

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



October 2023

## CBA SOUTHERN REGIONAL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Colorado Bandmasters Association Southern Region State Qualifying Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at FFCHS. Around 30 schools from all over southern Colorado will be here for the chance to qualify for the CBA State Championships at the end of October.

*We will need as many parents as we can get to make this event successful!* All volunteers must be 18+ to help work for the day.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



*Congratulations to all our concert bands on an amazing concert last month!*

## IT'S BANDTOBER!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fall Band Concert on September 28<sup>th</sup>! All of the bands put on wonderful first performances, and we are looking forward to everything they will be able to accomplish this year.

This month is packed full of events for our marching band as we near the end of our season. Our concert bands will begin working on new music for our Winter Fest on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. More details will come on which night each band will be playing.

***As always, the band website is the #1 source of information for all things in the band program: [www.trojanband.org](http://www.trojanband.org)***

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

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## MARCHING BAND & CBA STATE

The Trojan Marching Band has been hard at work as we are now entering the final part of our season. The band has had several successful performances and we just returned from a great trip to the Colorado West Marching Invitational in Grand Junction! Thank you to everyone who helped volunteer and make the trip a success!

This month our marching band has earned 1<sup>st</sup> place at both the Friendship Cup at Elizabeth High School and the Colorado West Marching Invitational.

The marching band season ends at the end of the month. If we qualify, our marching band will perform at the CBA State Competitions on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The top 6 qualifying 5A bands will get to skip the competition on the 27<sup>th</sup> and go straight to the CBA State Semi-Finals on October 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Congratulations to the FFCHS Marching Band on earning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Colorado West Marching Invitational.*

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*Please allow a 24 hour response time for email! ☺*

**2024 ALL STATE AUDITION MATERIAL IS OUT!**

The audition material for the 2024 Colorado All State Band has been released and we have plenty of copies in the band office!

Juniors & Seniors are eligible to audition for the Colorado All State Band, but any grade level is able to audition for the Colorado Springs All City Band (which is the same music!)

***Many students have already received audition material – please see Mr. Race if you would like to get music to audition!***

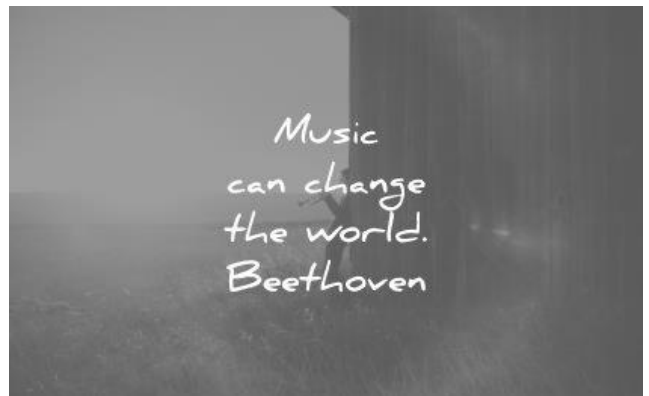
**WORLD’S FINEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

We are finally finishing our chocolate fundraiser! If your student still has chocolate money to turn in, please turn it in ASAP to Mr. Race or Ms. Brown. Candy bars are \$1.00 each, and students are responsible for returning \$60.00 for each box checked-out.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER**



- October 5th – Middle School Night
- October 7th – Big Cat Marching Festival
- October 9th – SoCo Marching Showcase
- October 10th – Regional Volunteer Meeting
- October 18th – Southern Regional
- October 20th – Home Football Game
- October 24th – Marching Band State Rehearsal
- October 27th – CBA State Quarter Finals (if selected)
- October 28th – CBA State Championships



**2023-2024 Band Handbook**

Please review the 2023-2024 Band Handbook! There’s a lot of important information on how the band program operates: lettering information, grading, etc.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE HANDBOOK](#)