



FHN Knightpride Bands

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Classes for Credit

Concert Band: The Concert Band rehearses a variety of musical styles to be performed at two concerts each year. Concert Band is the first step in the band program and nearly all freshman band students participate. It offers togetherness for freshman and leadership for sophomores and juniors.

Symphonic Band: The Symphonic Band rehearses a variety of musical styles to be performed at two concerts and state instrumental music contest each year. Students can join Symphonic Band through audition or selection by the end of the year. Those selected must demonstrate a high degree of proficiency on a selected instrument.

Jazz Ensemble: The Jazz Ensemble performs standard and contemporary jazz literature and exposes students to improvisation. Jazz Ensemble presents at least two public performances and enters several competitions each year. Instruments include Saxophone, Trombones, Trumpets, Guitar, Bass, Drumset, Piano, or Vocal.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Marching Band and Color Guard: Together the marching band and color guard perform their show for home football games and weekend competitions in September and October. Color Guard adds visual effect to the show through dancing, flags, and weapons techniques. Rehearsals are after school except band camp which is held before school starts in July. There may be additional rehearsals at the discretion of the directors or section leaders. (See FFC information)

Winter Guard: Winter Guard is similar to Color Guard but performs to pre-recorded music. Winter Guard performs at weekend competitions late January through mid-April. Rehearsals are in the evenings except for several Saturday camps. (See FFC information)

Woodwind Choir, Brass Choir, and Percussion Ensemble: Choirs and Ensembles meet after school and provide students with the opportunity to enhance their playing skills.

Solos and Small Ensembles: All FHN band students have the opportunity to perform competitively as soloists and in small ensembles at the District Music Festival. Those receiving a superior rating (1's) at districts qualify for the State Music Festival at The University of Missouri-Columbia. These students often rehearse during class time and after school.

Basketball Band: Basketball band performs at home basketball games. It serves as the music and cheer section. Rehearsals are set each season.

FHSD requires a separate 'Activities Fee' to participate in all extra-curricular programs



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Top Ten Reasons to Participate in Knightpride Bands

10. Fulfilling the graduation requirement for 1-unit of Fine Arts credit when enrolling in a band class.
9. There are no benchwarmers in band. Everyone plays!
8. Enjoying a sense of accomplishment and pride by meeting the challenge of musical excellence.
7. Learning good time management before leaving for college.
6. Getting help on that difficult subject from upperclassmen.
5. Seeing the friendly faces of your fellow band members on your first day of high school.
4. Finding a place to belong within a school of 2000 students.
3. Receiving your Varsity Letter for Marching Band, Winter Percussion, or Winter Guard.
2. Experiencing music's important role in the enrichment of the human spirit.
1. Making friendships to last a lifetime.



Francis Howell North Band Boosters Association (FHNBBBA)

The purpose of the band booster organization is to promote opportunities for musical development for band members at FHN by providing financial support, moral support, and other forms of assistance.

You are invited to attend FHNBBBA meetings to learn more about the program and fundraising opportunities. General meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in the Francis Howell North band room. Occasional changes to this schedule are posted on the website, www.fhnbands.com.

Band Booster Officers 2018-2019

President	Kate Statzer	president@fhnbands.com
Vice-President	Rex Anderson	vicepresident@fhnbands.com
Secretary	Colleen Chroma	secretary@fhnbands.com
Treasurer	Jamie Scott	treasurer@fhnbands.com

Family Financial Commitment (FFC)

FFC is the **Family Financial Commitment** required to fund your child's marching band, color guard and/or winter guard experiences. No fundraising is required if you would rather pay costs out-of-pocket. Some families may chose to fundraise the entire cost. Others fundraise some and pay some out-of-pocket. It's your choice. You may start fundraising while you child is in the 6th through 8th grades, if desired. We will have an annual Commitment Night every spring in which we will require a down payment to show your commitment to the marching band.

The **FFC** or **Family Financial Commitment** is re-evaluated each year by the FHNBB executive committee. All costs are considered and all efforts are made to keep the FFC as low as possible without substantially reducing the scope of the band and guard programs. The FFC covers virtually all costs of participation, including uniforms, shoes, show shirt, transportation, lodging, band camp snacks, and most meals on competition days.

We do not want economic factors to keep and student from participating in band. Please talk to the director or a Band Booster officer before deciding band is too expensive.

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Why the Financial Commitment is Necessary

The school district does not provide all funding that is required to operate a successful band program. Some expenses are paid by the participating students/families and some are reduced or eliminated. Examples of band booster expenses include:

Competition Fees
Student Meals, Transportation, and Lodging
Guard Uniforms
Staff Salaries
Music Rights
New and Replacement Instruments
Vehicles to Transport Instruments and Guard Equipment
Fuel and Insurance

Fundraising Opportunities for Families

Scrip: Purchase name brand gift cards (scrip) at face value and get a percentage placed into your FFC account as points. Order and pick-up is on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7-8pm. 1st Tuesdays are at McClay Library, 3rd Tuesdays are in the band room.

The contact is Sherri Brown at scrip@fhnbands.com

Family Arena Concessions: Work a shift to earn points for your account, shifts pay approximately \$45 and up. The contact is Scott Kolath at familyarena@fhnbands.com

Fundraising Sales Opportunities: Various fundraising sales opportunities may become available to earn points for you FFC account. These fundraisers typically begin and end at the band booster general meetings. The contact is Vicky Balleydier at fundraising@fhnbands.com

General Meetings

You are invited to attend FHN Band Booster Association meetings to learn more about the program and fundraising opportunities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the North band room. Occasional changes to this schedule are posted on the website, www.fhnbands.com.

Why Band is Important

Middle school and high school students who participated in instrumental music scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardized tests. Studies found significant

correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science, and language arts.

Source: University of Sarasota Study, Jeffrey Lynn Kluball; East Texas State University Study, Daryl Erick Trent