

FIRST COLONIAL BAND NOTES

OCTOBER 20TH, 2021

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FC Band Family,

Our first concert is done! It was great to see so many parents, family members, & friends of music last week at the Performing Arts Fall Concert. For many of the students, it was their first live performance since the 2019-2020 school year. We are very proud of their hard work as we adjusted to making music again.

Moving forward, we have several performances over the next 2 months:

November 11th: Veterans Day Parade (All Advanced & Intermediate Band students)

December 4th: VB Holiday Parade (All Advanced & Intermediate Band students)

December 14th: Winter Concert (All Advanced, Intermediate, & Beginning Band students)

I would also like to recognize the hard work of our Marching Patriots who began their competition season on 10/9, having finished top 3 at each competition to date & earning caption awards including Best Percussion. The Marching Patriots finish their season on October 28th at the Tallwood Invitational.

Musically Yours,

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FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

FCBB NOVEMBER MEETING

WHEN

TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH, 6PM

WHERE

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

MORE INFORMATION

We will hold our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 6pm in person in the band room at FCHS.

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](#).

PATRIOT PERCUSSION INTEREST MEETING

WHEN

MONDAY, NOV. 15TH, 2:15PM

WHERE

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

MORE INFORMATION

We will hold an interest meeting for all students regarding our competitive Patriot Percussion Ensemble on Monday, November 15th at 2:15pm in the band room. Information will be distributed regarding audition information, the rehearsal schedule, & potential competition season. If you plan to be in this ensemble, it is critical you attend this meeting.

AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

As per VBCPS course requirements, we will be having after-school rehearsals for all Symphonic Band students (brass, woodwind, percussion) leading up to our performances. All dates are listed in the course expectations & handbook. The rehearsals for the next 2 months:

Wednesday, November 10th 2:30-4:30pm - Veterans Day Parade Dress Rehearsal*

Thursday, November 11th 7-11am - Veterans Day Parade

Friday, December 3rd 5-8pm - Holiday Parade Dress Rehearsal*

Saturday, December 4th 3-8pm - Holiday Parade

Tuesday, November 30th 2:30-4:30pm - Winter Concert Combined Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 7th 2:30-4:30pm - Winter Concert Combined Rehearsal

Monday, December 13th 5-8pm - Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal*

Tuesday, December 14th 6-8:30pm - Winter Concert

**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. Students

with unexcused absences from the Dress Rehearsal will not be permitted to perform at the concert.

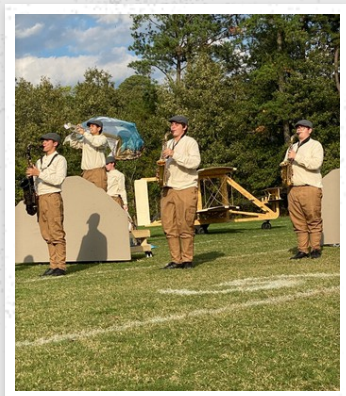
MARCHING BAND UPDATE

We are halfway through our competitive season. The Marching Patriots finished 2nd at the Grassfield Grizzly Classic, earning best percussion & 3rd place at the VMBC Tidewater Regional.

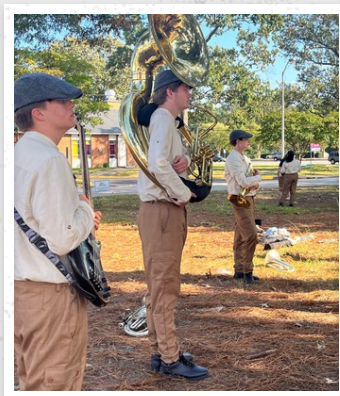
Seniors & Senior Parents

Senior night will be held at our final football game on 10/29. Senior sashes have been distributed to seniors. We will hold our band senior ceremony before the game at 4:30pm. Seniors will then be recognized prior to kickoff at the game with their parent/guardian escort.

The Marching Patriots will travel to Green Run HS for the inaugural Stallion Classic on October 23rd & will conclude their season at the Tallwood Invitational on October 30th.



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FALL PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Congratulations to all of our student performers on a job well done at the Fall Concert last week. As we begin to work on our next performances, a few reminders going forward:

1. Concert Apparel: All of our students will need their tuxes/concert dresses by the Winter Concert (12/14). We realize many students apparel had been ordered but did not arrive in time for this concert, however we must all have the correct apparel by the Winter Concert. (Concert Attire: Black Tuxedos / Black Concert Dress "Laurel" model from SE Apparel). To those that choose tuxedos—you must have long black socks & black dress shoes. To those that choose the dress—it must be appropriate length, especially as we are raised on the stage. *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](#).

2. Call Time: Many of our students were professional & on time for the 6pm call time. The posted time is when we should begin to warm up as an ensemble, review key points of our program, & tune as a group. We had approximately 12-15 students that were 5/10/15/25/30+ minutes late. These students were unable to warm up or tune with their peers, which caused noticeable intonation issues during our performance. This is an area that must be fixed by our next concert.
3. Concert Etiquette: Our students did a fantastic job at being respectful audience members. As friends & family of the performers, we must also do our part! In reading the students' concert evaluations, multiple students mentioned that it was distracting to them when audience members were on phones or moving around the auditorium during their performance. This is something that can be fixed & needs to be fixed for our student performers.



FALL FUNDRAISER

The fall fundraiser has been ordered. As soon as we receive the delivery date, we will pass along the information. Thank you to all that participated.



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