

Greetings from your FBHS Band Family!

I wanted to take a few moments, and invite you into our family at the FBHS Band and give you some information for the remainder of this school year, and beginning of next.

First, I hope you will all consider joining us in the marching band and band class/symphonic band at the high school. It is a requirement to be in band class, to be in any performing group (Marching band, jazz band, symphonic band, or color guard) after school. So when registration sheets come out, please make sure that you select "Band 1" on that sheet. If you see "Instrumental Techniques" as an option on that sheet, percussionists only should select that. I have not yet been told if that will be there this year at the time I wrote this letter.

I would like to invite you to a few events this year as well.

March 8, Symphonic MPA, time tba. (probably the same evening as the middle school symphonic band's performance. This will let you get an idea of what our symphonic band is like.

April 27, Sugar Pointe Music festival, all day! You would need to purchase tickets for this event, but it is our largest (and most fun) fundraiser of the year, and will let you get a glimpse of our Jazz band, the Sailors of Swing. We will send more info in late March or early April.

May 3, 8th grade mini camp. Right after school your 8th grader should walk over (or you can drive them over) to the high school practice field, right next to the gym. There they will be given a crash course in marching. This will also give me an opportunity to evaluate my students potential for leadership positions as those candidates will be doing the teaching.

May 4, Shrimp Fest Parade. Call time will PROBABLY be 5pm at central park gazebo, across from the water tower. All students who participated in the mini camp are invited to march in the Shrimp Fest Parade with the Mighty Marching Pirates. They will need blue jeans and closed toed tennis shoes. We will give them a shirt at mini camp.

Finally, band camp will start at the end of July, sometime on or after the 25th. I cannot confirm the date, until the school board confirms our school start date, sometime in February. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS.** We will have several dates in June that, while not optional, or more reasonable to miss if vacations are already planned, or no better date exists for your family. The June days are used to get a jump on next year, and get rookies acclimated to the way we do things prior to camp opening.

I will send another letter, and calendar in early April that will detail the following year. It will also include a link to a google form, our Intent to March form. That and a \$50 deposit will be due May 10th. 8th grade families are also invited to our March and April Band Booster Meetings, dates are TBA but time will be 7pm, they are USUALLY the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the Month.

Please email me if you have any questions: FBHSMightyMarchingPirates@gmail.com / odomch@nassau.k12.fl.us