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Band Notes

Wrapping up another school year

Another year has slipped through our fingers and although time is fleeting the memories will stay with us forever. We'll never forget our wet and windy marching band competition at American Fork, getting to travel to Las Vegas as a marching band to see the sights and enjoy a concert with the Blue Man Group, an unusually cold end of season trip to St. George for our marching band state finals and BOA, our awesome students qualifying for state in our jazz band, concert band, and wind ensemble, members of the band playing at the Utah State Capitol as Governor Cox installed a new time capsule that will remain in place until 2122, or the trumpets using kazoos as they played the Raider's March in Wind Ensemble class.

It's been another great year and although we're experiencing more change than we might like, we're looking forward to what's next. Our assistant band director, Caleb Hodson will be leaving and an old friend, Victoria Harker will be returning to take his place. New students will join our program and seniors will move forward with their lives. We're so grateful for each and every person who has made a contribution to our program and for the lessons learned as we have interacted with each other. Music has brought us together and music will travel with us as we go our separate ways. Here's to the memories and friendships we've made along the way and here's to a fun filled summer and new adventures as we start a new chapter.



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Come Volunteer with the Band!

Volunteering with the band is fun and it's easy to get started. Please don't hesitate to get involved because we can't function without the help from parents just like you! We could still use a little help in the following areas.

Fundraising Field Striping
Band Dads (and Moms!) Chaperones
Special Events Competition Meals

Uniforms

Band Camp Food (sing-up for time slots is coming soon)

Please visit our band website or sign-up directly at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/6oboe44acac22a1fdo-fhsband

A Sad Goodbye

Many of you may be aware that our assistant director Caleb Hodson has been offered a job in his home town of Houston Texas. Next year he will be the new band director at Clear Creek High School. Although we'll miss him terribly, we're happy for him and this new opportunity for him to further his career and be reunited with his family.

Caleb started working with the Farmington High Marching Band when he was still a student and drum major at BYU. His contributions to our program are too numerous to list. We will always be grateful for the time he spent with us and for his kind spirit and constant drive to help our students become the best they could be. Perhaps one of the biggest contributions that Caleb brought to our marching band program was to push our student to start dancing in our fields shows. He created quite a stir during our "Level Up" show when he got the marching band dancing in a funfilled coordinated effort.

We're so thankful for the time that we were able to learn together, best of luck with your move and new position Mr. Hodson, the Farmington High School Band program will always remember the impact that you had on us!

Upcoming Events

Summer Break!!!!

Student Leadership Camp

June 14-16

No Parades this Year

Enjoy the break!

Corps Encore

July 12

Marching Band Basics

July 25-28

Band Camp

July 31 -Aug 28

Aug. 7-11

DCI Finals

Aug 12

School Starts

August 17

CONGRATULATIONS!

Band Accomplishments 2022-2023

Marching Band: 6A 2nd Place for Region, 4th place at Red Rocks Marching Band State Finals, 9th out of 12 at BOA, St. George

<u>Winter Guard:</u> 6th place out of 13 teams in the Scholastic AA division with a score of 74.35.

All State Band: Ten students from Farmington High School were selected to participate in the Utah All-State Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Orchestra.

<u>Solo & Ensemble</u>: We had 10 entries from our school qualify for state. 5 of those solos/ensembles received a 1 or 1– at state.

Festivals

Jazz Ensemble: Received ratings of 2+, 1-, 2 with an overall score of 2+

Wind Ensemble: Received superior ratings of 1, 1, 1 with an overall score of 1.

Concert Band: Received ratings of 1, 1, 2 with an overall rating of 1-.

Special Congratulations to the Following Seniors!

Instrumentalist Musician Awards

Percussion- Lexi Ellis

Brass- Kevin Thacker

Woodwind-Lexi Stats

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Samuel Castle

John Philip Sousa Award

Trevor Hayes

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