

## 2023 JF Marching Band Calendar

Please make note of the daily rehearsal schedule—every effort has been made to keep it consistent, but there are places where adjustments had to be made for one reason or another. All practices take place at Forest Elementary School (except in the case of inclement weather, in which case we will practice inside at JFHS.) Also, it is likely that percussion & guard will have some informal sectional rehearsals throughout the summer—these will be for those who are in town & can attend.



**Please** make every effort to make appointments on “off days”.

**Rehearsal attendance is required. We cannot succeed without consistent attendance.**

**All performances are required—no exceptions outside of personal illness &/or family emergency.**

**The Bedford Christmas Parade** is **REQUIRED** for all marching band participants. It will be on **Sat., Dec. 2** (it has traditionally been in late morning/early afternoon—we will confirm the time once it’s been announced). After competition season ends, Bedford Christmas Parade practices once or twice a week through December 3.

**VMBC** stands for Virginia Marching Band Cooperative. It is a competitive circuit for Virginia High School Marching Bands. We compete regularly in VMBC Shows, and we host (and compete in) the VMBC State Championships at Liberty University at the end of the season.

7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22
	Guard Camp at FES & Percussion Camp at JF 9 AM – 5 PM 1 Hour lunch	Guard Camp at FES & Percussion Camp at JF 9 AM – 5 PM 1 Hour lunch	<b><i>Rookie Marcher Camp 8-12 at FES</i></b> Guard Camp at FES & Percussion Camp at JF 9 AM – 5 PM 1 Hour lunch	<b><i>Rookie Marcher Camp 8-12 at FES</i></b> Guard Camp at FES & Percussion Camp at JF 9 AM – 5 PM 1 Hour lunch	<b><i>Rookie Marcher Camp 8-12 at FES</i></b> ALL GUARD & PERCUSSION MUST ATTEND ROOKIE CAMP ON THIS DAY	
7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29
	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7 	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	<b><i>Possible Football Program Picture Day</i></b> <b><i>Students arrive at school at 8:30 AM; Picture in Gym at 9:30 AM</i></b> We will only practice on one Saturday—7/29, 8/5, or 8/12
7/30	7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5
	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12 <b>Trip: DCI Show, Salem 7:00 PM</b> <b>Everyone Goes</b> <small>Depart JF at 4:00: itinerary will be issued by 7/31</small>	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	<b><i>Possible Football Program Picture Day</i></b> <b><i>Students arrive at school at 8:30 AM; Picture in Gym at 9:30 AM</i></b> We will only practice on one Saturday—7/29, 8/5, or 8/12
8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12
<b>Annual End of Band Camp Picnic at Falling Creek Park, Bedford, 2:00-7:00pm ???</b>	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7 	<b><i>Possible Football Program Picture Day</i></b> <b><i>Students arrive at school at 8:30 AM; Picture in Gym at 9:30 AM</i></b> We will only practice on one Saturday – 7/29, 8/5, or 8/12

8/13	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19
Annual End of Band Camp Picnic at Falling Creek Park, Bedford, 2:00-7:00pm ???	First Day of School—NO PRACTICE	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00  57	Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>DRILL DAY 1</b> <b>@ FES</b> 9:00 AM–3:00 PM Bring a lunch!!!
8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	
8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/2
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Off	<u>Protected Day Off— no sectionals or rehearsals of any kind!</u>
9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9
	Labor Day— No School	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	Possible Clinic Show at Bassett HS All Day
9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15	9/16
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	<b>DRILL DAY 2</b> <b>@ FES</b> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Bring a lunch!!! <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY PERFORMANCE IN STADIUM AT 4:00 PM</b>
9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	
9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30
	<b>School Closed for Students</b> No practice—Sr. Regional Orchestra Auditions	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	
10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	<b>VMBC Show— Charlottesville Cavalcade of Bands All day</b>

10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	VMBC Tidewater Regional Competition VA Beach <u>Overnight</u>
10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21
Return home from VA Beach – departing from VB at 3:00 PM	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	<b>FALL BAND CONCERT 7:00 PM</b>  <u>No Marching Band Rehearsal</u>	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	VMBC Show at Bassett HS All day
10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28
	Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00		Full Band 4:30-7:00	Full Band 4:30-7:00	VMBC State Championships @LU (We host) All Day
10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4
	FMS Field Cleanup – Students & Pit Crew 4:00 – 6:00 PM			Bedford Christmas Parade Practice #1 4:00-5:30		
11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11
Daylight Savings Time!!! 1 extra hour of sleep!!!	Conference Day 12-7 PM School Closed for Students	Election Day School Closed for Students & Teachers		Bedford Christmas Parade Practice #2 4:00-5:30		
11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18
		Bedford Christmas Parade Practice #3 4:00-5:30				
11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25
			<u>Thanksgiving Break</u>			
11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2
				Bedford Christmas Parade Practice #4 4:00-5:30		Bedford Christmas Parade AM