

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

November, 2020



FOOTBALL PEP BANDS!

The last regular season game is scheduled for Friday, November 13 against Mesa Ridge. Only 25 students are allowed to participate in pep band this year.

The football team has been winning! It is probable they'll go far this season – please be on the lookout for information regarding playoff pep bands, assuming bands will be allowed to play!

Pep band adds a lot to the game! 😊

FINISHED STRONG!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Trojan Marching Band for a strong finish to the 2020 season, regardless of the many challenges we faced!

The Trojan Marching Band's season finale ended with the FFCHS Showcase on October 24. Mesa Ridge High School & Widefield High School participated in the event, and all of the bands did a great job considering how difficult this season has been when considering our crazy schedules! *Thank you for your hard work this year!!!*

Looking ahead...

Many students have volunteered to learn new instruments for the upcoming season! (Which is super awesome!) Students can get help with their instruments on the day they're here for classes – either before or after school.

Onward & Upward, Trojan Marching Band! :)

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

COLORADO SPRINGS ALL CITY & ALL STATE

The Colorado Springs All City & the Colorado All State Band auditions are coming! Both auditions are due by **December 3rd** and must include the following in *ONE TAKE*:

- *Major Scale of your choice (2 octaves)*
- *Harmonic Minor Scale of your choice (2 octaves)*
- *Full Range Chromatic Scale*
- *Both Etudes – in order they appear on the document*

Please check the All State audition sheet for tempo indications for scales!





Some of our new instruments the district purchased!

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

As we move toward the second semester, it is time to start thinking about Solo & Ensemble! Right now, CHSAA is offering a virtual festival, and the D8 music teachers are figuring out a way to do the same for our students.

All band members will receive a solo to work on toward performance for Solo & Ensemble. I've chosen solos for everyone, and students who would like a harder solo are free to find a new one! *More information to come!*

Contact Mr. Race

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Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! ☺

PRACTICING – THE “P” WORD ☺

It's very obvious to me that many of our band members have been practicing on their days away from school – THANK YOU! This year's progress has been slower than normal (as to be expected) and I sincerely appreciate the students who have put in efforts outside of school to improve their proficiency on their instrument – it helps to move all of us forward when we're together in person! **Thank you, thank you!**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

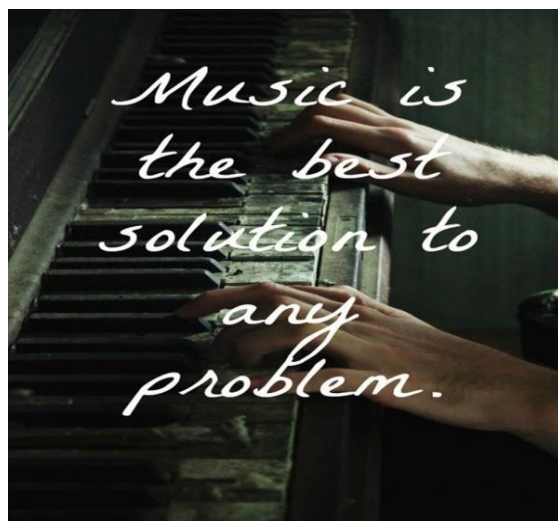
November 4 – Wind Ensemble Recording After School

November 11 – No School – Veterans Day

November 13 – Home Football vs. Mesa Ridge

November 23 – 27 – Break!

(Looking ahead: December 3 – All City/All State Auditions are DUE!)



What's In Store!?!

The 2021 Marching Band show is already underway! Planning & figuring out the show, costumes, props, flags, and music are taking place – and **it's going to be awesome.**

CBA is working to figure out the best course of action for a 2021 marching band season given all of the different circumstances we may find ourselves in come fall of 2021.

If you're already part of the marching band – come back! And if you've never tried it before – TRY IT! ☺

See you in 2021!