

Dear Students and Parents,

We are winding down the 2021-2022 school year and have made great strides this year with marching band and concert band. I am so excited for my next year at FHSCCA and I hope you are too. We have a great show for the fall season, *Earth, Wind and Fire*. We will be performing Rock That/September, Fantasy, and close with In the Stone. To stay up to date with all information for the season please make sure you are following the band Facebook page called Fitzgerald High School Hurricane Bands. Please join the Remind group as well, Text the number 81010 with the message @6894FG. It is vital to the success of our season that **EVERYONE** attend all rehearsals and band camp. A semester calendar will be issued the first day of school.

The Ben Hill County Band Parent Meetings will be held monthly-We need ALL the parental involvement and support we can get! There are multiple opportunities to help. Some of these include helping with snacks and meals at camp, helping size/alter uniforms, helping run the concession stand, chaperoning trips, helping with fundraisers, assisting with the football program and much more. We would really appreciate your help!

Band Camp is the most important time of the year. We need **one hundred percent attendance all week** in order to learn our music and drill. This becomes difficult when there are missing people in sections. Please make arrangements to be at camp all day, every day. If transportation is an issue, give me a call and we will work something out. Our success these two weeks set the tone for the rest of the year. Camp will be held both weeks at FHSCCA. Come ready to have fun and work hard! The schedule will be as follows:

Band Camp at FHSCCA:

July 18-22

- Monday-Friday
- 8-4:30

July 25-29

- Monday-Friday
- 8-4:30

I know these seem like long days, but we will be doing lots of different activities. We won't be outside all day and when we are outside, you will be given plenty of water and snack breaks. The meals are donated by various community organizations.

The following is a list of items you also need to bring/wear:

- ✓ Instrument and accessories: Please purchase a **flip-folder and lyre** from O'Malley Music, WWBW.com, Arts Music or Amazon.com. They should cost around \$10-\$20 depending on your instrument. You need this the first day of camp.
- ✓ Notebook or 3 pronged folder with page protectors for your drill charts. (You need around 30 page protectors)
- ✓ Refillable water bottle (I recommend the Coleman 1 gallon jug, it can be found at Wal-Mart).
- ✓ Check/cash for band fees and Marching Contract and T-Shirt/Shoe Form
- ✓ Tennis shoes, with socks (not boots, Vans, flip-flops, or crocs)
- ✓ Cool, lightweight, light colored clothing (no jeans, or hoodies)
- ✓ Sunblock/bugspray
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Towel

Please make sure you get adequate sleep and eat breakfast before coming to camp. We will be working hard and it will be easier for you to concentrate and do your best if you are well rested. Also, please eat breakfast and drink something before coming in the morning. If you do not eat and drink something prior to starting the day, you may get sick. This is completely avoidable if you make sure you eat.

Band Fees

Band Fees are due the first day of band camp. For us to continue to be able to furnish music, instruments, food and all the other things that make band run, we must have the dues paid in a timely manner. We know this is a large amount at one time. If you cannot pay the full amount at one time, give me a call and we will be glad to work something out.

Marching Fees for Instrumentalists

Uniform Dry Cleaning	\$50
Transportation Fee	\$25
T-Shirt/Gloves	\$20
Band Camp Fee/Spot in Drill	\$20
Shoes (if needed)	\$31
Instrument Rental (if needed)	\$50

(This is for students that use school owned instruments, including percussion.)

Total with rental:	\$205	Total without rental:	\$155
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Marching Fees for Color Guard Members

Uniform	\$112 (80Top+32 Pants) (2XL+25 each)
T-Shirts	\$20
Band Camp Fee	\$20
Transportation Fee	\$25
Shoes	\$33 (only new members)
Bag	\$30 (only new members)
Cold Weather Crop Top Black	\$23
Poms	\$20
Total	\$283

Marching Fees for Dance Line Members

Uniform	\$120(Dress 108+Tights 12) (2XL +25)
T-Shirt	\$20
Band Camp Fee	\$20
Transportation Fee	\$25
Bag	\$30 (only new members)
Shoes/Boots	\$47
Cold Weather Crop Top White	\$31
Tights	\$14
Poms	\$20
Total	\$327

In closing, I hope that you enjoy the remainder of the summer and get in some good practice time, too! 😊 Your music is available and will be posted online soon. I am excited about the show this year; it will be a blast to work on and I really think you'll enjoy it and the crowd will love it. Remember to give this memo to your parents, and mark all rehearsals on your calendar. See you in July!

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE MARCHING BAND T-SHIRT AND SHOE ORDER FORM THE FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP. THANK YOU!

Musically yours,

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