

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

April, 2020



2020 LEADERSHIP AUDITION MATERIALS

As we are currently unavailable to hold auditions as originally planned, all students who are planning on auditioning can submit their required materials via email by **Friday, April 17**.

With the assumption school is back in session by April 20, we will hold leadership auditions the week of April 27.

In the event that we are not in the building, we will utilize online platforms to conduct interviews for student leadership positions.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

This has been an unprecedented school year of extremely unusual circumstances interfering with scheduled activities. First, CBA Marching State was cancelled because of a bad snow storm. CBA Concert Band State was cancelled because of the current situation we are in.

The FFCHS Band program has not been a finalist in state marching band since 2013 and has not been invited to the state concert festival since 2012. When taking this into consideration, it is exceptionally devastating for our senior students, in addition to the end of their senior year in high school being completely flipped upside down.

This year is my 10th year teaching, and I have not had such amazing seniors as the Class of 2020. They are a group of highly talented, intelligent, dedicated students who have truly helped me move the band program in a different direction over the past two years. I could not have asked for a better group to help transform and redefine all aspects of the band program – concert band, jazz band, and marching band.

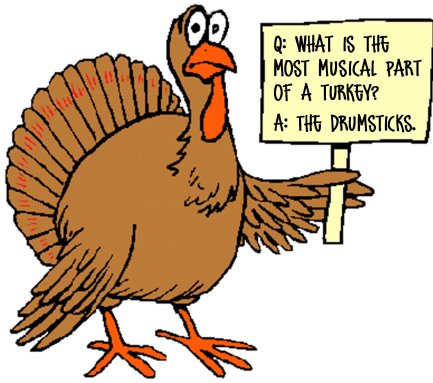
To the Class of 2020 – I am truly sorry for the way this year has played out. However, I hope you'll always realize and remember the amazing accomplishments you reached, and the standards of excellence you have set for the FFCHS Band. Thank you.

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

MARCHING BAND SHOW REVEAL

The show reveal is available! Go to www.trojanband.org, then click the “Members Only” tab on the top-right of the menu screen. You'll need to enter the site password, then scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the link at the bottom of the page, and then use your **SCHOOL EMAIL** to access. You can't access the file with any other email address. I hope you enjoy!





Contact Mr. Race

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SCHOOLY ONLINE LEARNING

All of the band classes will be accessed remotely through Schoology, the district's preferred resource as we navigate through the upcoming weeks. Students will find information regarding SmartMusic and how to sign-up for an account, as we will utilize both platforms to meet the needs of students.

SMART MUSIC

SmartMusic is an online digital platform that allows students to continue working on their music performance skills and abilities – and, actually, it's a lot of fun! Best of all, it is FREE to use right now!

Students have instructions in Schoology under the "Update" tab on how to join their designated classes, and will submit their weekly playing assessments via the submission option in SmartMusic. (It's pretty straightforward!)

Keep making great music!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

April 7 – Online Learning Begins

April 7 – Sign-Up for SmartMusic (go to Schoology first to find your specific class code!)

April 12 – SmartMusic Assignment 1 Due

April 13 – SmartMusic Assignment 2 Available

April 19 – SmartMusic Assignment 2 Due



Keep the Music Going!

Music is, without a doubt, an excellent way to express yourself, relieve stress, make connections with others, and maintain positive thinking... especially in times like these!

Listen to new music – maybe something you've never heard before. Ask your friends to share their favorite song with you and talk about it! What do the words mean to you? Why do you like it? Stay connected through sharing these types of experiences.

It's not always about playing an instrument, but rather the experience of escaping. Keeping listening to, and creating, great music! ☺

