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14th Annual

October 17, 2026

Marching Band Competition

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Dear Band Members, Directors, Parents, and Community Supporters,

On behalf of Pender County Schools, it is a privilege to welcome everyone to this year's Pirate Classic Marching Band Competition. I would like to express appreciation to Topsail High School for once again hosting this proud event in our community. Organizing and presenting this significant band gathering for our region speaks volumes about the dedication of our educators, families, and volunteers that make this possible. Thank you for your efforts in making this event a great experience.

The Pirate Classic, along with similar competitions throughout North Carolina, plays a vital role in empowering high school band programs to flourish. Band participation at both middle and high school levels is a cornerstone in the educational journey of many of our students because it supports the unique opportunities for growth that extend well into adulthood. These programs nurture a strong sense of community, helping young musicians form lasting friendships and develop key social skills such as cooperation, teamwork, and communication.

Our band programs also provide an avenue for creative expression and personal advancement. Whether mastering an instrument or joining in ensemble performances, students learn perseverance, discipline, and the value of striving for excellence. Their involvement in music cultivates an enduring passion for the arts and builds habits that benefit them far beyond the stage.

Research continues to connect music education with improved cognitive skills, enhancing math, language, and overall academic performance. Band members regularly balance rehearsals, competitions, and academics, learning to manage time and responsibilities that become critical skills for future success.

Thank you for supporting our students, the spirit of music, and the sense of camaraderie and healthy competition that events like the Pirate Classic inspire. Wishing each participant an enjoyable and memorable experience at Topsail High School.

Sincerely,

Brad Breedlove
Superintendent, Pender County Schools

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Dear Musicians, Directors, Families and Supporters,

On behalf of the Pender County Schools Board of Education and our entire Topsail High School community, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 14th Annual Pirate Classic.

This time honored tradition encapsulates the joy of music and the celebrated stories of our culture. Music has endured the test of time by resonating with our soul. We are honored to share our bond with music and allow the beat of our drums to energize your spirits.

Pender County is a magical place with scenic waterways, charming homesites, and caring people. Your participation in the Pirate Classic makes you a valued member of our community and enhances our passion for music. Your choice to accept our invitation validates the exceptional work our staff does to provide a quality experience for your program. Please enjoy our hospitality as you marvel at the talents of our young musicians and rejoice in hope elicited by the sound of music.

We wish each Marching Band a successful competition. As your host, we desire to make this year's Classic a meaningful and memorable experience. Again, thank you for choosing the Pirate Classic to showcase your hard work. Best of luck!

SINCERELY,

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THE PALE BLUE DOT



Inspired by Carl Sagan's iconic photograph of Earth taken from the edge of our solar system, the Topsail Marching Pirates present a musical journey on our planet's fragile beauty and place in the cosmos. The production features Planet Earth II Suite by Hans Zimmer, Earth Song by Frank Ticheli, Earth and Air by Tyler S. Grant, and Earth Song by Michael Jackson.

SCAN FOR THE LINEUP,
EVENT-DAY PHOTOS & UPDATES

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TOPSAIL MARCHING PIRATES 2026

The Marching Pirates are under the direction of Jake Wentzek, with Assistant Director Chandler Edwards.
Leading the band this year are Drum Majors Jaedyn Goff, Bryceon Squires & Brooke Graziano.

Music arranged by Kenneth Watts. Drill design by Ian Jeffrey.
Prop design by Ryan Laferriere

2026 PIRATE CLASSIC

SHOUTOUTS & SCHEDULE

SEND YOUR KID A SHOUTOUT.

No more paper slips. Send a shoutout from the stands or from home — our announcer reads it over the stadium PA between performances, and it posts to the live shoutout wall.

Every competing band is welcome. Cheer for your student wherever you are, and follow the live shoutout wall using the QR code below.

Shoutouts are reviewed before they're read — anything unkind or off-color gets cut, because this is a stadium full of kids.

We can only read about 30–40 messages aloud during band transitions, so a larger contribution moves your shoutout up the queue.

Because of the volume with larger bands, there's no guarantee every message will be read over the PA.

SEND A SHOUTOUT.

SEND A SHOUTOUT

/shoutouts

WATCH THE WALL LIVE

/shoutouts/wall

DAY-OF SCHEDULE

11:45 AM	**Opening Ceremony & National Anthem**
	Surf City & Topsail Middle School Bands
12:15	Princeton High School
12:30	Maiden High School
12:45	East Duplin High School
1:00	Heide Trask High School
	Break
1:45	Ashley High School
2:00	John T. Hoggard High School
2:15	Marvin Ridge High School
2:30	Jacksonville High School
2:45	D.H. Conley High School
	Break
3:35	E.A. Laney High School
3:55	West Craven High School
4:15	Northside High School
4:35	North Myrtle Beach High School
	Dinner Break
6:15	St. James High School
6:35	Swansboro High School
6:55	Dixon High School
7:15	South View High School
7:35	Topsail High School (Exhibition)
8:30	Awards

All performance times after opening are PM.

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BAND DIRECTORS



JAKE WENTZEK

DIRECTOR OF BANDS, TOPSAIL HIGH SCHOOL

Jake Wentzek has led the Topsail High School band program since February 2015. A native of Northeast Georgia, he holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Young Harris College and previously directed bands at Murphy High School.

His honors include the 2018 Ed Rooker ENCORE Award and Topsail High School's 2023 Teacher of the Year award. In 2024, he was accepted into the American School Band Directors Association. He also serves as president of the NCBA Eastern District.



CHANDLER EDWARDS

ASSISTANT BAND DIRECTOR

Chandler Edwards is an educator, woodwind specialist and audio engineer. He earned his B.A. in Music Technology from UNC Wilmington in 2024 and has taught woodwinds and supported audio production at Laney and Topsail high schools.

He performed at the International Saxophone Symposium with the UNCW Saxophone Quartet. As an audio engineer with the Boston Crusaders, he contributed to their 2025 World Championship season. He also works with UNCW AV Media Services and Winter Park Baptist Church.

WE'RE MARCHING IN LONDON

The Topsail High School Marching Pirates have been officially invited to march in the 42nd Annual London New Year's Day Parade on January 1, 2028.



42nd Annual
London New
Year's Day Parade

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International Broadcast

100+ Students

Topsail Marching Pirates

Pender County

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FROM THE BAND DIRECTORS

"We are incredibly honored to represent our school, Pender County Schools, and the state of North Carolina on an international stage.

"This opportunity would not be possible without the support of Dr. Sasscer, Dr. Breedlove, and Dr. Taylor, whose belief in the transformative power of music education has helped make this opportunity a reality. We are also extremely grateful to our Music Boosters organization for their continued financial support throughout this process."

— Excerpt from the official announcement

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LONDON INVITATION

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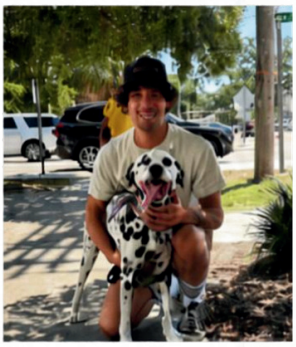
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JORDYN FISHKIN

Percussion Caption Head

Jordyn Fishkin brings over a decade of concert and marching percussion experience. An NC State graduate, she performed with its wind ensemble and marching band, marched with The Cadets and Boston Crusaders, and held leadership responsibilities in indoor percussion.



MICHAEL ROSALES

Visual Caption Head

Michael Rosales teaches color guard and visual performance. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, he focuses on movement, equipment skills and a supportive team culture, making rehearsals productive, challenging and fun.



MADELYN CASTOE

FRONT ENSEMBLE INSTRUCTOR

Madelyn Castoe studies music education and performs in ensembles at UNC Wilmington. A Willow Spring High School graduate, she enjoys sharing her love of percussion with young musicians.

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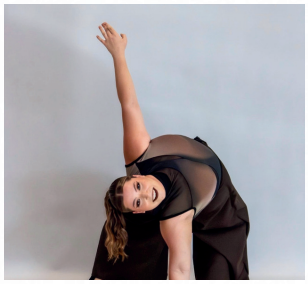
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BRANDIE MOLINA

Color Guard Caption Head

Brandie Molina has taught color guard since 2007, working with Swansboro, West Craven, Northside and Topsail. An ECU graduate, she also creates choreography and serves on staff with Carolina Visual Productions Independent Winterguard.



MEGAN THOMPSON

Color Guard Instructor

Megan Thompson brings five years with Swansboro's guard, two seasons with Etude Independent World and 18 years of dance. She studies Exercise Science at UNCW with a Dance minor, sharing her passion for movement with young performers.



ROBERT BIRCH

Brass Instructor

Robert Birch served as Principal Trumpet and Soloist with the U.S. Navy Band and taught at George Washington University for 29 years. He performs with Wilmington Virtuosi Brass and Wilmington Symphonic Winds.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF
Ronald Workman, Steve White, Trevor Judy, Sean Ohmann
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TODAY'S JUDGES

Chief Judge



DEBORAH DAVIS

Adjudicator & Clinician

Deborah Davis spent most of her teaching career in Edgecombe County, where her middle school bands earned numerous Superior ratings. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from East Carolina University. A former NCBA Eastern District president and MPA chair, she received the district's Award of Excellence and was elected to the American School Band Directors Association. She remains active as an adjudicator and clinician.

JUDGING - Visual Effect

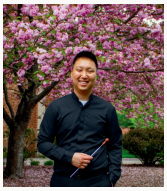


Chris Blice

Band Adjudicator

Chris Blice retired in September 2026 after 45 years in North Carolina education, including 13 years as an assistant superintendent in Chatham County. Before school administration, he directed bands whose ensembles earned Superior ratings and championship awards. He holds degrees from Limestone College, Morehead State University and East Carolina University. An active adjudicator in North Carolina and Virginia, he also performed with the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps.

JUDGING - Music Individual



Joe Figliolo

Asheville High School

Joe Figliolo is Assistant Director of Bands at Asheville High School, where he leads concert and jazz ensembles and co-directs the Marching Cougars. He holds music degrees from UNC Chapel Hill and Appalachian State University. His ensembles have earned Superior MPA ratings, and he guest conducted the Asheville Wind Symphony at the 2025 NCMEA Conference. He currently serves as Jazz Representative for the NCBA Western District.

TODAY'S JUDGES

McKayla (MK) Phillips

JUDGING - Percussion

Percussionist & Educator



McKayla (MK) Phillips is a percussionist and educator teaching at Elon University, High Point University and Greensboro College. They earned a DMA from UNC Greensboro, a master's from Indiana University and bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Music Performance from UNCG. An active performer, clinician and advocate for new music, MK has appeared at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and with orchestras throughout the region.

Dr. Jonathan Caldwell

JUDGING - Music

UNC Greensboro



Dr. Jonathan Caldwell is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Conducting at UNC Greensboro, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band. His ensembles have performed at professional conferences and Carnegie Hall. He holds conducting degrees from the University of Michigan and University of Maryland, along with teaching and performance degrees from UNC Chapel Hill. He co-authored Original Études for the Developing Conductor, published in 2023.

Brooks Wilson

JUDGING - Guard

Atlantic Indoor Association



Brooks Wilson has served marching bands for two decades as an instructor, designer, director and caption head. A Roanoke Rapids native, he serves as Colorguard Coordinator (South) for Atlantic Indoor Association and is founder and director of Awaken Independent in Raleigh. His professional development includes WGI adjudication training and Music for All symposium master classes. He encourages students to continue performing beyond high school.

TODAY'S JUDGES

Ian Jeffrey

JUDGING - Visual Performance

Gayton Elementary School



Ian Jeffrey teaches general music at Gayton Elementary School in Henrico County, Virginia, and holds a Music Education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He performed with the Blue Stars and George Mason University Indoor Drumline. His teaching experience includes Deep Run High School, the Colts and Carolina Crown, and he served as Visual Manager for George Mason's indoor drumline. He now writes drill and choreography for schools across the country.

David Snead

JUDGING - Music Effect

Marching Arts Adjudicator



David Snead is a nationally recognized adjudicator in his 50th consecutive year of work in the marching arts. He retired after more than 30 years with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, where he led the Bayside High School Marching Marlins. He holds degrees from James Madison University and Virginia Commonwealth University. His experience includes Spirit of Atlanta and Blue Stars, and he is a founding member and corps director of Virginia Odyssey.

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TODAY'S JUDGES

DeAnna A. Dixon

New Bridge Middle School

JUDGING –
Drum Major



DeAnna A. Dixon directs bands at New Bridge Middle School in Jacksonville, where her ensembles have earned Superior MPA ratings. A Dixon High School graduate, she earned her Music Education degree at North Carolina Central University and served as drum major of the NCCU Sound Machine in 2018. A 2026 Blue Devils Field Fellow, she works as a drum major clinician, wind technician and arranger for corps-style and traditional marching programs.

Jessica Meade

Murray Middle School

JUDGING –
Timing & Penalty



Jessica Meade directs bands at Murray Middle School in Wilmington and holds a Music Education degree from UNC Wilmington. She serves as NCBA Eastern District Secretary and Educational Outreach Coordinator for the North Carolina Jazz Festival. Her performance experience includes the Troopers and First Flight World Winterguard. As an educator and choreographer, she has worked with First Flight World, Carolina Visual Productions, Coastal Carolina University and Wilmington-area schools.

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Love Dad, Mom, Angelica and Barbara





ZOEY CLARK

Zoey, we are so proud of you! Your hard work, dedication, and confidence shine every time you step onto the field. We love watching you perform and seeing all you've accomplished. Keep making memories and enjoying every moment!

Love, Dad, mom, Trinity, Kelton & Calvin

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2026 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Drum Majors — Jaedyn Goff & Bryceon Squires

Color Guard Captains — Madeline Laferriere & Juli-Ana Benson-Clements

Visual Captain — Brooke Graziano (Field Drum Major)

Woodwind Captain — Layla Coleman

Brass Captain — Jyla McKay

Front Ensemble Captain — Olivia Pattugalan

Battery Captain — James Ball

SECTION LEADERS

Saxophone — Blayne Davis

Flute — Mai Nguyen
Clarinet — Carlie Forte & Melody Reiser

Trumpet & Mellophone — Lizzy Acord

Trombone — Carlos Orellana

Baritone — Olivia Ameri

Low Reed — Hailey Foley

Tuba — Elliot Keenan





CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Sarah Al-Hashimi — Bb Clarinet
James Ball — Percussion
Juli-Ana Benson-Clements — Color Guard
Keegan Chapman — Bb Clarinet
Luke Cherry — Percussion
Layla Coleman — Flute
Natalie Corbett — Flute
Ewan Courtright — Percussion
Blayne Davis — Tenor Saxophone
Hailey Foley — Bb Bass Clarinet
Jaedyn Goff — Percussion
Brooke Graziano — Alto Saxophone
Five Hill — Flute
Bryce Hughes — Percussion
Elliot Keenan — Tuba
Mady Laferriere — Color Guard
Hunter McIntyre — Percussion
Jyla McKay — Horn
Mai Nguyen — Flute
Ben Perry — Percussion
Isla Selway — Flute
Ember Smith — Percussion
Bryceon Squires — Alto Saxophone

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Sam Atkinson
Harrison Autenrieth
James Ball
Lennox Balowski
Juli-Ana Benson-Clements
Emily Bickta
Kaylee Border
Anika Boushka
Oliver Boyce
Liam Boyle
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Kinsey Bunn
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Cash Casebolt
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Scarlett Ferguson
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Marching Panthers

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Titan Regiment

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Screaming Eagle Regiment

CLASS AA
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CLASS AAA
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CLASS AAAA
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SAMUEL MARTINEZ

Samuel, your motivation and dedication to becoming the best drummer you can be are inspirational. Keep working hard and giving all the glory to God. Philippians 4:13

Love you always - Dad, Mom, Ev & Mag



JYLA MCKAY

It's hard to believe that you almost didn't do marching band your freshman year! To see what you have done in 4 years, from flute to mellophone to French horn is astonishing! We are so proud of all that you are and have accomplished!

LOVE YOU MOSTEST, MOM AND DAD

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I LOVE YOU ALWAYS! LOVE YOUR MOMMA





BRAYDEN KELCHNER

SO PROUD OF YOU, BRAYDEN, AND EVERYTHING YOU'RE ACCOMPLISHING! KEEP WORKING HARD, HAVING FUN, AND DOING WHAT YOU LOVE. BOROCK! 🥁🎸🎶❤️

LOVE, MOM, MEME AND PAPA





ELLIOT KEENAN

WATCHING YOU GROW IN YOUR PASSION AND DEDICATION TO MUSIC HAS BEEN SUCH A JOY. YOU ARE TALENTED, AMAZING, AND CAPABLE OF ANYTHING YOU SET YOUR MIND TO. KEEP SHARING YOUR TALENTS WITH THE WORLD AND YOU WILL SHINE BRIGHT. WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, MOM, DAD, JASMINE, & SAV



MADY LAFERRIERE

MADY, WATCHING YOU SHINE ON THE FIELD WITH THE COLORGUARD HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE JOY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, TALENT, AND EVERYTHING YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED AS A SENIOR. KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS! WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

LOVE, MOM, DAD & PIPER



OLIVER BOYCE

OLIVER, WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF YOU. YOUR THREE YEARS AS A MARCHING PIRATE HAVE FLOWN BY. THE WAY YOU'VE STEPPED UP TO SUPPORT THE BAND SHOWS REAL COMMITMENT - GREAT JOB! WE LOVE TO SEE YOU SHOWING OFF YOUR TALENT AND WORKING HARD!

LOVE YOU, MOM AND DAD



JAMES WHISTON

IN THIS GREAT BIG WORLD, JAMES, WE'RE SO PROUD TO WATCH YOU MAKE YOUR MARK! KEEP MARCHING, KEEP PLAYING, AND KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS. WE'LL ALWAYS BE CHEERING YOU ON!

LOVE, MOM, MEEMS, & PEEPS



ARIANA BUTCHER

ARIANA, WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING WATCHING YOU PERFORM FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND IN AWE OF YOUR SKILLS AND COMMITMENT.

LOVE, MOM & DAD

THREE KIDS. ONE BAND.

FROM TROMBONES TO PERCUSSION.



Mr. Wentzek,

Thank you for all the years of leadership, dedication and memories.

Gabrielle, Lauren, James and Maryann





BRYCE HUGHES

5 years of Marching Band, 3 years with the Macy's Great American Marching Band, & 2 years of gigging as a drummer—you've made us so proud! Keep chasing your passion, following the beat, & making memories. We can't wait to see where your talent takes you!

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

To our band families, volunteers, supporters and students,

Take a look around.

Every performance today rests on hours of work that most people will never see. The early mornings. The late nights. The trailers loaded, uniforms fitted, meals served and trash picked up. The people who said, “Tell me what you need,” and then showed up.

To our families: we know this takes time, money and sacrifice. You rearrange work, juggle schedules and give up weekends. You cheer for your own child, then stay to help someone else’s. That is what makes this a band family.

To our volunteers, chairs and area leads: thank you for taking responsibility and carrying it through. To our sponsors and community supporters: thank you for investing in these students and helping turn their hard work into opportunities.

To our directors and instructors: thank you for asking so much of our students, believing in what they can become, and helping them discover how much they are capable of.

And to every student who stepped onto the field today: we see the hours you put in. We see the nerves, the determination, the friendships and the courage it takes to perform after months of preparation. Whatever the scores say at the end of the day, what you accomplished getting here matters. We are proud of you.

To the visiting bands and families who joined us at Topsail today: thank you for bringing your music, your traditions and your people to Pirate Classic. We are honored to share our field with you.

As Boosters, we hope to build more than successful events. We want to build something that lasts: a program where the next family feels welcome, the next volunteer knows they are needed, and the next group of students has the opportunity to dream even bigger.

Because long after the final note fades and the stadium lights go dark, these students will remember the people who stood behind them.

Thank you for being part of the Pirate Classic.

Thank you for showing up for music, for these students, for our community and for one another.

With gratitude and Pirate pride,
The Topsail Music Boosters Board

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