

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER



August 2023

## GO AND CHEER ON FFCHS - AUGUST 26!

The Trojan Marching Band won the Sweepstakes Award in the Colorado State Fair Parade in 2022, and so will be the host band for the parade this year!

The parade begins at 10am on August 26, and the route travels downtown Pueblo. (More info to come!)

The band will perform for Band Day at the bandshell in the fair grounds that same afternoon.



Congratulations to the FFCHS Indoor Percussion for earning 5<sup>th</sup> Place at the RMPA State Championships!

## WELCOME TO 2023-2024!

The start of the new year is here! We are ready for another great year of music making with all of the awesome FFCHS Bands!

This year, we have 5 concert bands: Beginning Band, Concert Band, Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble; as well as Crimson Jazz and Royal Jazz – we're excited to work with so many awesome band students!

Band concerts are still be scheduled at this time – we are planning to split up band performances to different nights since we have outgrown our space and will need to be strategic with planning. Concert dates will be solidified by the second week of school, and we will publish them on the band website.

***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 SOUTHERN REGIONAL

The Trojan Marching Band has been hard at work for over three weeks. We began working in sectionals in early July, and will be excited to debut a portion of our 2023 show: Sketches of India at the first home football game!

## 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.



Congratulations to the FFCHS Winter Guard on earning 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the RMCGA State Championships in Class SRA!

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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

It's that time of year again!!! ☺ We will begin our annual fall fundraiser the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. Students check-out a box of candy bars (60 total candy bars) and sell them! Candy bars are \$1.00 each, and students are responsible for returning \$60.00 for each box checked-out.

***The money we raise makes it possible to drastically cut-down out-of-pocket family expenses – please help us be successful by participating!***

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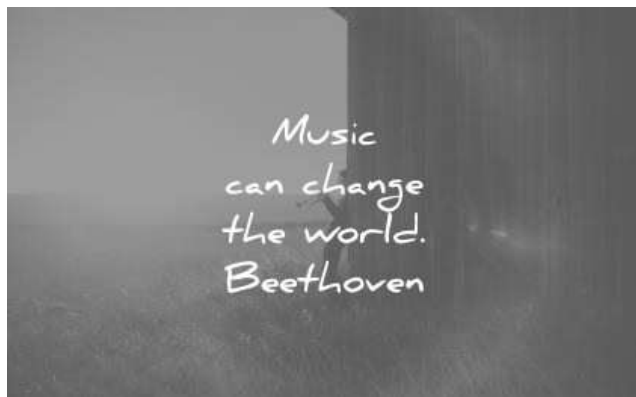
## IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST

August 12 – Marching Band Rehearsal  
August 26 – Colorado State Fair Parade  
August 26 – Band Shell Performance @ Fair



Looking ahead....  
September 1 – Home Football Game  
September 4 – Fountain Fall Festival Parade  
September 9 – Band Camp 2.0 & Parent Show!

Please check the band website for important summer dates for marching band!



## 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](#)

**PLEASE READ**