

FIRST COLONIAL BAND NOTES

JANUARY 27TH, 2022

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FC Band Family,

We are in the middle of one of the busiest times of the school year with our classes preparing music for the VBODA Concert Band Assessment, the Patriot Percussion Ensemble is preparing to begin their competitive season, & all of our students are working to improve as musicians.

With the first semester ending this week & the 2nd semester beginning next week, it is important that all of our students keep up with the class assignments. Each band student should be practicing (concert music, SmartMusic, instrument technique) 5 nights per week. Each student will have playing assignments (either online or in class) due each week. If you aren't hearing your student practice regularly, there is a good chance they are behind on assignments--ask them & they should be able to tell you what we are practicing!

Please read the information below--there is a lot going on & special events happening in the coming weeks, don't miss out!

Musically Yours,

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FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

FCBB FEBRUARY MEETING

WHEN

TUESDAY, FEB. 1ST, 6PM

WHERE

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

MORE INFORMATION

We will hold our monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at 6pm in person in the orchestra room (111) at FCHS. Note--Symphonic Band students will be rehearsing at FC

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](#).

ALL-DISTRICT BAND

The All-District Band Event will be held from Thursday, February 3rd through Saturday, February 5th. Students selected for the band should bring in \$25 (cash or check made out to FCBB) to cover the participation fees ASAP. The full schedule:

Thursday, February 3rd

5:30pm Arrive at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church (Next to Princess Anne HS)

6:00pm Rehearse

8:00pm Dismissed

Friday, February 4th

7:30am Report to FCHS Band Room (if not driving on own)

7:45am Load Equipment & Depart FCHS

8:15am Breakfast/Early Lunch

10:30am Arrive Thalia Lynn Baptist Church

11:00am Seating

12:00pm Rehearsal

6:00pm Dismissed

Saturday, February 5th

8:00am Report to Thalia Lynn Baptist

8:30am Rehearsal

11:30am Return home for lunch, change into concert attire (SYMPHONIC BAND ONLY)

12:00pm Eat & Change (CONCERT BAND ONLY)

1:00pm CONCERT BAND CONCERT

1:45pm Dismissed (CONCERT BAND ONLY)

2:30pm Report to Sanctuary (SYMPHONIC BAND ONLY)

3:00pm SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT

PATRIOT PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Our 2021-2022 Patriot Percussion Ensemble is rehearsing & preparing to begin their competitive season. Due to missing 3 rehearsals (due to snow) & the potential to lose Saturday (1/29) & Monday (1/31), we are postponing our Parent Preview Show & will be potentially adding rehearsals to make up for lost time so we will be prepared for our first competition.

Parents/Guardians: Make sure you are in the BAND group for Patriot Percussion. All dates, information, & signups will be posted there. Ask your student to add you if they haven't.

PATRIOT PERCUSSION FUNDRAISER

Our fundraiser drive is halfway done & we are so proud & excited by the results so far. With 4 days remaining, we are just over \$8,000 donated. Please donate & share the link to our donation drive if you are able—this fundraiser will help cover the travel costs for our season, including our goal of competing at WGI World Championships in April.

[Patriot Percussion Donation Drive](#)



VIRGINIA BAND AND ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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VBODA ASSESSMENT - SYMPHONIC BAND

Most of our Symphonic Band members will be participating in the VBODA Concert Band Assessment in March.

The 3 selections we will be performing:

- El Relicario (Spanish march, Paso Doble) by Jose Padilla.
- Sanctuary by Frank Ticheli
- Gandalf (1st movement from "The Lord of the Rings Symphony") by Johan de Meij

All members will have multiple playing assignments per week & *should be practicing at home daily.*

Combined rehearsals will begin on February 1st, from 5-8pm each Tuesday evening until March 8th. All rehearsals are required/graded & all dates can be found in the syllabus in Schoology & sent home in September.

Our first combined rehearsal is on Tuesday, February 1st which is a Staff Day--***we will still rehearse even though it is not a regular school day.***

The Pre-Assessment Clinic will be held on Wednesday, February 9th at 6pm. This event will be for students only--this is not a typical concert. Students will be dismissed at the end of the clinic with our guest judges, which should conclude by 8pm.

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