

FIRST COLONIAL BAND NOTES

AUGUST 2ND, 2021

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FC Band Family,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We are about at the halfway point of our break, but the band is as active as ever. The Marching Patriots had their first week of full rehearsals last week & we could not be more excited as a staff. We feel confident that this is the best group of new marchers we have had in a long time & the ensemble could not have a better attitude. For those still on the fence about joining, there is still time, but we need to hear from you ASAP, as we will begin writing the drill for the show this week. Please contact me & plan to show up for rehearsals this week so we can get you in this fantastic ensemble.

For our non-marching students, instruments are still available for check out this summer. With our first day of school about a month away, make sure your brain & chops are ready for day one. We will be holding our first concert earlier this year, October 14th, so be prepared to hit the ground running on the first day of class. There is a lot of quality music scheduled for this year & I could not be more excited to make music with all of you again soon!

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FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND UPDATE

For those still interested in marching, it is not too late! We have learned how to move forwards/backwards so far, with the bulk of movement 1 of our show learned. If you are interested in joining, we need to get you in this week (8/3 & 8/5 from 5-8pm). Please let Mr. Walker know ASAP.

For those that have been marching—we are super proud of all that has been accomplished so far. Fundamentals are developing nicely, the music has a strong foundation, & most importantly—the attitudes & work ethics have been superb. The staff is excited to see what this group can achieve over the course of this season.

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule

Full Band Rehearsal: August 3, 5, 10, 12, 5-8pm

Pre-Camp Rehearsal: August 16-19, 5-9pm

Lock-In Rehearsal: August 20-21, 5pm-10am

Band Camp: August 23-27, 8am-6pm

Post-Camp Rehearsal: August 30-September 1, 5-8pm

If you were absent during the fundamentals camp, we need to get you measured/sized for shoes & your uniform ASAP at our August 3rd rehearsal



MARCHING BASICS 1

Student leader Armin works with members on marching fundamentals.



MARCHING BASICS 2

Student leader Ian works with members on marching fundamentals.



MARCHING BASICS 3

Student leaders Max & Arianna work with members on marching fundamentals.



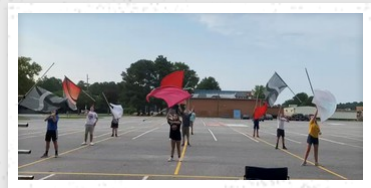
VISUAL 1

Mrs. Corney introduces a new technique to the woodwinds.



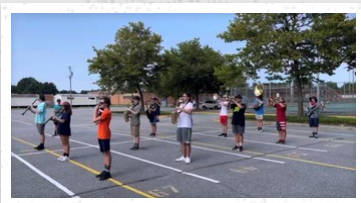
VISUAL 2

The brass practicing a new technique.



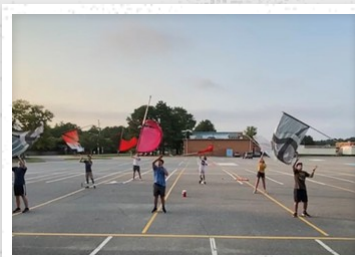
VISUAL 3

The woodwind section practicing a visual routine together.



MARCHING & PLAYING 1

The winds preparing to march & play.



VISUAL 4

The brass section works through a visual routine.



MARCHING & PLAYING 2

The winds marching & playing.

MARCHING BAND MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

WHEN

TUESDAY, AUG. 24TH, 6-6:30PM

WHERE

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

MORE INFORMATION

We will be going over the updated schedule, volunteer needs, & distributing necessary information for our season.

SUMMER CAR WASH FUNDRAISERS

A huge THANK-YOU to all that participated in our first 2 car wash fundraisers. We have raised just over \$2,700 in donations so far in large part due to the large number of student & parent volunteers. Moving forward, we have 2 more car washes this summer & need to raise at least \$1,800 at the remaining 2 to stay on budget. We need at least 10-12 student volunteers & 2-4 parents for each car wash. We understand if you cannot commit to the full length, we are just as happy to have you for part of a fundraiser.

Saturday, August 7th AutoZone (Little Neck) 9am-3pm

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FCBB AUGUST MEETING

WHEN

TUESDAY, AUG. 3RD, 6PM

WHERE

**1272 MILL DAM ROAD
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MORE INFORMATION

We will hold our monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6pm in person in the band room at FCHS.

If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian/caregiver, you are invited 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](#).

VBCPS / FCHS INSTRUMENT CHECK OUT


Instruments are available for check out for the summer. Priority will be given to students participating in marching band, auditioning for SRO in the fall, & then to those studying privately. After that, all students that are enrolled for band in the fall will be allowed to check out instruments based on availability. Please contact Mr. Walker if you would like to check out an instrument to be added to the waiting list & schedule an appointment.



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