



Hello Fox Creek Band families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 marching band season! I am excited to be leading these students and truly believe that we will accomplish great things. Marching band requires a lot of coordination between the staff, students, and their families. The purpose of this packet is to provide you with information for the marching band season. Included is the schedule, funding expectations, and the contract for membership. In order to help these amazing students succeed, we need each family to do their part. Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am looking forward to serving the Fox Creek community!

Sincerely,

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SHOW DESIGN PROCESS –

While I won't over explain the show design process for marching band, I do have to fill everyone in on the part that is important. Competitive marching band requires that the band contracts a show designer that creates custom music and drill for the ensemble. This means that they create the show with each and every individual student in mind. Every time that a student is missing from practice or performance there is a HOLE in that custom design and it negatively affects all other students. While there are certainly uncontrollable circumstances, families that commit to participating in this custom show design need to follow through with their commitment. Attendance throughout the season is required and is the expectation. Plan as accordingly as possible to avoid going out of town, work schedules for the students, and any avoidable conflicts on the scheduled dates.

SCHEDULE – *see attached schedule for full details*

Preseason meeting – 7/20 at 6:30 PM – all students and at least one parent/guardian must attend.

Preseason camp – Prior to school starting. Begins 7/19 for color guard and percussion and starts 7/26 for all others. Required attendance. Days run Mon – Thur each week from 8AM to 6PM. Pack lunch. Fridays will be off so that families can travel at their convenience during the weekends.

Regular practices – During each school week practice will be Mon, Tue, and Thu from 3:30 till 6:00 PM. Special accommodations may be met during holiday weeks.

Football Games – Will perform at each home and away football game. Report times will be distributed during each week of the season. Special accommodations may be met during holiday weeks.

Competitions – FCMB will compete during the month of October. Each Saturday the band will travel to a different high school for competition. These are typically all-day events. Schedules for each day will be created once the competitions have dictated performance times. **AVOID ALL CONFLICTS WITH COMPETITIONS.**

FAIR SHARE –

Each family has an individual amount to cover either through individual fundraising or through a payment plan that starts in July each year. We do everything possible to keep this amount to a minimum. It is our belief that NO

child should ever be denied the benefits of being in band because his/her family cannot afford it. We strive to make it possible to cover the expenses of being in the program through diligent fundraising efforts. There have been many families, some with multiple band members, who have managed to pay NOTHING out-of-pocket during their years in our program. Parents who do not wish to participate in fundraising may make a contribution equal to the fundraising goal.

July 20th – Marching Band preseason camp fee - \$100

August 1st – Fair Share payment - \$75 (fundraiser profit or contribution)

September 1st – Fair Share payment - \$75 (fundraiser profit or contribution)

October 1st – Fair Share payment - \$75 (fundraiser profit or contribution)

November 1st – Fair Share payment - \$75 (fundraiser profit or contribution)

Total fair share = \$350 per student

More information about the method of payment will be distributed soon.

School **instrument rental** will be \$25 per semester. A form must be completed and payment made before the instrument will be checked out to the student. See director for a list of school-owned instruments. Percussionists who do not have the required mallets in their own personal mallet bag will also be charged. Marching **band shoes** will be purchased through Pecknel Music on their website. More information will come out soon regarding marching band shoes.

ATHLETICS WAIVER -

Students participating in a Varsity fall sport at FCHS that directly conflicts with FCMB may ask to receive a waiver for the season. The directors and coaches will speak about the best interest of the student and decide if a waiver will be given for the season. Contact Mr. Dobbs to request a Athletics Waiver consideration for the season.

GET REGISTERED -

Once you have reviewed the information please complete this brief registration for our marching band so that we can begin our show design process. Complete the online registration here and remember to submit your first Fair Share payment by July 1st. Payment information will come out soon! tinyurl.com/FCbandregister

