

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

January, 2021



10 PRACTICE TIPS:

- 1.) Create atmosphere: *is the room loud or quiet? What is the lighting like? Can you see your music easily?*
- 2.) Warm-Up: *use proper warm-ups prior to playing (long tones, etc.)*
- 3.) Have a Goal: *what is one thing you want to accomplish?*
- 4.) Be Realistic: *targeted practice (quality over quantity of time)*
- 5.) Identify & Overcome Problems: *don't just practice the stuff you're good at!*
- 6.) Visualize: *think about how you're practicing.*
- 7.) Write on Your Music!
- 8.) Record Yourself: *use your computer or your phone to listen to yourself.*
- 9.) Be in the Right Mind: *don't practice if you're not in the mood – you can cause more issues that way.*
- 10.) Reward Yourself

SECOND SEMESTER!

The second semester is here! Whether the band program has to operate remotely, or we get to work together in-person, we will continue upward growth individually and collectively this semester!

Students will continue to work on their solo & ensemble repertoire, as well as the new concert band literature that has been uploaded into Schoology... *and (soon!) the 2021 marching show music will be available!* ☺

Music classes are challenging in the remote environment (for students and for me!) – what we do is a social activity as much as anything else, and so I understand the struggle that many of our students have faced over the year. ***Keep pushing yourself to grow and improve – we're all in this together!***

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

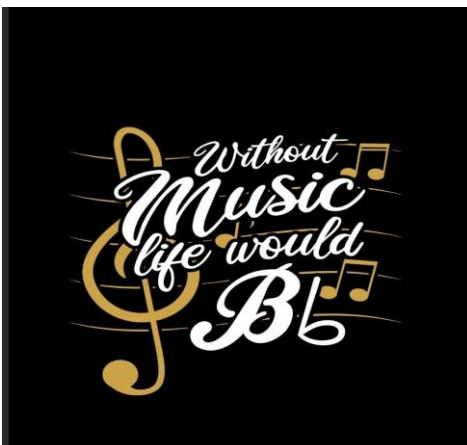
HONOR BAND NEWS!

With the second semester comes the many different honor band programs in which FFCHS Band students participate.

Congratulations to Kevin Montgomery (12th grade percussion) and Alex Rios (11th grade bass clarinet) for being selected for the 2021 Colorado All State Band. It's been many years since FFCHS has had any students accepted into the ensemble! We had 10 students audition this year – bravo on a job well done to all auditionees for your accomplishments - whether you made the band or not! All State Band is an extremely tough audition, and I'm proud of each of our students who took the plunge and tried!

13 band members auditioned for the Colorado Springs All City Band (up from 5 who auditioned last year!) and we will have the audition results by the second week of January – stayed tuned!

Keep up the great work, Trojans!





Some of our new instruments the district purchased!

Contact Mr. Race

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Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! 😊

2021 LEADERSHIP AUDITIONS

Are you interested in being a part of the awesome FFCHS Band Leadership Team? The 2021 auditions are coming! Section Leaders, Section Captains, and Drum Major positions are all open for the 2021 school year. A packet of audition information containing all of the requirements will be available by the end of January – keep your eye out for info!

BASKETBALL SEASON INFO

The basketball season will begin soon! Mr. Felice is going to check about whether or not pep bands will be allowed to participate due to COVID-19 restrictions set by CHSAA, and more information will be available soon!

Basketball pep band is worth lettering points and are fulfilled by a volunteer basis. Students can sign-up to participate & are asked to show and play if they sign-up!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JANUARY

January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School



Music has healing power.
It has the ability to take people out of themselves for a few hours.

ELTON JOHN

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Social Media Pages

Did you know that the band program has social media pages? Information, highlights, and other fun posts can be found on Instagram (ran by Storey Drawdy!):

<https://www.instagram.com/ffchsband/>

Or Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FFCHSTrojanBand>

Like and follow these pages to get up-to-date information and catch other fun posts that promote the band program and our awesome students.

