



# WILDCAT BANDS

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*From the Band Hall*

## March Update

### **MPA!**

We had great performances at MPA for both the HS and MS bands. Both HS and MS earned Superior ratings! Hard work pays off! Thanks to all the parents that came out to show your support! This is one of the most important days for the band program.

We are entering the busiest time of year for band and the school district. It seems like everything will happen in the next 3 months. Please make sure you are checking the calendar frequently.

### **Booster Meeting (All parents should attend!)**

We will have our first booster(parent) meeting of the 2020 year March 10th at 6pm. We will be talking about the band banquet, band camp, upcoming dates, volunteering, needs of the band, and other pertinent information. We will also be talking about some upcoming changes to the way the band is scheduled. Please come to express any opinions! ANYONE that is involved in the band is encouraged to attend. This is the single easiest way to get information and ask questions. It will also help you meet other parents just like you!

Booster meetings are typically held in the HS Band Hall and generally last between 30-60mins. Time is precious and we try to keep things moving. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Band Camp Dates: July 13-17; July 20-24**

We have set dates for band camp. Put these on your calendar now, and let us know of any conflicts now. Band Camp attendance is required for everyone. We will also have tentative rehearsal schedules. Check the calendar!



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## **Sheet Sale Fundraiser:**

We will be doing our second year of selling sheets. Students have gotten the sales brochures. They will have 2 weeks to sell before orders are due to be turned in. ANY band member can help sell, even if they aren't currently in an ensemble.

This fundraiser is super important because it helps the band begin paying for the upcoming Fall season. Money from this fundraiser is planned to be used to purchase new instruments, repair existing instruments, as well as buy other essentials that the band needs (like a new drum major podium, plume bags, microphones, etc). The band will grow a lot next year, which means more "stuff". We have already had several teachers express their need for sheets so please make sure you ask everyone! There is also an online store, so you can sell to family outside of FP!

## **County Honor Band:**

DeKalb County Honor Band is coming up at the end of April. Students are strongly encouraged to audition. This year Jacksonville State University's Director of Bands, Dr. Ken Bodiford, will be conducting the top ensemble. The second ensemble will be directed by Dalton High School Band Director, Skylar McHan. This is a great opportunity for students to get quality instruction, as well as increase their awareness. The cost is \$5 per student. It is being held at the Rainsville First Baptist Church. April 30-May 2nd. Auditions are April 21st at Geraldine HS after school.

## **Band Banquet:**

The band banquet is being held on April 18th this year. Students are encouraged to attend, as we will look back at the year, recognize students that have earned awards, and announce the show(s) for the coming year. The banquet is free for all, and dinner is served for current band members. Any parents that are interested in helping please contact a director. Parents that have taken high quality photos please think about sending them in to have them added to the slideshow. If there is a parent that would like to be in charge of creating this year's slideshow let a director know(PLEASE!).



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## Upcoming Dates:

Below are upcoming dates of interest. Please remember that you can always check the band calendar on our website [www.fpcsk12.com/domain/126](http://www.fpcsk12.com/domain/126)!

- 3/2 - Sheet Sale Kickoff, Turn in 3/16.
- 3/10 - Booster Meeting at HS Band Hall - 6pm (Parents come!)
- 3/16 - County Solo and Ensemble @ Plainview - 3:30 pm
- 3/31 - Leadership Interviews
- 4/1, 4/2 - Leadership Interviews
- 4/6 - 4/10 - Leadership Interviews
- 4/16 - Middle School Spring Concert at 6pm
- 4/18 - Band Banquet at 6:30pm
- 4/20 - Visual Ensemble Clinics 5-8:30pm
- 4/21 - County Honor Band Auditions - Geraldine HS
- 4/23, 4/24 - Visual Ensemble Clinics 5-8:30 pm
- 4/27 - School physicals \*Must have one to march in the Fall\*
- 4/27 - Drum Major Clinics 3:30-5:30 pm at Band Hall
- 4/28 - High School Spring Concert - 6:30 pm City Aud
- 4/29 - Drum Major Clinics - 3:30-5:30 at Band Hall
- 4/30-5/2 - County Honor Band
- 5/4-5/5 - Drum Major Clinics - 3:30-5:30 at Band Hall
- 5/6 - Drum Major Auditions - 5th Block
- 5/7, 5/8 - Percussion Clinics and Danceline Clinic 3:30-5:30pm
- 5/11 - Percussion Clinics and Danceline Clinic 3:30-5:30pm
- 5/12 - Danceline Auditions - 3:30 pm-finished
- 5/14 - Fall Parent Information Meeting\* - Required attendance! 6:00 pm**