

# FIRST COLONIAL BAND NOTES

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FC Band Family,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is great to see everyone in person again. Throughout the year, we will be sending out communications from our Performing Arts Department concerning upcoming concerts, rehearsals, fundraising efforts, ensemble news, & all other things related to our band program. All of this information will be shared in class with the students, but we want to make sure that all of our parents & guardians receive this information as well.

With many of our covid restrictions lifted, we are excited to have numerous events & performances this year, with several happening within the first few months of our return. Please make every effort to read our newsletter, the course expectations that were sent home day 1 of class, & our band handbook. Our program has much to offer our students & I do not want any student to miss out on an opportunity or performance.

It is a privilege to have each student as a valued musician in our band program. Thank you for your continued support of music education at First Colonial—you play an important role in everything we do. Welcome to the new school year!

Musically Yours,

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Director of Bands  
Tri-M Music Honor Society Advisor  
Performing Arts Department Chair  
PBIS Team Leader  
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FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

## FCBB SEPTEMBER MEETING

### WHEN

**TUESDAY, SEP. 14TH, 6PM**

### WHERE

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

### MORE INFORMATION

We will hold our monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14th 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](#).

## FALL PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Our first concert of the 2021-2022 school year will be held on Thursday, October 14th. This concert will combine the Symphonic Band, Chamber Orchestra, & Madrigals as a joint Performing Arts Department concert.

Students Call Time: 6pm

Concert Start Time: 7pm

Concert Attire: Black Tuxedos / Black Concert Dress ("Laurel" model from SE Apparel)

For those interested in ordering the tuxedo or dress online, we recommend Southeastern Apparel. The tuxedo can be ordered [here](#). The Laurel dress can be ordered [here](#).

For those wishing to obtain the tuxedo not through Southeastern Apparel, that is fine as long as it meets the concert attire code (black tuxedo pants, white tuxedo shirt, black tuxedo jacket, black bow tie & cummerbund). For those wishing to obtain the black concert dress not through Southeastern Apparel, the dress must match the "Laurel" model linked above.



## AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS

As per VBCPS course requirements, we will be having after-school rehearsals for all Symphonic Band students (brass, woodwind, percussion) leading up to our Fall Concert. All dates are listed in the course expectations & handbook. The rehearsals for this concert unit:

Tuesday, September 28 2:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, October 5 2:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, October 12\* 2:30-4:30pm

\*Dress Rehearsal

*Please note, all rehearsals are mandatory & are graded. Rehearsals take priority over work/clubs/sports practice/etc. A 0 will be earned by all with unexcused absences.*

## FALL FUNDRAISER

We will be having our fall Joe Corbi fundraiser on **Monday, September 13th**. The Joe Corbi fundraiser includes pizza kits, cookie dough, pies, cheesecakes, & other fall treats. We are asking each student to sell at least **10 items** so we can reach our goal of \$5,000 profit. Fundraising brochures will be sent home on 9/13 & 9/14, depending on when your student has band. **All checks should be made out to FCBB.**

The proceeds from this fundraiser will fund:

- music for ensembles
- equipment for ensembles
- guest clinicians for the band classes
- spare concert apparel

We need every member to contribute to the highest extent possible so we can meet our budget & continue to offer the highest quality music education experience to all in our program. The fundraiser orders & all funds are due by **Friday, October 1st.**



## MARCHING BAND UPDATE

We have finished learning the drill for the first movement of our show, Kitty Hawk, & have started to learn the music for the second movement. Progress is still moving at a steady pace, but we do need to increase the urgency at which we learn so we can finish the show by our first competition.

We have registered for several competitions so far & are waiting for the field trips to be approved. Currently, this is our tentative schedule:

- October 9th @ Grassfield HS
- October 16th @ Monarch Invitational (Todd Stadium)
- October 23rd : Fall Camp 2 OR Green Run HS Competition
- October 28th @ Warhill HS
- October 30th @ Tallwood HS

A reminder that our September Camp will be on Saturday, September 18th from 8am-6pm.



## **TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY**

Applications for Tri-M, the music honor society, will be available on Monday, September 13th for all interested 10-12 grade students. The applications will be due by Friday, October 1st.



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## HONOR SOCIETY

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