# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



April 2024

# **CBA STATE**

Both our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble received Superior ratings at their CBA Regional and qualified for the CBA State Festival!

These groups will be traveling to CSU-Fort Collins on April 15<sup>th</sup> to perform in Griffin Concert Hall.

Students will be departing FFCHS at 9:30am and lunch will be provided. The full itinerary for the trip can be found on the band website or through the Remind App.



Congratulations to the FFCHS Winter Guard for winning 1st place in class SAA at Columbine High School on February 10th!

### **WELCOME TO APRIL!**

The end of the school year is approaching quickly! There are a lot of events happening before we end the year, so let's finish strong! This month, various groups and students will be participating in All State Band, the FFCHS musical, Pikes Peak Jazz Fest, CBA State, and more! We will also continue working towards our End-of-Year Concert on May 16<sup>th</sup> as well as the Blossom Festival.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with our spring fundraiser as well as volunteered for the WGI Regional on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We appreciate your support!

As always, the band website is the #1 source of information for all things in the band program: www.trojanband.org

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

#### MARCHING BAND

Marching Band season is just around the corner! Anyone who is interested in participating in marching band should scan the QR code on the band office door to sign-up. **There is a mandatory meeting on April 30**th **at 6pm for all marching band members and their parents/guardians.** We will be discussing important information relative to this upcoming season including logistics, rehearsals, band camp, the competition schedule, and more!

Our *Mini Camp* for marching band will take place **May 28<sup>th</sup>-May 31st** from 9:00am-12:00pm every day. We will begin working on our show music as well as some marching fundamentals these days!



#### Contact Mr. Race/Ms. Brown

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*Please allow a 24 hour response time for email!* <sup>©</sup>

# **BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Select bands will be performing at the Blossom Festival in Canon City on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. These students will be performing for a panel of judges for a rating and will receive a clinic. **All students are welcome to participate** in the Blossom Festival Parade on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This includes students who are not in marching band! Anyone interested in marching in the parade should scan the QR code that is on the band office window and signup!

# WINTER GUARD AND PERCUSSION

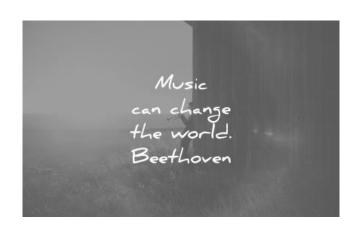
Both winter guard and winter percussion are finishing the competitive portion of their seasons. Both groups have been working hard on completing and cleaning their shows. Check the band calendar for dates on their upcoming performances!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped us host the WGI Regional on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event was a huge success and we could not have done it without you! Thank you for supporting our students and our program!

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL

April 4th-6th – All State Band April 11th-12th – FFCHS Musical April 11th and 12th – Pikes Peak Jazz Fest April 15th – CBA State April 18th – Jazz Concert April 26th – CBA Small Schools April 30th – Marching Band Parent Meeting

Looking Ahead... May 3rd-4th – Blossom Festival May 16th – End of Year Concert





# 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