

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

November, 2019



## ALL CITY AUDITIONS ARE DUE SOON!

The Colorado Springs All City Band auditions are due by November 12<sup>th</sup>!

Students will submit their recordings via Dropbox (bring them on a flash drive so Mr. Race can upload them into the document).

Recording Process:

Create ONE file.  
Do not say your name.  
Record in the following order:

- Major Scale
- Minor Scale
- Chromatic Scale
- Prepared Excerpt 1
- Prepared Excerpt 2

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TROJAN MARCHING BAND ON A FANTASTIC MARCHING SEASON!

The Trojan Marching Band placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2019 Southern Regional in the Class 5A competition. The band scored a 74.10 – nearly 20 points higher than last year's Regional score!

The Colorado Bandmasters Association was forced to cancel CBA State this year due to the snow storms. However, the Trojan Band would have entered State in 12<sup>th</sup> place! 20 bands are awarded a position in State competition, based on Regional scores, and the top 12 bands after preliminary competition would have competed in Finals!

The marching band will close out their season with a halftime show at the last home football game on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to the many parents who helped to prepare food, move props & pit percussion equipment, check-out uniforms, and offer support to the band throughout the season!

***The Marching Band Banquet will be held Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in the FFCHS Cafeteria!***

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

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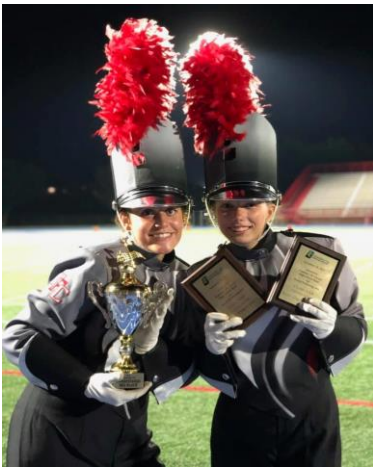
## FESTIVAL OF WINDS RECOMMENDATION CONTRACT

Students who would like to be recommended for the Festival of Winds in February must return their Recommendation Contract by November 15 in order to receive priority recommendation by CSU-Pueblo.

Students should also submit the \$40.00 participation fee, and will receive a refund of the fee if they are not selected to participate.



Marching Band Seniors – Class of 2020!



### Contact Mr. Race

Email: [jrace@ffc8.org](mailto:jrace@ffc8.org)

Website: [www.trojanband.org](http://www.trojanband.org)

## AFTER SCHOOL JAZZ BAND OPPORTUNITY!

We have a lot of talented musicians who should consider participating in a second jazz band offered after school! This band is offered to students who are unable to take the jazz band class that starts second semester.

Students must already have previous knowledge on their jazz instrument – this will not be a beginning band. The “Red Jazz Band” will rehearse twice weekly after school. Please speak to Mr. Race if you’re interested!

## ALL STATE AUDITIONS ARE COMING!

Students who are planning on auditioning for the Colorado All State Band will audition IN PERSON the first week of December at Widefield High School. The audition materials are exactly the same as the Colorado Springs All City Music.

*Happy Practicing!*

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

November 1 – Home Football Game

November 8 – Wind Ensemble to Carson Middle

November 11 – No School

November 12 – All City Auditions DUE

November 14 – Marching Band Banquet

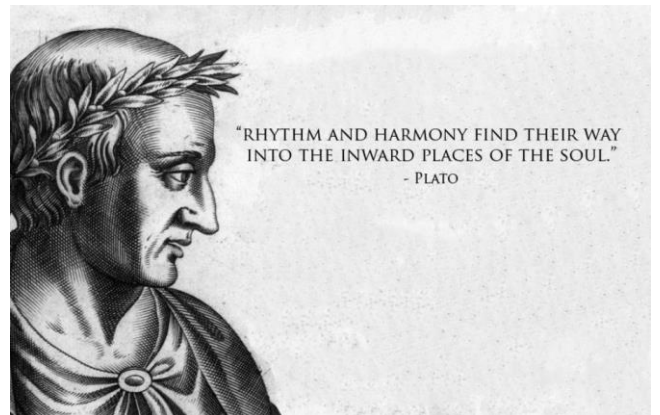
November 25 – Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead...

December 2 – Home Basketball Pep Band

December 5 – Holiday Concert

December 7 – Festival of Lights Parade



## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

The Trojan Marching Band, along with other FFCHS Band Members, will join forces with some of the Carson Middle School & Fountain Middle School Band members for the Festival of Lights Parade on December 7<sup>th</sup> in downtown Colorado Springs!

Students who are able and interested in helping 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members a couple times a week should speak with Mr. Race! Lettering points will be given to students who attend middle school after school rehearsals.