

# FC BAND NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/5-7 Marching Band Rehearsal
- 9/7 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- 9/6 Advanced Ensembles Meeting
- 9/8 Home Football Game
- 9/11-14 Marching Band Rehearsal
- 9/16 Marching Band Fall Camp
- 9/18-21 Marching Band Rehearsal
- 9/22 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due
- 9/22 Home Football Game
- 9/23 Marching Band Competition at PAHS
- 9/25-28 Marching Band Rehearsal
- 9/30 Marching Band Competition at HHS

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

FC Band Family,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The new school year has launched and we are looking forward to experiencing the joy of making music. Thank you for your support, and particularly for encouraging your student to continue his/her study of music. This investment of time, effort and energy will produce lifelong dividends. Throughout the year you will be receiving communications from myself & FCBB concerning upcoming concerts and other pertinent information.

For years we have pointed to the music students as those who have demonstrated a special talent. However, based on extended studies we now know it is the very process of learning music that develops the artistic mind and brings forth the creative potential in all young people. For this reason, continued membership in our musical family is strongly encouraged.

It is a privilege to have your student as a valued musician in our organization. Thank you for your support of music education at First Colonial High School. You play an important role in everything we do. Welcome to our new school year!

Musically Yours,

Luke Walker

## ADVANCED ENSEMBLES MEETING

FCHS administration has asked we hold a mandatory meeting for all parents/students that participate in our advanced performing groups (Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Madrigals). This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Important policies, procedures & expectations unique to these ensembles will be discussed & presented by the Performing Arts faculty & administration.

## COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

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## MARCHING BAND

Summer rehearsals have ended & we are nearing the competitive portion of our season. While the summer rehearsals were productive, we have fallen behind where we need to be. The biggest issue causing this has been erratic attendance from a great number of our members—by far the worst attendance I have experienced in my years of marching band. For the ensemble to be successful, it is critical we have maximum attendance at each rehearsal---being absent not only hurts the absent student, but hinders the ability for the other students to set & dress the field show. Please make every effort to be at every rehearsal not only to prepare yourself, but to honor your comittment to your fellow members!