

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

February, 2021



BEGINNING BAND!

A new class has been created for the 2021 school year – BEGINNING BAND!

This ensemble will provide an opportunity for any student at FFCHS (9th through 12th grade) who didn't have a chance to participate in band previously, and would like to learn an instrument!

The course will also provide a place for incoming freshmen who already have band experience, but may not feel comfortable with high school level band (yet!).

The end goal will be to move Beginning Band students into one of the upper concert ensembles once they're ready. Please help spread the word and encourage students who may enjoy Band to join!

ALL CITY BAND!

The Trojan Band has several members who auditioned for, and were accepted to, the 2021 Colorado Springs All City Band! The All City coordinators are working to figure out a viable solution for this year's band, and congratulations to these students nonetheless!

Symphonic Band:

Dakota Bingham (euphonium), Moses Catron (trumpet), Chloe Cunningham (clarinet), Kristiana Johns (alto saxophone)

Wind Ensemble:

Lawrence Edmond Jr. (tuba), Alex Rios (bass clarinet), Kevin Montgomery (percussion)

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people." - Roy Ayers

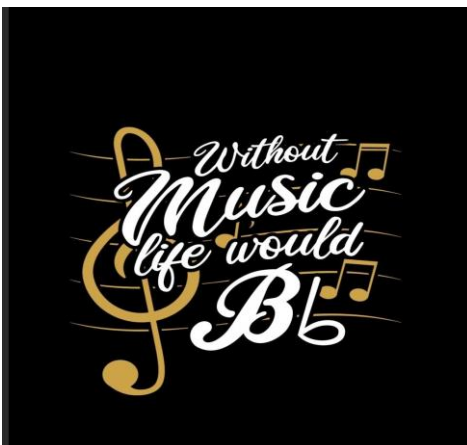
JAZZ BAND 2021 - 2022

Jazz Band will be offered as a zero hour course in the 2021-2022 school year! This decision was made based off the knowledge that many student who would like to participate in jazz simply cannot due to schedule restraints. Each year, it's challenging to outfit an entire jazz ensemble and this should allow more students the chance to participate!

Jazz Band will be held from 7:00a.m. to 7:50a.m. daily. If we end up with enough students for two groups, alternating days will be assigned.

Jazz Band will also be able to begin the fall (rather than just the spring) which also means students can audition for Colorado All State & All City Jazz auditions that are held in November! *Students must be in one of the concert band classes (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, or Percussion Class with the exception of piano/guitar students).*

Jazz Band will be by audition only – materials coming soon!





Some of our new instruments the district purchased!

Contact Mr. Race

Email: jrace@ffc8.org

Website: www.trojanband.org

Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! ☺

2021 LEADERSHIP AUDITIONS

Many students have asked about 2021 leadership audition materials. The packet of information will be available by Thursday, February 4. Typically, all materials are due by April 1, and we begin the interview process in the beginning of May.

Students who are planning on auditioning must submit the intent form by Friday, February 12.

WEBSITE UPDATED!

New information has been posted to the band website – including the upcoming marching band season information (please check the calendar at the bottom of the page for dates!)

If there is something that you think would be helpful to be added to the website, please let me know!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

February 4: Leadership Packets Available!

February 12: Leadership Intent Form Due
(late submissions will not be accepted)

February 15 – 19: Winter Break

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Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Realistic	Timely
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What do you want to do?	How will you know when you've reached it?	Is it in your power to accomplish it?	Can you realistically achieve it?	When exactly do you want to accomplish it?

Practice SMART!

This year, it's been challenging to make progress due to our split schedule and interesting instrumentation issues in band classes.

However, some of our advanced musicians have continued upward progress! They've mastered SMART GOALS!

When practicing, it's important to have specific targeted goals that are achieved with minimal time (could be a few measures or a short passage!).