



Fremd Bands – Freshmen Band Orientation 2021-2022

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- II. Fremd Band philosophy, directors, and website (www.fremdbands.weebly.com) – Page 1
 - We want you as part of the Fremd Band family for all four years!
 - Importance of “balance” in your student’s daily schedule and life

- III. Financial Requirements of Band program (instrument, concert dress attire) – Page 2

- IV. Performing Ensembles – Page 3-4

- V. Jazz Bands Auditions – Page 4

- VI. Pep Band Season (December through February) – Assignments, call times, grading – Page 4

- VII. Extra-curricular ensembles – Jazz Bands, Winter Drumline, woodwind/brass ensembles – Page 4

- VIII. Curricular Performances – Pages 4-5
 - Excused vs. non-excused absences
 - Sports/Clubs and Concerts
 - Concert attire for CB and SW
 - Calendar/concerts (September, December, March, and April).
 - Call times are part of student grade and very important! Students are required to stay for the entire concert and support the other bands. Parents please stay as well to support and see our older bands!

- IX. Grading and expectations of students – Page 5
 - Instrument upkeep and supplies
 - Weekly practice, commitment to band and section!
 - Importance of homework assignments and assessments
 - Band sectionals – once every two weeks, half of lunch period
 - Grading categories and percentages for first semester:
 - Daily Participation/Performances – 15%*
 - Homework – 25%*
 - Performances/Concerts – 20%*
 - Sectionals – 15%*
 - Performance Assessments, Quizzes – 25%*

- X. Music Practice Room Policies – Page 5-6
- XI. Private lessons offered at FHS – Nine outstanding private lesson teachers available at FHS! – Page 6
- XII. Parent responsibilities – Page 6

Other Important Information

- Review of the full year 2021-2022 Fremd Bands Calendar
- Switching Instruments – Information, time frame, parent form
 - Instruments needed: tuba, bari sax, bass clarinet, horn, bassoon, and oboe
- March 8th - “Band Benefit Dinner and Concert”
 - Only Band fundraiser for the year to support the full program and VMB!
 - Proceeds benefit the 2021-2022 Fremd curricular bands and VMB
 - Approximately (\$9,000-\$10,000) raised from this single event!
 - Italian buffet dinner with a concert - all four bands perform on the concert.
- Viking Marching Band – Support this year and join us next year!
 - 24 freshmen are members of the VMB! (127 total students)
 - New uniforms, Friday games, Saturday competitions
 - Comradery, teamwork, friendships, and outstanding music!
 - Six day Band Camp, 21 school year evening rehearsals (August through October)
- Next large Band Trip?!
- Fremd Music Association – parent music boosters
 - Website – <http://wp.fremdmusic.org/>
 - Volunteering and parent opportunities
 - Student Fundraisers – policies, role of FMA, student accounts
- Fremd Bands apparel – Jim’s Spirit Wear - <https://www.jimsspiritwear.net/fremdhsbands.aspx>
 - Wide variety of Fremd Bands and VMB clothing
 - Shipped directly to your home or FHS
 - Orders can be placed at any time during the year
- **Please complete the “Beginning of the Year Letter”** passed out last week to CB and SW. Page 2 requires student and parent signatures, turned in by this Wednesday. Page three is optional for parents to fill out.