

Welcome!



**Frisco High School Band
Future Member Parent Information Meeting
October 2023**

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Tonight's Handout



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Digital Sign-in

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Welcome to the Frisco Band Family!



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Frisco Band Staff

David Simon-
Director of Bands



Heath Dillard-
Director of Percussion



Gage Grimsley-
Assistant Percussion
Director



Matthew Courtney-
Associate Director



Toby Leikness-
Director of Color Guard

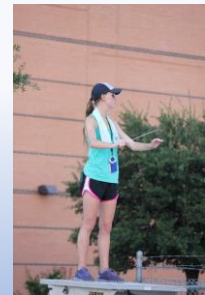
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Additional Instructors

❖ **Private Lessons Staff**

❖ **Marching Techs**

❖ **Student Leadership Team**



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Program Overview



The Frisco Band offers its members countless opportunities to grow musically as well as personally.

Through developing strong work habits and learning to work together as a team, Band members develop life-long skills that will serve them in whatever future pursuits they choose.

Our goal is for all of our students to develop a lasting affinity for music, and become positive role-models and citizens.

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The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. [It's] to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.

KELLY POLLOCK

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Student Mission Statement

As developed by the 2023-24 Frisco Band Leadership Team:

Shared Pride Through a Consistent Standard of Excellence.

“We, the Frisco High School Band, pledge to succeed through passion and commitment. We maintain meaningful connections by prioritizing respect, enthusiasm, and maturity. Through our dedication, we achieve excellence by consistently working to reach our full potential. By exemplifying these values, we will create an inclusive culture and leave an impactful legacy.”

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Program Overview



- ❖ **Marching Band: Late July - Early November (All members)**
- ❖ **Concert ('Indoor') Band: November - May (All members)**
- ❖ **Jazz Band: November - May (Selected by audition)**
- ❖ **Color Guard: Part of the Frisco Band Program, year-round**
- ❖ **Percussion: Drumline (Fall), Percussion Ensemble (Spring)**

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The Frisco Marching Band

- ❖ Participation required by FISD as part of high school band curriculum
- ❖ Includes all brass, woodwind, percussion, and color guard students
- ❖ Course credits for P.E. and Fine Arts electives awarded for participation in Marching Band!
- ❖ Marching season includes summer camp, participation in band classes, and extra-curricular events
- ❖ All marching skills are introduced slowly and carefully, 'from the ground up'



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Frisco Marching Band- Rehearsal Schedule

- ❖ Pre-season training in Spring and Summer:
 - ❖ New Member Marching Camp- Middle/Late April
 - ❖ Music Camp- End of May
 - ❖ Summer Band Camp- Starts last week in July, continues through start of school
- ❖ Rehearsal schedule during football season- The Start of school through October:
 - ❖ Monday, 5:00 – 7:30 pm
 - ❖ Tuesday, 5:00 – 7:00 pm *Woodwinds, Brass, and Color Guard*
 - ❖ Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:00 am *Percussion*
 - ❖ Thursday and Friday, 6:30 – 8:00 am (*Color Guard Thursday afternoons instead of morning*)
 - ❖ Occasional special rehearsals due to altered school weeks, special events, etc



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Frisco Marching Band- 2024 Pre-season Training Events



I. New Member Marching Camp: Tuesday - Thursday, April 16-18, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

- ❖ Indoor camp in the gym; a great opportunity to meet student leaders and start bonding as a section, and learn basic marching concepts
- ❖ 5:00 pm Check-in and instrument/ name tag distribution in FHS Band Hall; activities from 5:15 - 7:30 pm
- ❖ Students should dress comfortably! Loose athletic clothing and athletic shoes
- ❖ Next Future Member Parent Meeting on Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm in FHS Auditorium

II. Music Camp (All Members): Tuesday-Wednesday, May 21-22

- ❖ Focus on music indoors; introducing fall music, including the 2024 marching production music!
- ❖ Schedule: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 - 4:00 pm both days. Also 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday. Students provide own transportation to lunch and dinner, OR ride with section-mates with parent permission
- ❖ Family preview performance of 2023 production- Wednesday, May 22nd, 7:30 - 8:00 pm in FHS Gymnasium

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Frisco Marching Band- 2024 Pre-season Training Events



III. Summer Marching Band Camp (All Members): Begins Monday, July 22nd

- ❖ Required for all members of Frisco Marching Band
- ❖ We begin putting together our marching production- first football game occurs within a few short weeks!
- ❖ Typical schedule includes:
 - 8:00 - 11:00 am weekdays, marching outdoors
 - 12:30 - 4:30 pm weekdays, music indoors
 - Occasional evening events
 - Special Saturday events, including band registration and social events, possibly some rehearsal
- ❖ Occasional additions or deletions from weekday schedule- detailed schedule will be released in June. You may visit www.friscohsband.org to view this past year's archived schedule for reference (password= "raccband")

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Frisco Band Student Leadership Team

- ❖ Student leaders chosen this spring from upperclassmen
- ❖ Undergo multiple hours of leadership training
- ❖ Will be tasked with assisting their band peers with music and marching during marching season, as well as helping with equipment, uniforms, and sheet music- *they are here to help make your student's experience a great one!*
- ❖ Leadership Structure:
 - 1) Drum Majors
 - 2) Section Leaders
 - 3) Squad Leaders
 - 4) Administrative Leaders (Music Team, Uniform Team, Equipment Team, Spirit Team)



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Marching Band Performances

- ❖ **Varsity Football Games- 10 games in regular season (11 weeks with bye-week)**
 - ❖ Required for all band and Color Guard members
 - ❖ Mostly on Fridays, some on Thursday evenings
 - ❖ Play stands tunes in the bleachers during the game
 - ❖ March on as a band and play for Stars Dance Team during halftime
 - ❖ Perform our marching production during halftime
 - ❖ Home venues include The Star, Toyota Stadium, Kuykendall Stadium
- ❖ **Marching Show Contests- 4-5 Saturdays in Late September/ October**
 - ❖ Local DFW venues
 - ❖ Perform our marching production for audience and judges
 - ❖ Evaluated on musical and visual techniques
 - ❖ Ranked against other schools in our classification (school size)



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Marching Band Performances

- ❖ **Preview shows**
 - ❖ Family Preview in August
 - ❖ FISD 'Band Night' at end of September, Tuesday night at The Star
- ❖ **Play-A-Thon**
 - ❖ Our student fundraiser for the year
 - ❖ Saturday in early or mid-September
 - ❖ Band performs at local venues and neighborhoods, collects donations
 - ❖ Donations also collected prior to the event
- ❖ **Exact dates for games, contests, and all other performances will be released with the band calendar in June/ Early July**



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Marching Band Quick Facts

- ❖ **We take extra care to keep students hydrated! Students are required to bring filled water jugs to all outdoor rehearsals- water breaks are given AT LEAST every 15 minutes in warm weather, even more often in summer camp**
- ❖ **Rehearsal hours are governed by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). The band rehearses about the same amount time as any sport or other organization on campus!**



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Marching Band Quick Facts

- ❖ Although the schedule during this time of year is our most time-intensive, our students year after year will tell you “It’s all worth it” once they feel the thrill of performing for the crowd, and get to spend time with some of their best friends. They also learn valuable time-management skills and gain experience working as team.
- ❖ *Many students will end up counting marching season as their favorite part of the year!*



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Concert Band Season



- ❖ Encompasses the rest of the year after marching season
- ❖ Schedule will feel similar to the Middle School Band
 - ❖ Sectionals once a week outside of school
 - ❖ Concerts in December, February, April, and May
- ❖ Includes All-Region Band Auditions in the Fall, Solo and Ensemble Event in February

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The Frisco Concert Bands



- ❖ **3 Concert Ensemble Classes:**
 - ❖ Symphonic Band- 1st Period, Mr. Simon and Mr. Courtney
 - ❖ Wind Ensemble- 2nd Period, Mr. Courtney
 - ❖ Wind Symphony- 3rd Period, Mr. Simon
- ❖ **All 3 Concert Bands perform at concerts, participate in Solo and Ensemble, have the chance to participate in All-Region auditions, and perform quality music**
- ❖ **Percussionists are in 1st period percussion-only classes during Fall semester. In the Spring semester they join their concert ensembles on 'A' days.**

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The Frisco Concert Bands

- ❖ **Spring auditions for concert ensembles are submitted via recording in May- more information about logistics to come**
 - ❖ Major Scales, Chromatic Scale
 - ❖ Pre-determined audition etude, will be distributed in early April
- ❖ **Freshmen band placements, Spring 2023 auditions:**
 - ❖ Wind Symphony- 3 Freshman
 - ❖ Wind Ensemble- 11 Freshmen
 - ❖ Symphonic Band- 15 Freshmen
- ❖ **Students have the opportunity to re-audition for band placements in November on the All-Region Band audition music**



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The Frisco Jazz Band



- ❖ Directed by Mr. Courtney
- ❖ Auditions held towards end of marching season in early November
- ❖ Rehearsals begin after marching season, typically Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- ❖ Jazz experience is *not* required
- ❖ Concerts in December and throughout the Spring

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The Frisco Color Guard

- ❖ Directed by Mr. Leikness
- ❖ Part of the Frisco Band Organization- performs with the Marching Band in the Fall, then as an indoor 'Winter Guard' in the winter and spring
 - ❖ *Can be a great option for double reed students during marching season!*
- ❖ Made up mostly of non-band students; band members are encouraged to invite their friends or siblings to be part of the group!
- ❖ Dance experience is not required- much like marching band, skills are taught 'from the beginning'
- ❖ New Member Clinics held April 16th - 18th, 2024



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The Frisco Percussion Studio

- ❖ Directed by Mr. Dillard and Mr. Grimsley
- ❖ Students perform and compete as a Drumline in the Fall
- ❖ Prepare a percussion ensemble concert throughout the spring, performance in April
- ❖ Includes all percussion students
 - ❖ *Can be another opportunity for double reed students in the Fall marching season*



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Frisco Band Social Events

- ❖ Summer Band Social
- ❖ End-of-summer-band party
- ❖ End-of-marching-season Pizza Party
- ❖ Spirit Nights @ local restaurants
- ❖ Spring Party in March
(Includes 7th/8th graders!)
- ❖ Student-organized section parties



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Band Spring Trip

- ❖ Taken late Spring
- ❖ Optional; most students *do* attend!
- ❖ Parents may attend as chaperones
- ❖ Usually in-state, 3 days/2 nights. *Every 4 years we head out of state for a longer trip... Class of 2028 will take their out-of-state trip their Junior year!!*
- ❖ Payments are spread out over several months. A portion of student and booster fundraising does go towards lowering the cost of the trip for all!



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Band Booster Association

- ❖ *All* parents are members. Each year their amazing efforts make so many experiences possible for our students
- ❖ Executive Board- organizes and coordinates booster activities and services. **2023-24 Booster Board:**



- ❖ **President:** Michelle Meyer (Daughter Grace, 12th grade flautist)
- ❖ **V.P. for Membership:** Stephanie Cowey (Daughter Kayla, 12th grade Euphonist)
- ❖ **Treasurer:** Taun Dimatteo (Daughter Brooklyn, 11th grade Trumpeter)
- ❖ **Secretary:** Jennifer Cross (Son James, 11th grade Clarinetist)
- ❖ **Volunteer Coordinator:** Christine Sabet (Son Gabe, 12th grade Saxophonist)
- ❖ **Band Uniform Coordinator:** Jodi Casey (Son Cayman, 10th grade Trombonist)
- ❖ **Pit Crew Co-Captains:** Jennifer Suguitan (Daughter Emma, 12th grade Percussionist) and Mike Vincent (Son Isaac, 10th grade Percussionist)

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Parent Volunteers

- ❖ Our students' experience could NOT be what it is without the contributions of our incredible parent volunteers
- ❖ It's a great way to be part of your student's experience, and further support their endeavors!
- ❖ Connect with other parents, make great friends, and have FUN!



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Parent Volunteers

- ❖ Chaperones
- ❖ Pit Crew
- ❖ Prop Building
- ❖ Committee Leads
- ❖ Serve Meals
- ❖ Supply Baked goods
- ❖ Concessions @ football games
- ❖ Other opportunities throughout the year!



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Parent Perspective

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Band Fees and Expenses



New Member Band Fee: \$475

- ✓ Marching Show T-Shirt
- ✓ Marching Production Drill Book
- ✓ Band fee for music arranging and drill writing
- ✓ Black Marching Uniform Gloves (3 pair)
- ✓ Marching Band Uniform Cleaning
- ✓ Supplemental Marching and Concert Clinicians
- ✓ Formal Concert Wear Rental (Tuxedo/Dress)
- ✓ Band Uniform Rain Jacket*
- ✓ Blue Coleman 1-gallon Band Water Jug*
- ✓ Flip Folder and Lyre specific to instrument*
- ✓ Hot Weather Uniform Frisco Band Ballcap*
- ✓ Hot Weather Uniform Blue Dry-Tech Shirt*
- ✓ Hot Weather Uniform Black "Badger" Shorts*
- ✓ 1 pr. Gray Marching Uniform Socks*
- ✓ Marching Uniform Shoes & Gray Shoelaces*
- ✓ **Marching Band Meals**

**Asterisked items may be used multiple years, depending on wear and student growth*

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Band Fees and Expenses

Thanks to the continued efforts of our incredible parents and Band Booster Association, the Frisco Band's required fees have been the lowest in the Frisco ISD for many years.

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Band Fees and Expenses



| Month | Required Payments | Optional Payments |
|------------------|--|---|
| June | Band Pre-Registration Fee- \$100 (May 21st) <i>Applied towards band fee; covers materials and instruction received during the summer months</i> | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |
| July | Band Fee Balance- \$375 (July 27th Band Registration) <i>Payment plan available if needed</i> *DRUM LINE members will pay \$50 Drum Line Fee | Additional Spirit Wear @ Registration- Varies Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |
| August | | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |
| September | FISD Instrument Maintenance Fee- \$100* <i>*Only for those students who play a school-owned instrument. May be paid half in September, half in January.</i> | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |
| October | | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |
| November | All-Region Band Audition Fee- \$14* <i>*Required for Wind Symphony Students, Optional for others</i> | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! |

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Band Fees and Expenses



Projected Payments By Month in 2023-24

| Month | Required Payments | Optional Payments |
|----------|---|---|
| December | | SPRING TRIP, Installment 1- \$150 (estimate) Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |
| January | Color Guard Only- Winter Guard Fee, Approx. \$150 | SPRING TRIP, Installment 2- \$150 (estimate) Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |
| February | Solo and Ensemble Contest Fees- \$12 - \$74* <i>*Amount will depend on participation level</i> | Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |
| March | | SPRING TRIP, Installment 3- \$150 (estimate) Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |
| April | | SPRING TRIP, Installment 4- \$150 (estimate) Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |
| May | | End-of-year Band Banquet- \$20 students, \$45 Guests (est) Private Lessons- \$24/ week. <i>HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!</i> |

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Important Dates



'Frisco Band Academy' (7th/8th Grade!)- 5:00-7:00 pm on these dates:
November 27, January 22, February 12, March 4

Mar 8, Evening • Frisco Band Spring Party (7th/8th Grade Welcome!) • FHS

April 16-18, 5:00-7:30 pm • New Member Camp • FHS Gym

April 18, 7:00 pm • New Member Parent Meeting • FHS Auditorium

May 3 • 2024-25 FHS Band Auditions • Recording Uploads Due

May 21-22 • Frisco Band Music Camp • FHS Campus

July 22 • Start of Summer Band Camp • FHS

July 24, 6:30 – 7:30 pm • Pre-Registration Meeting (Parents) • Auditorium

July 27, Morning • Frisco Band 2024-25 Registration • FHS

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Sign Me Up! How to Schedule Band...



1) Include "Band" on the 9th-grade course selection
*(We strongly encourage double-blocking Band!
 Select Both 'Band Master' and 'Instrumental Ensemble')*

1) Upload Audition recordings for Band Placement in May
*(ALL current middle school band members are accepted into the Frisco Band,
 regardless of skill level!)*

3) Students' specific Band ensemble class periods will be assigned and communicated to counselors following auditions

4) Show up ready to have fun and make great friends!



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Scheduling Band...

- ❖ Students should 'double-block' band (schedule on 'A day' and 'B day') to benefit the most from more frequent instruction and practice, and make the most progress.
- ❖ Special exceptions for students involved in other competitive or performance activities; we work well with all coaches and directors to find a balance.
- ❖ Remember that students CAN double block band for 4 years, and STILL have plenty of room to explore other electives!

| | 8 th grade/ Summer | 9 th Grade | 10 th Grade | 11 th Grade | 12 th Grade | |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|------|
| English (4 credits) | | English I English I Advanced GT Humanities* | English II English II Advanced | English III AP English Lang | English IV AP English Lit | |
| Math (4 credits) | | Algebra I Algebra I Advanced Geometry Geometry Advanced | Geometry Geometry Advanced Algebra II Algebra II Advanced | Algebra II Algebra II Advanced Pre Calculus Pre Calculus Advanced | Adv. Quant. Reasoning Pre Cal. OR Pre Cal Adv. Statistics or AP Statistics AP Calculus AB OR BC | |
| Science (4 credits) | | Biology Biology Advanced | Chemistry Chemistry Advanced | Physics AP Physics I | 4 th Year Science (See Math/ Science Flow Chart) | |
| Social Studies (4 credits) | | World Geog. AP Human Geog. | World History AP W. History GT Humanities | US History AP US History | Government AP Government AND Economics AP Economics | |
| Other Required Course/ Elective | | BAND | BAND | BAND | BAND | |
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| Other Required Course/ Elective | | Foreign Language Year 1 | Foreign Language Year 2 | Technology Credit <i>(There are summer school/online options to satisfy this requirement, freeing up space for additional electives!)</i> | Health Credit (Fall) Professional Communication Credit (Spring) <i>(There are summer school/online options to satisfy this requirement, freeing up space for additional electives!)</i> | |
| Other Required Course/ Elective | Summer Options are available for Health, Communications, Technology credits | Additional Credit at your discretion! Further Language, Technology, Career interests, etc. | Additional Credit at your discretion! Further Language, Technology, Career interests, etc. | Additional Credit at your discretion! Further Language, Technology, Career interests, etc. | Additional Credit at your discretion! Further Language, Technology, Career interests, etc. | |
| Foreign Language Credits | | 2.0 | Health Credit | 0.5 | Additional Required Credits Satisfied by 4 years in Band! | 4.0 |
| Technology Credit | | 1.0 | Professional Communication Credit | 0.5 | Core Credits Needed | 16.0 |
| Fine Arts Credit (Satisfied by participation in Band!) | | 1.0 | (Physical Education Credit Satisfied by Marching Band!) | 1.0 | TOTAL Credits Needed This sample plan includes 22 credits! | 26.0 |

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Student Perspective

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WHAT WE ASK OF STUDENTS

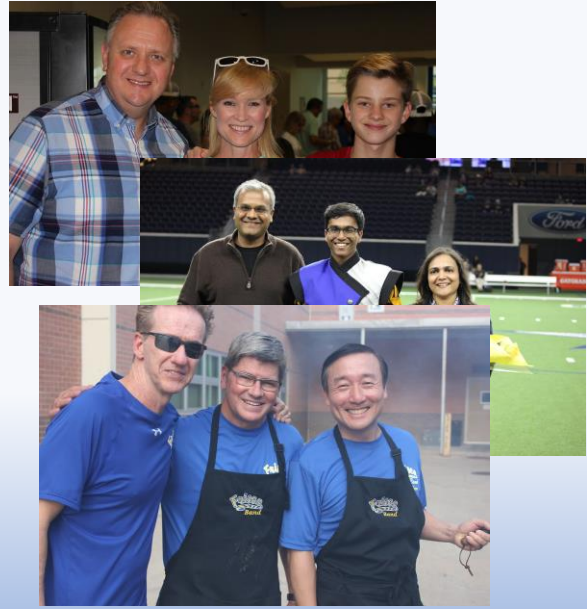
- ❖ Positive Attitude
- ❖ Respectful Towards Peers
- ❖ Responsible Behavior
- ❖ Active, Engaged Participation
- ❖ Individual Practice
- ❖ Consistent Attendance and Punctuality
- ❖ Be Communicative
- ❖ *Have Fun!*



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WHAT WE ASK OF PARENTS

- ❖ Support program expectations, including scheduling - keep informed via the website, watch for email!
- ❖ Open communication with Directors
- ❖ Keep information up-to-date on Charms
- ❖ Transportation to and from rehearsals and events ☺
- ❖ Join us as an audience member when possible
- ❖ Volunteer support when possible



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Frisco Band Resources



Frisco Band Website- www.friscohsband.org

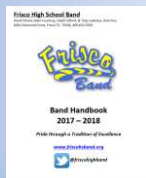
Full-year calendar, band forms, updates and reminders, media, private lessons contacts, booster information, and more!

Some items password protected- current password is "racband"



Summer Newsletter

Mailed home to families via postal mail in June, also available on band website. Includes updates and important info on upcoming summer and Fall events, the release of the full-year band calendar, and more.



Band Handbook

Detailed information on Band policies and procedures. Next year's handbook will be available on the website in July. This year's handbook can be used for a reference- available on the website.

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Connect With Us



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Contact Us

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Parent perspective... current boosters are happy to help!

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Thank you

We can't wait to begin working with your students, and are so happy to have your family join our Band family!

