

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



February, 2019

MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTREACH TOUR

The Wind Ensemble will be traveling to Carson Middle School & Fountain Middle School on Tuesday, February 4th to perform and provide a Q&A session to 8th grade band members at both schools.

The Wind Ensemble will leave FFCHS at 12:00p.m., and return before 4:00p.m. that day.

Wind Ensemble members will wear their favorite Trojan gear for the performances! ☺



Our uniform was on display at CMEA!

THE FESTIVAL OF WINDS IS HERE!

The CSU-Pueblo Festival of Winds is February 13 – 15 at CSU-Pueblo, and the concert is Saturday, February 15 at 4:00p.m. at Memorial Hall in Pueblo.

20 of our FFCHS band members were accepted to participate in the festival! Each student will complete an ensemble and chair placement on Thursday, February 13, and then rehearse in their ensembles in preparation for the concert.

Seniors who audition & earn a chair in the Green or Gold Wind Symphony receive automatic \$10,000 music scholarships for CSU-Pueblo. Senior band members can even audition for the School of Music during the festival and receive additional scholarship money - it's a big deal!

Come support our band members at the concert Saturday! Check out the Festival of Winds website for additional information.

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

CBA CONCERT REGIONAL IS COMING!

The Colorado Bandmasters Association Concert Band Regional is Friday, March 6 at Castleview High School! The FFCHS Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform for the chance to make the CBA State Concert Festival in Fort Collins.

Both bands will perform for three judges, receive a performance rating, and also participate in a clinic immediately following their performances. This event is a great opportunity for our students to learn and grow from some of Colorado's top instrumental educators!

Symphonic performs at 2:30p.m. & Wind Ensemble performs at 4:30p.m at Castleview High School – free and open to the public!



Congrats to Kendryek, Chloe, and Alex on a great performance in the Colorado Springs All City Symphonic Band!

ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

Can you believe it's almost time to start registration for the 2020/2021 school year! Incoming freshmen will be completing ensemble placements at Rising Freshmen Night in March, and all returning band members will complete their auditions prior to Spring Break.

Students will receive required audition material and all students are highly encouraged to audition! Placement in Symphonic & Wind Ensemble requires an audition.

Happy Practicing! 😊

Contact Mr. Race

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Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! 😊

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL CITY PARTICIPANTS!

Three of our FFCHS Band members were accepted to the Colorado Springs All City Band in January. Congratulations on a job well-done to Chloe Cunningham (clarinet), Kendryek Hopkins (alto saxophone), and Alex Rios (bass clarinet)!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 – Basketball Pep Band (Pine Creek)
- Feb 7 – Basketball Pep Band (Palmer High School)
- Feb 11 – Basketball Pep Band (Doherty)
- Feb 13 – 15 – CSU-Pueblo Festival of Winds
- Feb 17 – 21 – Winter Break
- Feb 26 – Band Clinics (during band classes)

LOOKING AHEAD....

March 3 – Winter Band Concert



Band Clinicians & Visitors!

The Bands have had some great visitors and clinicians since we've returned from break!

Thank you to Mr. Nolan for working with the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble prior to our middle school tour!

Thank you to Dr. Angela Winter (Adam State) for working with the concert bands prior to our CBA performances!

Thank you to Dr. Van Gilder (CSU-Pueblo) for working with both jazz bands!

We appreciate all of you!

