

Schedule for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026

VMBC Championships at C. G. Woodson High School - Virginia "Commonwealth Cup"

9/29/26 UPDATE All times subject to change by the event hosts up to/through the event

Equipment Load Fri after rehearsal

Saturday, Nov 7

Tentative – small changes could be made by event

[Event website with limited info](#)

[Event Prelims Schedule](#)

[Event Finals Schedule](#)

Eat a good lunch before arrival please.

Reminder - NO BUSES from TJ. We will meet directly at Woodson HS, and depart directly from Woodson HS.

12:15 PM – Arrive at Carter G. Woodson High School

9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031

*Park or drop off in the Spectator Parking area, or wherever the parking attendants send you - follow all signs and directions from event staff so we do not cause any traffic issues with all of our vehicles showing up at once. Then walk to where the blue TJ Bands equipment truck is parked. **Be at the Equipment Truck by no later than 12:30 PM.***

Unload truck and change into uniform.

1:00 PM (approx) – Parent volunteers meet by equipment truck for instructions.

1:50 PM – Students ready for warm-up - winds lined up in twos (w/ ultrabreathes going).
Walk to warm-up area.

1:55 PM – On deck to warm-up.

2:00 PM – Official Warm-up - in Zone C

2:40 PM – Transit to gate

2:50 PM – Gate Time

3:00 PM – Performance in VMBC Group 6 State Championship

Post-show meeting by equipment trucks

Change out of uniform and reload equipment

Go watch end of prelims and exhibition

Bring \$ if you want to purchase concessions for a snack

4:45 PM – DMs in Awards line-up, rest of TJMC sit together in stadium to watch

5:00 PM – Prelims awards – Drum Majors only

Chaperones take shifts watching equipment while others go into stadium

Tentative evening schedule on next page:

If We Make Finals –

5:30 PM – Meet back at truck for new instructions

5:30ish - Dinner provided by truck

7:00 PM - Final begins

The following times are possible earliest-latest

5:45-8:45 PM – Get into uniform

Stretching/buzzing on your own – nothing as a group

6:05-9:05 PM– Ready to walk to warm-up (winds in two's w Ultrabreathes going)

6:10-9:10 PM – On deck for warm-up

6:15-9:15 PM – Official Warm-up in Warm-up “Area TBD”

6:55-9:55 PM – Transit to gate

7:05-10:05 PM - Gate Time

7:15-10:15 PM – Performance in VMBC Commonwealth Cup Finals

7:30-10:30 PM – Post-show meeting by equipment trucks.

Change out of uniform and load equipment trucks ASAP.

11:00 PM – Awards. Loading will continue, DMs and Captains participate in awards, in uniform.

Est. 2 hrs after show time (hopefully sooner) – Truck load complete. Once BOTH awards AND truck loading duties are completed, students may be dismissed to be picked-up.

Est. 30 min after loading complete (or 30 min. after awards end, whichever is later) – Equipment truck and unload crew arrives at TJHSST – unload – volunteer student crew only.

Est. 45 minutes – Unload crew finished.

If we do not make FINALS –

5:30 PM – Return to truck for Dinner (provided)

Loading crew, dinner will be held for you as needed

Students are dismissed as soon as loading duties are complete

7:30 PM – Truck load complete

8:00 PM Est. – *Equipment truck arrives at TJHSST – unload – volunteer student crew only.*

Est. 8:45 PM – Unload crew finished.