together and participating in concerts, festivals, and competitions of various categories at the county, state, national and international level. Herndon Band includes The Pride of Herndon Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and a multitude of ensembles such as Jazz Band, Indoor Drumline, and Indoor Guard.

In 1990 the Wind Ensemble was awarded the Sudler Flag of Honor, the highest award for high school bands in the United States. The purpose of the flag is to identify, recognize, and honor high school band programs that have demonstrated particularly high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of seven years.

The Pride of Herndon emblem was developed in response to setting up a memorial for a student who had passed away. This student, Matt Wienke, had been a Herndon band member and then he went to LSU on a full scholarship in order to study with Frank Wickes. After Matt passed away, his family asked that donations go toward the band for the design of the emblem and for the purchase of the shirts. The current marching band uniforms were introduced in 2001 and include the emblem on the right shoulder.



A Little History (continued)

An Extract from a letter received in 2019 from Luther Nossett, Class of 1969

I was in the HHS band from 1963 to 1969 and knew the all three of the directors for which your site requested information. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary of graduation this weekend and coupled with the band's trip to Normandy, one of our class members was viewing your site and found the request for more information on these men. I will share what I know personally, and refer you to other resources I have found.



Fritz Velke was the band director at Herndon in 1963, our year in 7th grade. You may not be able to imagine how small Herndon was at that time, but the intermediate school was co-located with the high school at that time on Locust Street. Two or three weeks into the school year during middle school band class, Mr. Velke instructed about 6 of us to go into the uniform room and try to find a uniform that fit (or almost). We thought it was really cool that he allowed us to try on the high school uniforms, never

expecting what happened next. As we assembled for his inspection, he said “ok, be here at 6:00 pm, you are now in the high school band and are going to Winchester tonight for the football game”. We were all shocked, but our addition to the band brought the total members up to about 45. Mr. Velke left Herndon in June of 1964 but remained in the Fairfax County school system. I don't remember where he went, but in 1966 or 67, I was in the all-regional band and Mr. Velke appeared as a guest conductor to direct one of his compositions, “Plaything for a Bunch of All Stars”. That is the last I ever saw Mr. Velke, but I did learn he had passed a number of years ago. See https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fritz_Velke and <https://www.lib.umd.edu/ostwald/winners/1956-1970/fritz-velke>. The picture in the second article is exactly as I remember him. I have included the picture above from the 1964 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, where we wore the old style uniforms.

A Little History (continued)

In the fall of 1964 James Marvin Swiney assumed leadership of the Herndon Hornet band. Mr. Swiney had recently been as assistant director at Florida State University and provided more direction in marching band, producing more complex halftime shows than previously performed. Mr, Swiney was a very religious man and cared about the student's character development as well as musical development. Many class periods were spent in lectures on values and morals and not on musical issues. In 1966 and 1967 Mr. Swiney took the Stage Band to Grundy, Virginia to play a benefit concert for the Mountain Mission School,an orphanage serving the Appalachian regions of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Those trips were very enlightening for us to see the poverty of the area, to increase our gratitude for what we had and increase our awareness and appreciation for those less fortunate than we.

In 1967 we participated in the Southeastern Band Festival in Bristol, Virginia, a big trip for us a we spent two nights in a hotel. The festival included a parade and a halftime show. There were about 75 bands in the event and we got a good rating, although I don't remember the specifics. I do remember watching 74 other halftime shows, it was a very long day!

In early 1968, the band collectively decided that we wanted to win the National Cherry Blossom Festival and we practiced for 3 months or more for that goal. There were three parts of the competition, a symphonic portion, a halftime show and the feature parade on Saturday. We played the symphonic portion on Thursday, April 4, 1968 and had our picture taken on the Ellipse, in front of the White House. Unbeknownst to us at the same time we were competing, Martin Luther King was being assassinated in



Memphis. Riots followed and the remainder of the festival was cancelled. We were told that although we appeared to be the best band in the competition, they awarded the trophy to

A Little History (continued)

the band that travelled the greatest distance, only to have their time in D.C. cut short. I have attached a copy of that picture with Mr. Swiney at the right (Image can be seen on the previous page).

In June of 1968 Mr. Swiney resigned from HHS to take a senior position at the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, eventually becoming President of the school. His wife's grandfather had started the school and the Swineys felt called to serve God by helping others through that organization. He is now retired and at 84 is living in Abingdon, Virginia.

I was in the band under Mr. Willis for one year, but I do not know any information about him or where he went after he left Herndon. I do believe he had worked at the University of Alabama for sometime before his tenure at HHS.

Victor Bernhards who was a band director in the Fairfax County School system was our classmate and he may have more information on Mr. Willis.

Thank you for your support of the D Day observance.

Luther H. Nossett
Class of 1969



Past Directors

The Pride of Herndon would not be what it is today without the dedication and commitment of its illustrious band directors.

Valdemar Johnson	1947 – 1958
Fritz Velke	1958 – 1964
James Swiney	1964 – 1968
Larry Willis	1968 – 1971
George Duman	1971 – 1978
Richard Bergman	1978 – 2008



To read more about these directors and other details from the history of the band visit - Past Directors on the Herndon Band website - <https://www.herndonband.org/past-directors>

The links shared on 75th Anniversary Page on the Herndon Band website - <https://www.herndonband.org/75th-anniversary>

Also - DO NOT MISS the Herndon Band memorabilia on display on the wall opposite the auditorium doors!!!



Quotes from our Alumni

Josh and Ben Renne

2004, 2010

Chuck Hawkins, Assistant Band Director used to say: “If you are better today than you were yesterday then you are a success.” We still quote him.

Fletch Phillips

2013

“Being better today than you were yesterday means you are a success”. I think about this nearly every day and say it to my students all the time. One of the most impactful things we did before each show was saying this (me slipping an “in Harvey Dent” in after the “I believe” for our last show senior year aside... whoops)

Close runner up: “if you’re on a band trip and you have to think about if it’s a good idea or not, it’s don’t do it.” Another one my students hear a lot. “No band babies” is also hilarious though that one didn’t make it into my classroom.

One specific memory - walking back in from rehearsal with the twins, Ericson and Adam. Adam threw his head back and did an evil laugh, and you[coach] walked by and without missing a beat said “Adam, what is WRONG with you?” Thank moment from sophomore year is something I will remember forever and something that crew jokes about whenever we catch up.

I could go on forever about band stuff, but the last two things I want to shout out

The Europe trip for sparking my unending love of international travel

EVERYTHING from leadership. Working in the library with Holly junior year & running the trombone section with Lewis senior year - even though I never really had the trombone part down I wouldn’t be the person or leader I am without my opportunities to grow with the trombone hooligans (especially Kyle/dale/Sean).

Thanks for everything, coach.“

Julia Taylor

2016

The Electric Light Parade might be the most magical moment of my life. Getting to walk down Main Street at night with lights sewn into all the seams of my uniform and waving like a Disney princess is a memory I will *never* ever forget.

Quotes (continued)

Aimee Toner

2016

I can't choose one - there are too many! The Pride filled my high school experience with community and joy. I'm a musician and music educator today because of Herndon.

Parent of Austin B Miller

2012

At the end of your first year, Austin's Freshman year, you told the graduating Seniors that they needed to come back and visit if for no other reason than to see how tall Austin Miller had grown. He had grown 6-inches that school year.

Jescenia Hemby

2020

I think my favorite memory was all the little inside jokes that were created during the trip. Especially "Orangina" . Or seeing the Texas alumni band and their cowboy hat shakoes

Samantha Back

2020

I joined the colorguard during 8th grade and fell in love with the team and the sport. Colorguard saved my life and being in the pride of Herndon marching band gave me a family during my time in high school. I wouldn't be the person I am now without Mrs. Jacoby or the pride of herndon

Steve Lavagnino

1983

Favorite Classical piece: Scheherazade : Playing Queen Bee in Jazz Ensemble (Sammy Nestico) Senior year auditions for Wind Ensemble, we had a very good band already and we thought the Italian exchange student and flute player, Sandro Etalle, might be in for a shock, but he shocked us with the fastest most precise chromatic scale ever. Getting permission to play a soccer game before a marching band competition, but then realizing my Dad had driven us to the wrong school, took the map and got us there and dressed in the back seat so we could run and meet the band before they marched on the field. "Say Hornets" and singing American Pia and Queen on away game bus trips with the marching band. Playing different songs every week and barely marching every week my freshman year. I enjoyed the music much more than the marching. I remember summer band camp at the high school where Mr Duman introduced me to the Bari Sax and jazz and told me "play it loud, that way if you make a mistake I can hear it" . Band party at Martin Reed's (Dancing in the barn), parties at Dad Sadd's. Just a lot of great friends, music and memories with great people.

Quotes (continued)

Alyx Freund

2010

Being better today than we were yesterday means we are a SUCCESS! Our success is based upon the standards sent down by all those who have worn the red, black and white uniforms of the Pride of Herndon in the years gone by. To those former members of our family, we show respect, we pay homage and we thank them. We shall, at a minimum maintain the standard presented to us. And we will, when ever and where ever possible set a new standard.

Bethany Bray Clark

1980

The feeling on stage during Christmas Festival, just as Jingle Bells starts, you can feel the tapping of 120/130/140 (so many over the years) toes on the wooden stage -- It's a GREAT Energy!

140+ students and chaperones in the tiny Orlando Train Station screaming, crying and congratulating for winning the 1st Great American Band Contest! Followed immediately with everyone pulling out their instruments to play the HHS Fight song!

Maggie Wright

1973

I was a 'founding member' of the Wind Ensemble. Our concert attire for the females consisted of a red bolero, and a long skirt, so straight, that all you could do in it was hobble! Our first concert was a comedy of manipulation for the female sax and lower clarinet players! I believe our bassoonist was a he (him, his), so no problem there!

Tiernan O'Rourke

2017

"I can't believe it's not butter."

Matthew Breuer

2010

When I was a freshman I had shoulder length hair and was told all the hair had to go under my shako. Guess what? Off to the barber we went. No more long hair!"

Natalie Dubishar

2008

Watching the Pride of Herndon's competition in Atlanta on that big football field! Or, the time when the Band snuck over to a (terminally ill) band student's house off of Herndon Parkway to play in the street in front of their house. Very, very moving.

Nicki Dubishar

2013

Summer band practice and the "twin's" birthday celebration (Nicki and Jessie). And... Nicki being the last five-year alumni of the band (as she was in Color Guard in 8th grade followed by four years in the Marching Band!).

Quotes from our Alumni

Natalie Dubishar

2008

Chuck's quote: "If you are better today than you were yesterday, then you are a success!"

Parent of Natalie (Class of 2008) & Nicki (Class of 2013)

see above

Getting to be a Parent Band Photographer (since 2006) and helping to capture the magic all of these years (including D-Day in Normandy in June 2019). Wow.

Katie Evans

2021

My favorite memory was going to France with the band for the 75th anniversary or D-Day!

Laura Evans

2021

I had an amazing experience going to France with the Pride of Herndon! It was a life-changing trip.

Julie Evans - Parent of Katie and Laura Evans

2021

As our daughters look back on people and events that shaped the direction of their lives, they will undoubtedly point back to their band experience. Mrs Jacoby inspired them, challenged them, invested in them and loved them. She filled experiences with meaning so that they would become better people. Imagine if every high school kid found that type of mentor! We are grateful.

Bruce Thayer

1980

Waiting in the train station to hear how we did in the 1st Annual Great American Band Contest in Orlando. Bands from all over the country competed with several Texas bands as the probable favorites to win. We played then had to rush to the train station for the trip back to DC. The officials showed up and announced we had won and presented Mr Duman with a 4-5' trophy. What a great celebration in the train station.

Gerritt Peck

1980

The Band trips to Orlando and Atlanta were highlights of high school