



## **First Colonial Band Patriot Percussion 2021-2022 Information Packet**

Thank you for your interest in joining the 2021-2022 Patriot Percussion ensemble. Patriot Percussion has established a tradition of excellence since its formation in 2017, remaining undefeated in Atlantic Indoor Association competition (including North Atlantic Championships) & competitive in Winter Guard International competition. Patriot Percussion is an extracurricular ensemble that rehearses exclusively outside of school.

For the 2021-2022 season, we will be transitioning from Scholastic Concert A Class to the more difficult Scholastic Concert Open Class. Music demands, length of show, & increased competition will result in the move to Open Class. For the season, we have established the following goals:

- Establish & refine basic fundamentals for all keyboard & auxiliary percussion instruments.
- Integrate new members to established Patriot Percussion culture based on high standards & work ethic.
- Successfully transition from A to Open class.

Please fully review the information in this packet prior to submitting your application to be considered for the 2021-2022 Patriot Percussion roster.

Musically Yours,

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#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- In good standing with the band program & FCBB (academically, behaviorally, financially).
- Availability for all rehearsals, clinics, & competitions.
- Positive team-first mentality.
- Strong work ethic & established practice routines outside of class.
- Enrolled in a performing arts course at FCHS (band, chorus, orchestra, theater).

*Note: Students not in an FCHS PA course will be considered by audition, however priority in acceptance & part placement will be given to current PA students.*

#### **2021-2022 Show**

For the 2021-2022 season, we will be featuring music from several prominent video games as we explore the evolution of video games & their music over the past 50 years. The official show title will be released at the final rehearsal before winter break. The music will be arranged by KJ Stafford. Mr. Stafford is a world-class percussionist whose accolades include:

- Front Ensemble Caption Head for the world-champion Santa Clara Vanguard drum corps.
- Instructor of Hickory HS World-Champion percussion ensemble.
- Arranger for numerous top-tier WGI percussion ensembles.

#### **Competitions**

Our goal is to compete in 4 AIA regional competitions leading up to AIA championships on April 2nd, 2022 at the Hampton Coliseum. As of this writing, we are awaiting approval from VBCPS for these due to the current travel restrictions. If we are not able to travel, we will be competing in the WGI Virtual Showcase circuit for this season.

#### **Part Placement & Instrumentation**

Each part for the show is important, regardless of difficulty or technical demand. Members will be assigned parts based on:

- Ability level to perform on the instrument.
- Technical demands of the part.
- Observed work ethic & dependability of the member by the staff.
- What will be “best for the group” so that all parts are covered & able to be performed at a high level.



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Part assignments are subject to change as deemed necessary by the staff & members may be asked to rotate between parts during the course of the show.

Instrumentation for the 2021-2022 show will depend on the number of accepted members & ability levels. Our idea1 instrumentation for the 2021-2022 season:

Marimba	2	2	3	3	4
Vibraphone	2	2	3	3	3
Xylophone	1	1	1	1	1
Bells	.5	.5	.5	1	1
Chimes / Crotales	.5	.5	.5	1	1
Synthesizer	1	2	2	2	3
Timpani	1	1	1	1	1
Aux. Perc.	1	2	2	3	3
Bass	1	1	1	1	1
Guitar	1	1	1	1	1
Drumset	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL MEMBERS	12	14	16	18	20

**Fundraising**

Membership fees alone will not cover the expenses for the season. We will have a single fundraiser specifically for Patriot Percussion that all members are required to participate in. Information will be released for this fundraiser at our first rehearsal.



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## Rehearsal & Competition Schedule\*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
12/6/21	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
12/9/21	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
12/16/21	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
12/18/21	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
12/20/21	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
1/3/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
1/6/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
1/8/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
1/10/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
1/13/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
1/15/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
1/17/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
1/20/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
1/22/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal**
1/24/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
1/27/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
<b>1/27/22</b>	<b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Preview Show &amp; Practice Run</b>
1/29/22	9am-2pm	Clinic with guest adjudicators
1/31/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
2/3/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
2/7/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
2/10/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal, WGI Virtual Prelims 1 Recording
<b>2/12/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>AIA Competition 1 @ Jefferson Forest High School</b>
2/14/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
2/17/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
<b>2/19/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>AIA Competition 2 @ Woodgrove High School</b>
2/21/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
2/24/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal**
2/28/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
3/3/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal, WGI Virtual Prelims 2 Recording
<b>3/5/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>WGI COMPETITION 1 @ Powhatan</b>
3/7/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
3/10/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
3/14/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
3/17/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
3/19/22	9am-2pm	Rehearsal
3/21/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
3/24/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
<b>3/26/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>AIA Competition 3 @ South County HS</b>
3/28/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
3/31/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal
<b>4/2/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>AIA CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Hampton Coliseum</b>
4/4/22	2:30-4:30pm	Rehearsal
4/7/22	2:30-6pm	Rehearsal, WGI Finals Recording



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**MEMBER APPLICATION - DUE TO MR. WALKER BY DECEMBER 1st**

Student Name:	Student Grade Level:
Student Primary Instrument:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Phone:	Parent/Guardian Email:
Emergency Contact:	Emergency Contact Phone:
Please list all allergies & medical concerns:	
Please list all medicines (inhalers, epipens, etc) the student needs/uses*:	
<i>*This will need to be added to the FC Band medical bag.</i>	
Student Shirt Size (Circle One):    S        M        L        XL        XXL        XXXL	

**Commitment Agreement**

*I understand that if I am accepted into the Patriot Percussion Ensemble I am expected to be at each rehearsal in its entirety & attend all competitions. As a member of a high-caliber percussion ensemble, I realize my role on the team is critical & that the rest of the ensemble depends on me to be present. I understand that repeated absences from rehearsals or missing competitions may result in dismissal from the ensemble.*

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Date



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**Part Placements**

*Please rank your preference from 1 (most want to play) to 12 (least want to play) for the available parts.*

Marimba (Advanced) _____	Vibraphone (Medium) _____
Xylophone (Medium +) _____	Bells (Medium) _____
Chimes/Crotales (Easy) _____	Synthesizer 1 (Medium) _____
Synthesizer 2 (Easy) _____	Drumset (Advanced) _____
Bass (Medium) _____	Guitar (Medium) _____
Timpani (Medium) _____	Aux Perc. (Easy-Medium) _____

*I understand that all members will be placed on instruments & parts where:*

- 1. The member will be challenged but put in a position to be successful.*
- 2. The ensemble will have all parts covered in a manner that is best for the ensemble.*

*I understand I may not be assigned to the part I most wanted, but I will still put forth my best effort & do my part to continue the tradition of excellence in the Patriot Percussion Ensemble. Part placements will be determined by the Director & Staff.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Financial Commitments**

The Patriot Percussion Ensemble is completely funded by member dues & fundraising. Our expenses for the 2021-2022 season will be:

Music Arranging	\$2,500
Electronic Design	\$500
Copyright Licenses	\$1,000
Staff	\$2,000
Competition Fees	\$1,000
Travel Expenses	\$500
Apparel	\$250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>

To cover these expenses, member dues for the 2021-2022 season will be **\$300** per member, split over 3 installments:

Payment 1	December 1st	\$100
Payment 2	January 15th	\$100
Payment 3	February 15th	\$100

All members will be required to participate in our Fundraise Genius drive to raise the additional funds. Each member is required to obtain \$250 in donations to support the ensemble & fulfill our budget. **\*\*Please note, if there is a financial concern or hardship, please contact the director to discuss. We will not turn away a student due to financial hardship!\*\***

**Payment Options**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay via cash or check made payable to FCBB

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay via card (Square invoice), broken into 3 installments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay in full via card (Square invoice)

Email (if requesting a Square invoice for card): \_\_\_\_\_



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**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement & Commitment**

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand that being a member in the Patriot Percussion Ensemble is a significant time commitment, with multiple weekly rehearsals & several competitions throughout the season. I understand that transportation is not always provided by VBCPS for rehearsals that go later than the activity busses or that are held on non-school days. I understand that all of the rehearsals & competitions are mandatory & that the group cannot be successful without each member being present. I understand that repeated absences from rehearsals or competitions may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

I understand that as of 11/15/21, specific competition venues & travel destinations have not been finalized due to pending VBCPS approval/denial based on the current COVID-19 restrictions put in place by VBCPS. I understand that this information will be updated as soon as VBCPS approves/denies the requested competitions.

I understand that the full rehearsal schedule is listed above & will be posted in BAND. I understand that BAND will be the primary source of communication between staff, students, & parents/guardians.

I understand that students will be placed on parts by the staff based on student ability & the needs of the ensemble. I understand that student part assignments may change during the course of the season based on the needs of the ensemble.

I understand that as a parent/guardian, I am expected to volunteer & assist with competitions as a chaperone, driver, or member of the pit crew in order to provide the students with the best possible experience. I understand the financial commitments are the bare minimum needed for a successful season & are made up of student dues & fundraising--without which we would not be able to have a season. I understand that if there are financial concerns, they can be addressed with the director or with FCBB.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date