

Happy Super Bowl Sunday band fam!

I received great feedback from Mr. Morin, Mr. Cawthon, and our student leaders regarding your productivity and discipline in class on Friday while I was out. Thank you so much for your cooperation and for your continued dedication to excellence every day. I am so proud of you!!!

This Week:

Monday (2/8) – Percussion Rehearsal (Symphonic Band perc. Only) 3:45-5:15pm

Tuesday (2/9) – Symphonic Band 4:00-6:00pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday (2/10) – Wind Ensemble 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday (2/11) – ASU Pit Rehearsal 4:00-5:30pm; Winterguard 4:00-7:00pm

Friday (2/12) – open

Saturday (2/13) - Winterguard Competition

Winterguard Premiere – THIS Saturday!

This Saturday we have our first Winterguard competition of the season, also known as “Premiere.” Please don’t forget that all field trip permission forms must be turned in by Tuesday this week.

All students are responsible for their own transportation.

All tickets (parents, family, friends, etc.) must be purchased in advance. These will sell out, so please don’t wait to purchase your tickets.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ffcc-premiere-central-flight-2-tickets-138144653377?aff= \(Links to an external site.\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ffcc-premiere-central-flight-2-tickets-138144653377?aff= (Links to an external site.))

(Make sure you buy tickets for FLIGHT 2 - FFCC Central - February 13).

Location: Cypress Creek High School (1101 Bear Crossing Dr. Orlando, FL 32824)

Itinerary

12:45pm - CALL TIME (parking lot)

1:00pm - Official campus arrival time (check-in)

We will watch 2-3 guards before warm-up. Warm-up is outside, so bring a beach towel.

2:50pm - Holding (door)

3:00pm – Performance

All students dismissed after performance.

Solo & Ensemble

FBA Solo & Ensemble is NEXT WEEK. Everyone should be diligently practicing their music at home and should be mostly prepared for their performance by now. All students will pre-record their performance to be uploaded to the MPA Online portal. Recording sessions will take place in the band room on February 18 & 19. Students will sign up for a specific 15-minute recording session appointment. I have reserved the Chorus Room as a warm-up space during the recording sessions. The sign-up sheet is on the band office door. You may also choose to record at home, but all students will pre-record their performances. Please be reminded that solos

must have a piano accompanist unless the solo is written to be performed unaccompanied. If you do not have and an accompanist, you will be required to perform for “comments only” and will not receive a rating. Please let me know if that is your choice.

I have requested Saturday February 20th for all of our “virtual” S&E times with judges. If you have a conflict with this day and need to request Friday February 19th, please let me know ASAP so that I can request a Friday timeslot for you. These times will run just like the in-person S&E events we are all used to except that you will be interacting with your judge virtually through your computer or smart phone. More information about times, how to upload your video, log in, etc. will be sent to us by FBA soon and I will get disseminate it accordingly to the participating students. Please note that you will be required to show your judge the original of your music. You are also required to log in at your designated time to interact with the judge, otherwise your performance will result in a DNA.

Students who perform music that is a grade 5 or higher and receive a SUPERIOR rating will qualify to perform at State Solo & Ensemble. Students may also choose to perform for comments only and may make that decision right up to their performance timeslot.

Upcoming Important Dates

- February 13th – 1st Winterguard Competition (Premiere)
- February 15th – President’s Day Winterguard Rehearsal 10am-3pm
- February 19-20 – NEW Solo & Ensemble dates (virtual)
- February 24th & 26th – In-Class Solo & Ensemble Performances
- February 25th – Solo & Ensemble Recital 7pm
- March 1-18th – Popcorn Fund Raiser
- March 5th – Volusia Jazz Clinic (tentative)
- March 13th – Bulldog Yard Sale (band fund raiser)
- March 17-19th – All Shook Up performances
- March 27th – FFCC Winterguard Championships (Daytona Beach Ocean Center)
- April 10th – Concert Band Assessment (at DHS)
- May 1st – Spring Band Concert (at DHS)
- May 4th – Night of Jazz & Percussion Concert (Athens Theatre)

Please note: all rehearsals, performances, fund raisers, competitions, etc. are listed on the band calendar. This is the most up-to-date source of information in regard to our busy band schedule. The calendar can be found on the band website (www.delandhsband.com). It is a google calendar that you can sync with your phone, so the band calendar can always be right in the palm of your hand when scheduling appointments, vacations, work, etc.

Looking forward to another great week with our Bulldog Bands!

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