

FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

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VIRTUAL LESSONS

A list of private instructors in the Colorado Springs area has been compiled! Students who are interested in taking private lessons in a virtual setting (Zoom, etc.) are encouraged to contact the teachers listed on the form & set-up a meet and greet!

Several of our FFCHS band students have begun taking lessons virtually, and have all had great experiences! Please contact Mr. Race for more information.

WELCOME BACK (ISH!) 😊

This school year has definitely had an interesting start! I had the opportunity to meet all of the FFCHS Trojan Band members during orientation, and I cannot wait for the time we are able to make great music together again! Regardless of the challenges we face, we will always have music to get us through. 😊

Stay informed! As always, the best place to find any information about the FFCHS Band (marching, concert bands, jazz, etc.) is on the band website: www.trojanband.org. The calendar at the bottom of the homepage is “live” and will be updated as events are scheduled throughout the year – when/if we are able to schedule them.

Itineraries and newsletters will always be posted on the band website – newsletters usually go out at the beginning of the month, and have information for all aspects of the band program!

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

WHAT BAND WILL LOOK LIKE WHEN WE RETURN...

Are you wondering what band will look like for in-person learning? Here are some of the ways we’ll navigate this interesting time:

- Half of the class will be present due to the alternating schedule.
- Classes will be on the “band lawn” (grass outside the band room).
- We will have tents set up outside to help keep everyone in the shade.
- Students will set up about 9 feet apart outside.
- We will provide plexi-glass to put over music on stands.
- All materials will be disinfected before and after use.

We are going to make the best of a tough situation and keep everyone safe! Our marching band has been at work since July 6, and has proven that safe practices with modified protocols are do-able! Thanks for your flexibility!





Some of our new instruments the district purchased!

ALL CITY & ALL STATE AUDITION MUSIC

All students in the FFCHS Band program are encouraged to audition for the Colorado Springs All City Band. Juniors & Seniors are eligible to audition for the Colorado All State Band. Both auditions utilize the same music, and all auditions are submitted via recording. (All City is due in November, and All State is due beginning of December.)

At this time, we are planning on holding auditions in hopes that each event will be taking place. Music is available in Schoology and on the band website under the “Members Only” tab.

Contact Mr. Race

Email: jrace@ffc8.org

Website: www.trojanband.org

Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! ☺

WHAT WILL CONCERTS LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?

That’s a great question! ☺ At this time, we are going to plan on preparing music (with our newly implemented safety protocols) and wait for more information regarding performances. Realistically, live performances probably won’t happen any time soon, but we will work to figure out solutions and come up with ideas to provide performance opportunities.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 7 – No School (Labor Day)

September 8 – In-Person Classes Resume

September 14 – Wind Ensemble Chair Placements Begin



New Instruments!

Our school district ROCKS! The Board of Education approved and purchased new instruments & sound shells for the music program.

Our new instruments include:

- 2 Yamaha Double French Horns
- 1 Yamaha Mellophone
- 2 Yamaha Synthesizers
- 1 Yamaha Drum Set
- 5 Jupiter Sousaphones

Thank you D8!