



Greetings from the First Colonial High School Band! As we prepare to launch into our 53RD Marching Band season, we would like to ask you to consider being a season sponsor. Our Marching Patriots work incredibly hard to bring musical excellence, excitement, and fun to school events, football games, community parades, and statewide band competitions. Your support would go a long way to ease the financial burdens of our small but mighty band of hard-working staff, students, and parents.

This fall we will perform a challenging and creative show entitled “Re-Imagine” by Luke MacMillan, under the direction of our 2022 Band Director, Mr. Nicholas Craig. We are expecting more than 70 band members this season under the student leadership of Drum Major, Sean McNulty, a tuba player in his Senior year at FCHS.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at several different levels and **EVERY** tax-deductible gift or gift-in-kind) is deeply appreciated and well-invested into our Marching Band program. Enclosed you will find additional information on sponsorship opportunities as well as more information about the Marching Band program at First Colonial High School.

I will be contacting you in the next week to follow up and to answer any questions you may have. In the interim, please feel free to contact me at [757-749-1825](tel:757-749-1825) or daraiford@cox.net with any questions or for more information. I also invite you to visit our website at www.fcband.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstColonialBand.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to the exciting Marching Patriots season ahead.

Sincerely,

Debra Raiford
President
First Colonial High School Band Boosters



About the FCHS Marching Patriots



First Colonial High School Band is proud to bring its 53rd Season of music to the Hampton Roads community!

Our Band is comprised of a team of truly diverse, talented group of students and instructors who are committed to excellence in music performance in a positive, respectful and inclusive environment.

Accomplishments include:

- FCHS Marching Patriots band has routinely finished 1st in class 1A by the end of the season.
 - 1st in class at the Tallwood Invitational every year since 2016
 - 1st at Gloucester “Bands Along the Bay”, 1st at Stallion Invitational
- Atlantic Indoor Association (AIA) North Atlantic Champions in percussion every year since the 2018-2019 season, finishing 1st at every regional competition except for 1 since 2017.
- Percussion also finished first at the Winterguard International Richmond Regional this year & has been a finalist at every regional competition for WGI.
- 8th place finish at WGI World Percussion Championships as well.
- Voted “Best High School Band” twice at the Strawberry Festival Parade since 2018 & once at the Virginia Beach Holiday Parade.





SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Level	Amount
<u>GOLD</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>SILVER</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>BRONZE</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>PATRON</u>	<u>Under \$100</u>

**Note: Sponsors will be listed in our Band Concert Winter/Spring programs and on our Facebook page.*

Specific Program Needs Include:

- Budget Relieving Support to meet the areas of greatest need (Including the items listed below)
- Color guard uniforms, flags and equipment \$3500
- Competition entrance fees \$600
- Staff fees \$4000
- Penske Truck Rental to transport instruments and props for Band Competitions \$500 each rental + \$300 for gas
- Juicer Portable Power System \$2500-3000
- Meals and water for students during summer camps, performances, and long school days that last into



- Friday night football game performances \$400 - \$600
- Debt Reduction \$2500
 - Donations for our spring Silent Auction (trips, gym memberships, gift cards, Taste baskets, spa items, garden services, wine baskets)



Sponsor Form

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring First Colonial High School's Band for the 2022-2023 season. Please mail this form along with your check to:

FC Band Boosters
C/O Debra Raiford, President
PO Box 4751
Virginia Beach VA 23454

or take a snapshot of this completed form and text it to Debra Raiford at 757-749-1825 and we will follow up!

Organization Name (If giving as a Corporation): _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I will be a FCHS Band Sponsor for the 2022-2023 season at the following level:

- Platinum Sponsor - \$ _____ (above \$500)
- Gold Sponsor - \$500
- Silver Sponsor - \$250
- Bronze Sponsor - \$100
- Patron Sponsor - \$ _____ (Under \$100)
- Gift in Kind or other _____
(Sponsoring rental truck, Debt Reduction, Water/Gatorade, gift cards for raffle, etc.)

If you have any questions or need additional information about sponsorships, please contact Debra Raiford, our Band Booster President, at 757-749-1825 or daraiford@cox.net

