



First Colonial Marching Patriots
VMBC Tidewater Regional Competition
Saturday, October 16th, 2021

ITINERARY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:30am	Arrive FCHS, Set up READY by 9am
9:00am	Morning Rehearsal
11:30am	Pit Crew Report Time
11:30am	Load Trailer (Plane, Pit, Props)
12:00pm	Lunch (bring your own)
12:45pm	Chaperone Report Time
1:00pm	Change into Uniforms, Bathroom, Makeup
1:30pm	Chaperone Meeting (111)
1:45pm	Morning Briefing (109)
1:55pm	Load Bus
2:05pm	Roll Call
2:10pm	Depart FCHS
2:30pm	Arrive at PAHS
2:35pm	Check In
2:35pm	Unload Trailer
3:05pm	Transition to Warm-up Area A
3:15pm	Warm-up
3:55pm	Depart Warm-up
4:05pm	Gate
4:15pm	Performance
4:30pm	Debrief
4:35pm	Load Trailer
4:45pm	Change into khakis/polos
5:15pm	Enter stadium to watch remaining bands.
5:30pm	Dinner at concessions OR bring lunch
10:00pm	Awards
10:20pm	Load Bus
10:25pm	Roll Call
10:30m	Depart GHS
10:50pm	Return FCHS
10:55pm	Unload Trailer, Store items PROPERLY
11:20pm	Dismissal

Students are required to stay with the band until the completion of the awards ceremony. Students that wish to be picked up directly from Princess Anne HS must submit a parent note before Saturday, October 16th. Students being picked up by parents at the Princess Anne HS will only be dismissed to parents upon the conclusion of the awards

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ceremony at the busses in the presence of the Director or Head Chaperone. Students picked up early are responsible for making arrangements for their instruments, flags, & other equipment so that all items are stored properly at FCHS.

Chaperone Guidelines

Thank you for supporting your student by volunteering your time as a chaperone for the FC Band. Ultimately we are first and foremost concerned with the well-being and safety of our students. This is why these Chaperone guidelines are in place. After reviewing the guidelines, if you have any further questions, please ask the head chaperone, or the band director.

General Rules and Responsibilities of Chaperones

1. Report on time. A longer more detailed briefing will be held in advance of overnight trips. Assignments will be made at this time by the Band Director. Please turn in your Chaperone Badge at the end of the activity. Please wear an official Chaperone Shirt or Band Parent Shirt, pants or at least knee length shorts and comfortable shoes. In the event chaperones are not able to provide a chaperone or band shirt, please make arrangements with the band director ahead of time to either borrow a shirt or at least wear a solid blue shirt of some sorts to the event.
2. Chaperones must be available to the band at all times. Chaperones are on duty for the entire event they are chaperoning and for overnight activities, technically 24 hours per day.
3. The “Golden Rule” of chaperoning... “If the students can’t do it, chaperones can’t do it.” Also, “don’t do for one student what you can’t do for all students”.
4. Chaperones must comply with all VBCPS & FCHS Band policies including those regarding the prohibition of the use of alcohol, tobacco, and appropriate language.
5. The authority of chaperones is limited to general supervision of students and to guide and assist the students with safety and appropriate behavior. If you have a problem with any student not following directions or showing respect, report to a staff member who will see the Band Director immediately. **All discipline problems will be handled by the Band Director.**
6. If a student becomes ill enough (in the opinion of the chaperone) to warrant medical attention or calling his/her parents, the Band Director is to be informed of the situation immediately. **The Head Chaperone will be responsible for contacting and discussing the problem with the parents.**
8. Students may use cell phones in band situations as follows:

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- After the conclusion of the performance
- On the bus
- Other as approved by the Band Director or staff

Cell Phones may not be used as follows and must be turned off and out of sight:

- When in uniform

Rules and Responsibilities of Chaperones for Competitions/Trips

Essentially the same duties and procedures are applicable for competitions and trips plus the following:

- There will normally be 2 – 4 chaperones per bus;
 - Verify the roll call of your bus with the student Bus Captain for each departure.
 - Work with the student Bus Captain to make sure that the behavior on the bus is safe and leads to an enjoyable trip for all
 - Chaperones should spread themselves out throughout the bus to cover both the middle and back of the bus;
 - Student couples are to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen;
 - Changing of clothes on the bus should be at the instructions of the band staff and supervised. Male/females will change at separate times.
 - Please let the Band Director know immediately by cell-phone or radio if you have an unmanageable problem or if the bus must pull off the road.
- Busses travel in convoy
- At the conclusion of the trip, please make sure that the bus is left clean and that all windows are closed. The student Bus Captain is responsible for this and should hold all students until this is accomplished
 - Students being picked up after events must be picked up and released only to their parent or legal guardian and only after a release form is signed and on file. Students should be picked up at the busses in front of the Band Director. No student should leave without being released by the Band Director.

The following is advice that will help with all chaperoning situations:

- Teenagers don't always think clearly and responsibly, help them.
- Don't ignore inappropriate behavior. (Beware of couples)
- Try not to compound a situation by over-reacting.
- Respect students' and their privacy, but enforce all rules
- You are every student's parent while chaperoning.
- Rules and Schedules may need to be adjusted... BE FLEXIBLE
- If you are unsure of how to handle a situation, ASK!

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Closing Remarks

It is the desire of the Band Directors and the First Colonial Band Boosters that a large number of parents be involved in the active support of the FCHS Band whether through chaperoning, participating in fundraisers, or just attending a performance. There is a direct link to the success of students and the involvement of the parent. We welcome all parents to be as active as their time will allow. If for any reason anyone should have a comment (positive or otherwise) or a concern regarding any aspect of the chaperone program or other related matters, please call the band office and speak directly with one of the Band Director.

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FLOW MAP

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Student Reminders

- Items you must remember to bring:
 - Dinkles
 - Long, black socks
 - Khaki pants / shorts, band polo, & band hat to change into afterwards.
 - \$\$ for lunch OR lunch
 - All equipment (flags/instruments loaded on trailer).
- This is a long day. Please prepare accordingly by getting plenty of sleep the night before.
- You need to eat breakfast prior to rehearsal OR bring a snack to eat after our morning rehearsal. Lunch will not happen until after 1pm.
- Your performance begins the moment we arrive at GHS & does not end until we depart GHS.
 - Superior behavior is expected & required. You represent yourself, your family, our band, & FCHS at all times.
 - A focused mindset should begin on the bus. Goofing off & being distracted on the bus will negatively affect your performance capabilities.
- We move as a band. We stay together as a band. When in the stands, we sit as a band. You are required to stay with the band for the duration of the competition until awards have finished.
- Nobody is dismissed until everything is unloaded & stored properly. No exceptions.
- All VBCPS COVID-19 mandates remain in effect. This includes wearing a mask on the bus.

Parent / Guardian Reminders

- Only chaperones /pit crew that ride the bus will receive wristbands (free admission) into the competition venue. All other volunteers & spectators are required to purchase tickets at GHS.
 - Ticket Prices
 - \$10 per adult.
 - \$5 per student.
- Students are required to remain with the band until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Students that have submitted a note from a parent will be allowed to be dismissed to parents at the busses after awards. Students must be signed out in front of the band director. No exceptions.

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