

# FFCHS TROJAN BAND NEWSLETTER

November 2023



## CBA MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The marching band traveled to Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs for the CBA State Marching Band Championships.

The band pushed through cold temperatures to perform one final run of *Sketches of India*, earning them 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 5A and the bronze medal!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this marching band season so successful!

## WELCOME TO NOVEMBER!

The band program has been busy this month preparing for our upcoming Winter Fest concert on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>! ***Our next concert is November 14<sup>th</sup> for the Jazz and Chamber Ensembles classes. Come out and support your friends in these groups!***

The marching band season concluded this month with performances at the Big Cat Marching Invitational, the Southern Colorado Showcase, the CBA Southern Colorado Regional, and the CBA Marching Band State Championship Competition.

The band program also ran the CBA Southern Colorado Regional at our school on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help make this event a success!

***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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## WINTER GUARD AND WINTER PERCUSSION

The winter guard and winter percussion seasons are beginning! Anyone is welcome to audition for either ensemble. If you or a friend are interested in joining one of these groups, make sure to attend the audition dates and try it out!

- Winter Guard Auditions: October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm-7:30pm
- Winter Percussion Auditions: November 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30pm-6:30pm

***For all questions regarding Winter Guard, please contact Mr. Aaron Baroz at [aar201715@gmail.com](mailto:aar201715@gmail.com)***

***For all questions regarding Winter Percussion, please contact Mr. Kol Peterson at [kolpeterson1@gmail.com](mailto:kolpeterson1@gmail.com)***





*Congratulations to the FFCHS Marching Band on earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the CBA Marching Band State Championships!*

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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 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.

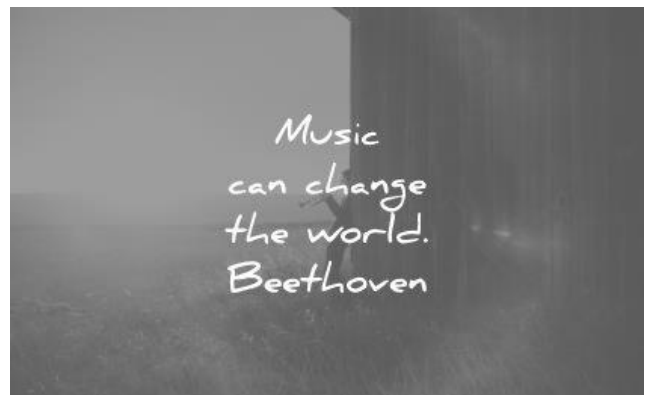
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

November 3rd Festival of Winds forms are due  
November 9th – Chamber Ensembles @CMS  
November 9th – Marching Band Banquet  
November 13th – All City Auditions Due  
November 14th – Jazz and Chamber Concert

Looking Ahead....

December 1st – Steel City Jazz Fest  
December 9th – Festival of Lights Parade  
December 11th and 12th – Winter Fest Concert



**PLEASE READ**

### 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](#)