

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



May, 2020

## 2020 LEADERSHIP RESULTS

*Presented in alphabetical order, when a position has more than one person.*

### DRUM MAJORS

Dakota Bingham, Cate Hake, Kristiana Johns

### CAPTAINS

Woodwinds - Katy Eckley

Brass - Moses Catron

Percussion - Kevin Montgomery

Color Guard - Cece Evelyn, Alana Lente

### SECTION LEADERS

Flutes - Athena Collins

Clarinets - Chloe Cunningham & Alex Rios

Saxophones - Jackson Cole (Baris), Evan Jones,

Angel Restuccio (Tenors)

Trumpets - Jai'lyn Cristan

Mellos & Low Brass - Matthew Bostelman

Battery - Kennece Tate

Bass Lead - Roman Gamboa

Pit Percussion - Ailea Blahm & Madi Floyd

Color Guard - Sam Deidrickson & Leila Orozco

### CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Grace & Bethanie, Mrs. Favilla, Mr. Darpino, Marcus & Aaron for participating on the interview committee. It's going to be a great year with great leaders!

## UPDATES!

Distance learning has been challenging for many students – it will never compare to the day-to-day in-person interaction we get to experience in a band class.... And I've really come to realize how grateful I am for the opportunity to work with our band students daily! I'm anxious for the day we all get together again to make great music! 😊

Here are some frequent questions I've been receiving:

Q: Will we have mini-camp for marching band as scheduled?

A: No. Currently, mini-camp is scheduled at the end of May. I am waiting to hear how we will proceed for summer activities, and will pass along whatever information I receive.

Q: Is the marching season cancelled?

A: No. CBA is taking the optimistic approach, and hopes to provide a quality experience in the fall. They have, however, shortened the minimum show length requirement for all classifications assuming rehearsal time will be impacted – 5A moved from 7 minute show minimum to 5:30 show minimum, which means I'll be making some cuts in the show music.

Q: Can I get my instrument from the school?

A: No (not yet!). District admin is coming up with a plan for students to pick-up and return school property, and will communicate that once a plan has been established.

Q: If I'm returning next year, can I keep my instrument over the summer?

A: Yes – after you have filled out a rental agreement (with parent signature).

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*“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”*

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE RIGHT NOW

It is realistic that we will have less time in the fall to prepare for the marching band season, and so is important that students take some time to become familiar with the show music, as we will most likely have less time to prepare. All show music has been distributed to all students who have signed-up via the Roll Call Form. If you have not received it – 1.) check the email address (I sent it to whichever email you signed-up on the roll call form) and 2.) check your spam in your email! After that, email me!

The same is true with concert band students! All State Band auditions will still take place in the fall, as well as other honor ensembles. Students will receive audition music information by the end of the school year, and are HIGHLY encouraged to practice music over the summer for honor band auditions.

“People – practice your scales!” ☺

***Remember! Perfect practice makes perfect.***

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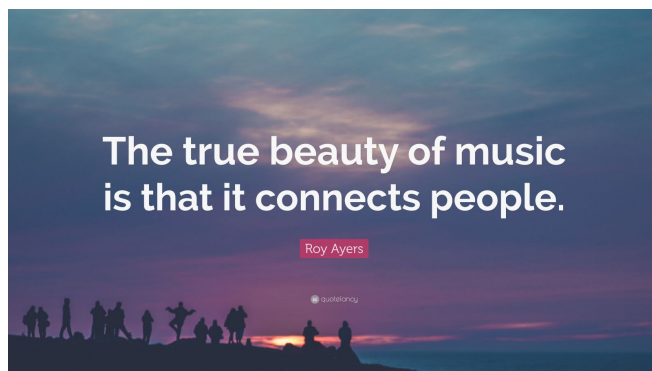
## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY

May 4 – Star Wars Day! :)

May 13 – Last Day for Seniors

May 20 – Last Day for All Students

Other May Dates TBD: Return School Materials & Retrieve Personal Belongings (watch for info from the district!)



## Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

This may have been the strangest year on record for school – but we still have to recognize our amazing FFCHS Band Seniors – Class of 2020 – and their contributions to the band program.

Whether you were here a year, or all four, we’re very proud of you, Class of 2020, and can’t wait to see where your future takes you! Each and every one of you are great people, and will do great things.

***You’ll always be part of the FFCHS Trojan Band Family.***