Teays Valley High School Marching Band

2026 Marching Band Season Wrap-Up

<u>Wow!!!!</u> What a season!! The band staff is so incredibly proud of the Golden Sound of the Vikings!! To finish the season by reaching the goal of an overall rating of SUPERIOR at the State level is a wonderful feeling!!

As one senior band mom said about her son's last marching band performance, "It's a happy kind of sad."
I honestly cannot think of a better way to describe the end of a terrific season! Congratulations to all of the band members, their families and their fans. We are very, very grateful to each and every volunteer who made themselves available to help the band succeed this season. We appreciate you!!

It was a busy week for the band celebrating many "lasts." We'd like to thank Julie Apthorpe and her team for making the Senior Celebration after our last Thursday rehearsal very special. Most of us attended dinner at the *Golden Cafe* following the State Finals performance. Thank you very much to Jennifer Merritt and her team for organizing the event so we could all enjoy a nice dinner together!

Reminders:
Kathy Anderson has been taking photos of the 2026 marching band season. THANK YOU KATHY!! You can view the photos of parades, camp, events, football games and contests **HERE.** Attn. Senior Parents: You can find the photos from Senior Night **HERE!** **Thank you to Tim Chrismer for taking the photos and making them available to our senior families!!**

We still have a limited supply of additional Showcase Items! Please visit the Golden Sound Store on the website **Golden Sound Showcase Apparel** for availability. **Showcase Apparel**: T-Shirts $20, Crewnecks $30, Hoodies $40. Showcase Programs $5

There is one more weekend of OMEA State Finals performances (Nov. 6-7) OMEA has partnered with the subscription service "The Spin Network" who will livestream all of those performances. Both weekends of the 2026 shows will be archived and available 3-4 days after the performance. (So, our performance should be available mid-week.) In addition to all bands from 2026, every State Finals performance from every participating band since 2015 is archived and you can watch them on demand! If you are interested, follow this link: **Subscribe to The Spin Network**

C**ONCERT SEASON AUDITIONS** are here! Everyone is required to play an audition for a grade and also for placement in one of the two concert bands. Band students received audition music last week. Auditions occur by instrument both during school and after school starting Nov. 4th. <u>Again this year,</u> students are permitted to play in 2 bands. Two different instruments must be played. If students are interested in doubling or playing color instruments from their principal instrument family (bass clarinet, tenor/bari saxophone, horn, bassoon, oboe) they should have filled out the interest form by 8am Friday 10/30. If students choose to play a color/secondary instrument audition, they must also play an audition on their principal instrument and the band staff will decide where to place them.

Unless otherwise noted, the band room will be open for audition practice daily until 4:00pm. Staff members will also be giving small group lessons on the audition music to help everyone prepare.

<u>The audition schedule is as follows:</u>

Monday 11/2	Band room open for practice until 4:00pm.
Tuesday 11/3	Band room open for practice until 4:00pm.
Wednesday 11/4	In school auditions during band: FLUTE and PICCOLO
Thursday 11/5	In school auditions: TRUMPET. After school auditions: TRUMPET & BARITONE
Friday 11/6	In school auditions: CLARINET. After school auditions: CLARINET
Monday 11/9	In school auditions: TROMBONE. After school auditions: TENOR SAX, BASSOON, BASS CLARINET, OBOE and BARI SAX
Tuesday 11/10	In school: ALTO SAX
Thursday 11/12	In school: PERCUSSION. After school: PERCUSSION
Friday 11/13	In school: HORN and TUBA

<u>Looking Ahead</u>

- The Holly Happenings Craft Bazaar is hosted by the band boosters and serves as a very successful fund raiser for the band. It is **November 21st from 7:00am-4:00pm.** Hallway space is sold to craft vendors who sell their items. Our students work one shift for the bazaar and also perform Holiday music for entertainment in the cafeteria. Once a student's audition is complete, they will be practicing their music for the craft bazaar. More information will be available soon about volunteer opportunities.

- **On Friday, Nov. 20th,** the band is offering $8 tickets to attend the **Youth Concert of The Ohio State University Marching Band**! The performance is at 10:00am on campus. A bus will transport us. If your child is interested in going, please make sure that they have you sign a permission form that is available this week. We will also need a few parent chaperones to attend. There are 5 Golden Sound Alumni members in the OSUMB!!

- We will attend the Ohio University Marching 110 indoor concert at the Palace Theater downtown on **November 23rd**. More information will be available soon. There are 3 Golden Sound Alumni members in the OU Marching 110!!

- If you are planning to order a **Teays Valley Varsity Jacket** for Christmas, the unofficial deadline is around the first week in October (most 2nd year members will have completed enough requirements by the end of their second MB season). Several stores in the area sell the jackets. More information is available on the band Schoology Page folder labeled Teays Valley Varsity Jackets.

- The Marching Band Awards Night is **Thursday, December 3rd** in the high school auditorium at 7:00pm. All marching band members will receive awards!

- If you are considering purchasing a new or step-up instrument for your band student, a member of the band staff would LOVE to HELP YOU!! Please email us. We sometimes have leads to excellent used instruments and/or sales that you may not be aware of.

- The first concert of the 2027 school year is **January 14th.** Please mark your calendar. All four high school bands will perform at this concert in the auditorium at 7:00pm.