

# FIRST COLONIAL BAND NOTES

APRIL 5TH, 2022

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FC Band Family,

As we near the 4th quarter of our school year, we have many exciting ensembles & performances planned for our students. The Patriot Percussion Ensemble is nearing the end of their competition season, having won AIA Championships & preparing for WGI World Championships in under 3 weeks. The Guys & Dolls pit orchestra begins rehearsing after Spring Break, with multiple performances of the classic musical scheduled in May. The Symphonic Band is busy preparing a challenging program to be performed in early June. Each student has numerous opportunities to continue improving & perform quality music literature over the next 2 months.

Looking ahead, we will be holding multiple fundraising activities help us finish this year strong & help us prepare for the next year. Please make every effort to help us with these endeavors—every student benefits & we owe it to our students to provide them with the highest quality experience that we can.

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## FCBB APRIL MEETING

### WHEN

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 6PM**

### WHERE

**1272 MILL DAM ROAD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

### MORE INFORMATION

We will hold our monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 6pm in person in the band room (109) at FCHS.

Important information regarding the Patriot Percussion Ensemble's WGI World Championship trip, the spring musical, the end of year band banquet, & the spring concert will be discussed.

If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian/caregiver, **you are encouraged** to be a member of the First Colonial Band Boosters. Meetings are held monthly where we discuss program direction, fundraisers, student events, & much more. All are encouraged to participate & help make our program the best that it can be.

To join FCBB in BAND, click [here](#).

## ALL-VIRGINIA BAND

Congratulations to Michael Volkringer for earning placement to the All-Virginia Bands & Orchestras. Michael will represent FCHS for the second time at this prestigious event in April.



## VIRGINIA BAND AND ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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## PATRIOT PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

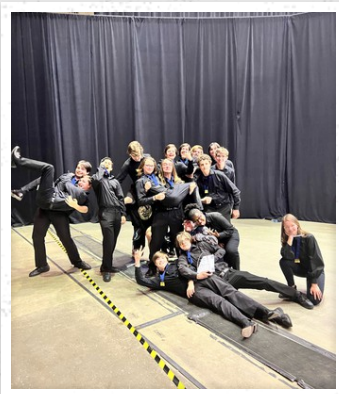
Congratulations to the Patriot Percussion Ensemble for outstanding performances over the last month, placing 1st at each competition they have attended.

3/5: WGI Richmond Regional 1st in Class, 79.9 score

3/19: AIA Powhatan 1st in Class, 85.3 score

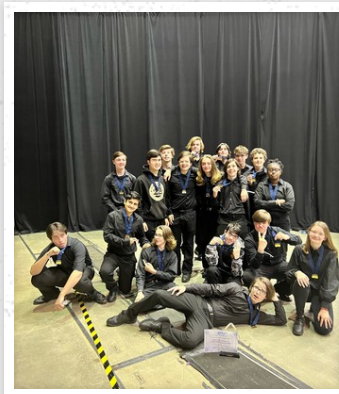
4/3: AIA Championships 1st in Class, 89.1 score

The Patriot Percussion Ensemble won AIA Championships, continuing their streak of championships dating back to the 2018-2019 season. The Patriot Percussion finish their season at WGI World Percussion Championships in Dayton, Ohio on April 21-23. The Patriot Percussion are currently ranked 3rd in the world in their division. Please congratulate & encourage our students as they enter the most challenging portion of their season!



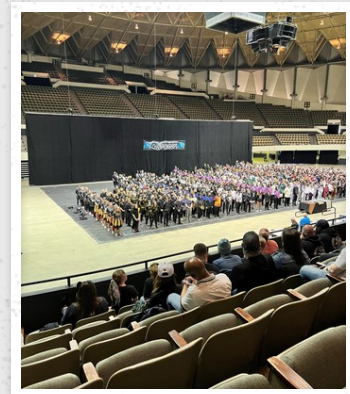
### AIA FINALS

Less serious picture after winning gold.



### AIA FINALS

Serious picture after winning gold.



### AIA AWARDS CEREMONY

Full retreat.

## SPRING MUSICAL

Thank you to all who attended the "Guys & Dolls" pit orchestra meeting. The Pit Orchestra for the 2022 FCHS production of "Guys & Dolls" will be:

Jayna Deeb: Flute, Piccolo

Armin Tabibi: Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Bassoon, Bari Sax

Max Belote: Clarinet, Tenor Sax

Tommy Gourley: Alto Sax, Tenor Sax

George Nikoloff: Alto Sax

Nathan Raiford: Bass Clarinet, Bari Sax

Joshua Williams: Trumpet 1

Joshua Villa: Trumpet 2

Ian Deeb: Trumpet 3

Michael Volkringer: Horn

Nicholas Craig: Horn

Alan Fagan: Trombone

Christian Mitchell: Percussion

Wyatt Voshall: Percussion

Danielle Fagan: Violin

Justin Stanley: Violin

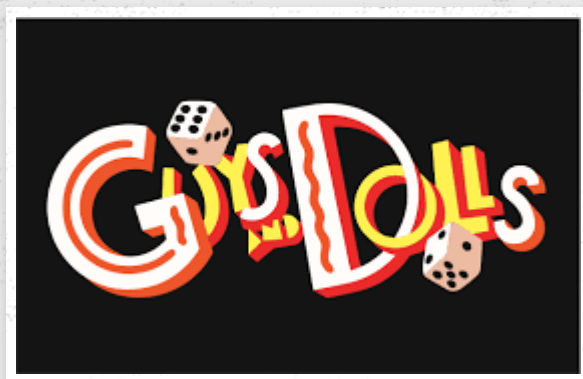
Nickie Nieves: Violin

Marguerite Alley: Cello

Rourke Coffin: Bass

Ace Moss: Piano

The Pit Orchestra will begin rehearsing on April 25th.



## SPRING CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

We will hold a series of car wash fundraisers to help fund our remaining projects for the 2021-2022 band year as well as setting up the 2022-2023 year for success. The car washes will be held at the AutoZone at 3420 Virginia Beach Boulevard (Little Neck) on April 9th, April 30th, & May 21st from 9am-3pm. We need as many student & parent volunteers as possible to make these as successful as possible. Sign-ups are posted in the BAND app.



## **SPRING CONCERT**

The Spring Concert will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 7pm. The concert will include a variety of ensembles, music, & guest conductors.

After school rehearsals for the concert will be held:

5/10 2:30-4:30pm

5/24 2:30-4:30pm

5/31 5-8pm (Dress Rehearsal)

## **2022-2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

All students interested in being a part of the 2022-2023 student leadership team for the Marching Patriots should plan to attend our mandatory leadership training day on Saturday, May 14th from 9am-6pm. Students planning to audition for drum major should also attend the conducting workshop on Monday, May 23rd from 2:30-4:30pm.

All applications are due to the band office by Monday, May 23rd & formal auditions will be held on Friday, May 27th from 2:30-5:00pm.



## **BAND BANQUET**

The end of year band banquet & awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 5pm at FCHS. Dinner will be served at 5pm & the awards ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. Additional information will be made available in May when tickets go on sale.



## **GRADUATION SYMPHONY**

A reminder that all band, chorus, & orchestra non-seniors (9th, 10th, 11th grade students) are required to play in the Symphony Orchestra at the FCHS graduation ceremony. This is the students' final grade & serves as their final exam. (Students unable to complete this requirement will be given a 3-5 minute solo alternate assignment.)

Music will be distributed in each class in early June & will be rehearsed primarily in classes. 1 combined after school rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, June 14th from 2:30-4:30pm in the FCHS Band Room. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 17th at 1:30pm at the Virginia Beach

Convention Center. Students will report to school as normal on June 17th & will ride busses to the VBCC. Students may be picked up directly from the VBCC (with a parent note) or back at FCHS upon the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. More information will be shared as it becomes available to us closer to graduation.



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