



Band Notes

Marching Band 2020: The Storm-Driven Sea

Honestly, the name of our show says it all. We experienced a lot of uncertainty this season, but unlike our show, we didn't drown at the last minute. Instead, we dealt with the challenges that came our way and came out on top. It was a memorable season! We took first place and all captions at every one of our competitions, including the Utah State Marching Band Finals. This win made Farmington High School's Marching Band the State 5A champions...again! Back to back state champs! We are so grateful to all of the staff, parents, and especially the students for all of their hard work. This was a fantastic accomplishment!

Special Shout-Out to the Dance Company

This year we were lucky enough to have the Farmington High School Dance Company join us as we combined our efforts to perform a winning field show. These 21 young ladies added so much to our show. The marching band wouldn't have looked nearly as good without these wonderful dancers. Many thanks to the dance company and their director, Mary Kimball!

Thank You Parent Volunteers!

The marching band could never function without the help of our parents! We have volunteers who serve on structured committees, others who sign up to help as needed, and many who have helped by donating supplies and food for the band. We appreciated every parent and every way in which they have supported the marching band. These are the best parents around!



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Mango Minutes

I am so grateful each day that despite the challenges of 2020, with everything going on in the world today, we were still able to meet each day, converse, play, and rehearse together. The last two weeks when each group was able to play together was a real joy for me. I can't imagine not having music and each and every one of you in my life. Thank you for continuing to play your instrument and for keeping band in your schedules. It means more than you know! Despite everything, the Farmington HS band program continues to grow each year due to your efforts and continued commitment.

A huge congratulations to the marching band on another undefeated season and 5A state championship. Doing it once is one thing, but doing it a second time, back-to-back, well that is something completely different. I am so proud of the students and what they were able to accomplish this season. Thank you for following the health guidelines and keeping everyone safe so that we could complete the season. I look forward to the end of season banquet on Wednesday, December 2nd, when we can reminisce and celebrate together.

Our Holiday Band Concert is still tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th, in the FHS Auditorium. More details to come as we get closer to that date.

Keep practicing! Remember, there is nothing more FUN than being REALLY GOOD at something! If you find yourself stagnant in your playing or in your love for playing your instrument, practice more, take some lessons, just PLAY MORE, and I promise you, you'll find that joy you had once again.

Yours in music,

Mr. Mangelson

Upcoming Events

All State Band Auditions Due

Nov. 23

Winter Drumline Percussion Clinic

Nov. 24, 3:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Winter Drumline Auditions

Nov. 30, 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Winter Drumline

Parent Meeting Nov. 30, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Winter Guard Parent Meeting

Nov. 30, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Marching Band Closing Social

Dec. 2, 6:00 pm

Winter Band Concert

Dec. 9, 7:00 pm

All State Band Performance

Jan. 16, 2021

Student Quotes

Memorable moments from the marching band season.

Brighton G., Drum Major, Senior

When we were getting off the field at state, everyone was patiently awaiting our score. As soon as Mango said the scores were out, the whole band crowded around him (with masks on). After what felt like forever, he told us we scored a 90! To finally hear that we reached box 5 was indescribable. I have never been more proud of a group of musicians and dancers than I am of our marching band this year. We literally did the impossible. I will forever treasure all the time I got to spend with the band this year, despite corona complications.

Noelle W., Clarinet, Senior

A moment I won't ever forget happened during the last week of band camp. Everyone was burned like toast and we were all wiped out, but I remember coming that morning and the theme was Wild West Wednesday! For warm up we did something like line dances and it was super fun. Victoria was loving every minute cause she got to play her music and it was fun to see all the people who hated country and those who loved it. Every so often Cole and some others would yell out "BIG IRON" or "GUY ON A BUFFALO" and "YEEHAW!"

Trevor H., Trumpet, Sophomore

At one of our competitions it was pretty windy, so when it was time for the fly-over flag, no one knew exactly what to expect. Wouldn't you know it, just as the flag was going over the band it got caught by a gust of wind and 1/3 of the band was no longer "under water". It took a second to register what was happening, but then I quickly dove to my left, got under the flag and managed to "drown" with the rest of the band. I never thought I'd have to work at drowning myself! 'Twas an honor to be drowned by Cole.

Jeremy F., Mellophone, Senior

One of my most memorable moments happened during band camp when I learned that salsa can be a standalone drink!

Cole P., Clarinet, Junior

Hands down the best moment was when Joe drank salsa at band camp and ended up throwing up.

Josh R., Drumline, Junior

My favorite memory would probably be chopping out behind the concession stands with Jake Harker.

Nathan H., Trumpet, Junior

On one of the first days of band camp we were getting into arcs in the bus parking lot. It was pretty hilarious because I was new and still knew nothing about anyone. I was really confused why this blonde lady was exchanging so much sass with the band and I thought Jeremy was a staff member because he was leading the breathing for warm-ups.

Student Quotes cont.

Elsie J., Flute, Junior

My favorite memory from marching band was at band camp when we would do music in the bus parking lot. One day Mango was riding around on his scooter and tried to do a wheelie and biffed it and then pretended that nothing happened and rode away.

Isabelle L., Sousaphone, Junior

My most memorable moment was hearing that we scored a 90.6 at state. It is something I won't ever forget!

Josh D., Color Guard, Senior

Throughout the season, the staff would always tell the guard that we needed to look fierce. They said our attitude was related to our performance quality so we needed to act confident and be more fierce in order to perform the show at a higher level. Mr. Williams overheard this conversation once and offered to help us. So at the end of warm-ups, right before we would leave to walk towards the field, Mr. Williams would come over and get the entire guard into a circle. He had everyone cup their hands and he went around the circle filling up our "cups" with confidence. Then, when everyone's cup had been filled he counted off 1, 2, 3! And everyone drank their "cup of confidence". We did this at every show throughout the season it was an experience that always helped us give our best performance and brought us closer together as a color guard/dance team.

Sam M., Alto Sax, Sophomore

Being chaperoned by McKayla while at Chuck-O-Rama. Cole and I had a salad eating contest but McKayla took my salad away from me. Joe spent a half hour in the bathroom because he ate too much Jello. We took a bunch of alcohol wipes at the restaurant but McKayla noticed what we were doing and took them away. We were able to sneak some of the wipes past McKayla and got on the bus, when we got off the bus we just handed her the rest of the wipes and walked away.

Luke M., Euphonium, Junior

We were at band practice and we were doing a full run. During the first movement I played a wrong note right before a quick pause so I took the pause as an opportunity to apologize for my error. I quickly shouted "SORRY MARK!" and then the band started playing again. Didn't even skip a beat. This became my go-to way to apologize for my missed notes. "SORRY MARK!"

Michael B., Percussion, Freshman

When Mr. Williams said "I can only do this one more time this season, "T. Sean Day!
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T. Sean Day!
Wakanda Forever!!!"

Miscellaneous Band Quotes

"Yeeeeeeaaaaaaah, Water!"

"What do we do on resets?" "WE RUN!"

"I love resets yes I do! I love resets, how 'bout you?"

Fundraising

We can't thank our students and parents enough for all their hard work with fundraising efforts. We had a very successful online "Tag Day" in September. We also had many students who were able to find sponsors who are now helping support our program. We could never do this without everyone's help. We're still in the process of replacing/fixing our trailers, and we're also looking forward to the day when we have the funds to build a large storage shed to house all of our marching band equipment.

Sponsors

Many thanks to all of our sponsors. We would highly encourage all band families to consider giving our sponsors their business and letting your friends and neighbors know that these businesses support our band program at Farmington High School.

