

# Welcome!



**Frisco High School Band  
New-Member Parent Meeting  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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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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# Great Week of Camp!

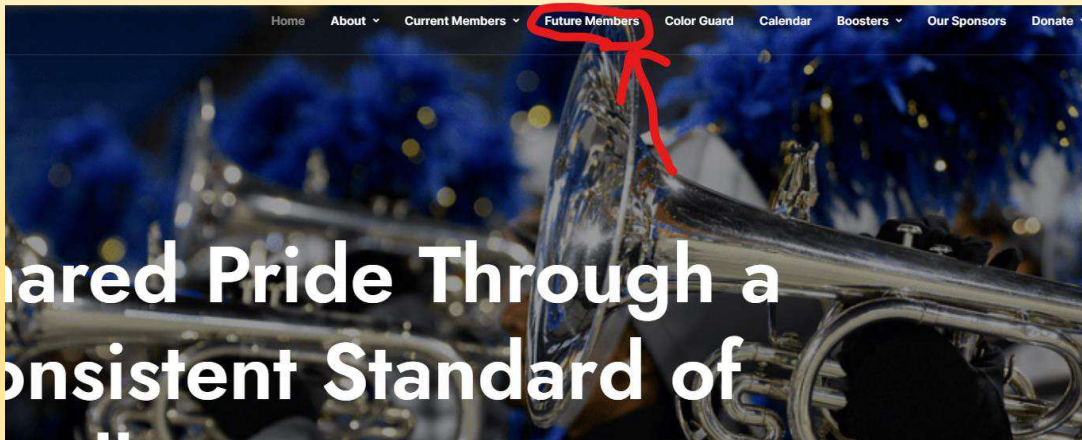


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# Looking forward



- ❖ If you missed our presentation from the Fall, you may access it on the Frisco Band Website- [www.friscohsband.org](http://www.friscohsband.org)



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## Frisco Marching Band- Rehearsal Schedule

- ❖ Pre-season training in Spring and Summer:
  - ❖ New Member Marching Camp- *April 16, 17, 18*
  - ❖ Music Camp (ALL MEMBERS)- *May 21, 22*
  - ❖ Summer Band Camp- *Begins July 22, 2024*
- ❖ Rehearsal schedule during football season- **Start of school through End of October/Early November**
  - ❖ Mondays, 5:00 – 7:30 pm
  - ❖ Tuesdays, 5:00 – 7:00 pm- *Woodwinds, Brass, Color Guard*
  - ❖ Wednesdays, 5:00- 6:30 pm- *Percussion Only*
  - ❖ Thursdays and Fridays, 6:30 – 8:00 am (*Color Guard- Thursdays will be 5:00 – 6:30 pm*)
  - ❖ 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 2024 production- Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

- ❖ 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](http://www.friscohsband.org) to view this past year's archived schedule for reference (password= "raccband")

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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 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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## 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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## Band Booster Association

- ❖ All parents are members. Each year their amazing efforts make so many experiences possible for our students
- ❖ We still have openings for key 2024-25 committee lead positions- we encourage everyone to consider joining the team in support of our wonderful kids ☺
  - Band Banquet Chair: **Open**
  - Band Services Assistant: **Open**
  - Play-a-thon Chair: **Open**
  - Play-a-thon Chair: **Open**
  - Jazz Band Liaison: **Open**



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*Contact booster president Ms. Michelle Meyer if you might be interested in an open position!*

president@friscobandboosters.com

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## *Frisco Band Auditions*



- ❖ Take place via recorded upload, due May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ❖ Music, with upload instructions, was given to students early April
- ❖ Audition includes major scales- as many as they can perform at a steady tempo- and a chromatic scale
- ❖ Audition 'etudes' (short piece). The first four sections of each are required for everyone; the last two sections are optional and should be performed to be considered for Wind Symphony (top band)
- ❖ We want everyone to relax and do their best!

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## *The Frisco Concert Bands*



- ❖ **3 Concert Ensemble Classes:**
  - ❖ Symphonic Band- 1<sup>st</sup> Period, Mr. Simon and Mr. Courtney
  - ❖ Wind Ensemble- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period, Mr. Courtney
  - ❖ Wind Symphony- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> period percussion-only classes during Fall semester. In 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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# Band Fees and Expenses



***New Member Band Fee: \$475***

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

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

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## ❖ More about the Marching Band Meals (included in Band Fee)

- ❖ Boosters provide meals for the students on game days, contest days
- ❖ Pre-game meals for all 10 football games
- ❖ Meals for 4-5 contest/ performance days- lunch and dinner, or dinner only, depending on schedule
- ❖ A great, no-hassle way to ensure students are fed and ready for their performance
- ❖ The meals are AWESOME- students have plenty to eat!
- ❖ Vegetarians are accommodated



## ❖ Private Lessons: \$24/ lesson

- ❖ Taught once per week; most months with 3-4 lessons, or \$72-\$96/month
- ❖ THE best way to improve performance level
- ❖ Outstanding private lessons faculty at FHS
- ❖ Scholarship assistance available- contact Mr. Simon

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# Private Lessons



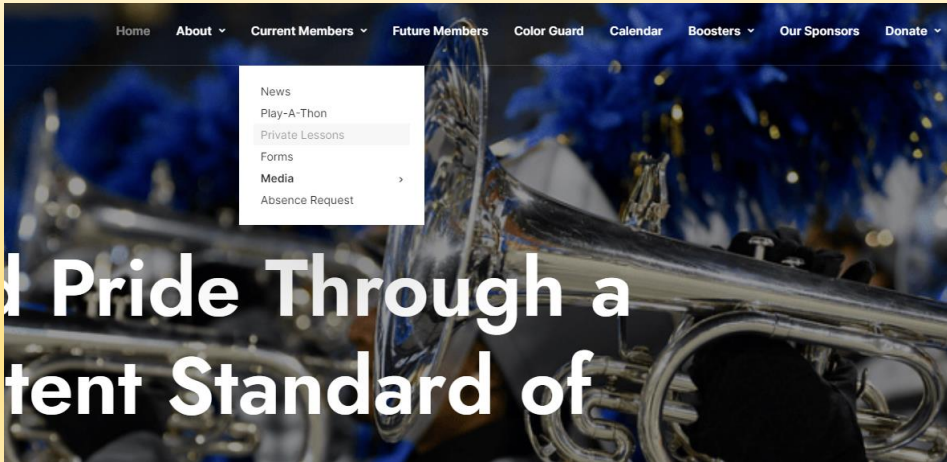
- ❖ We have an outstanding private teaching staff here at FHS!
- ❖ The BEST way for students to progress as individual musicians (personal attention for 30 minutes or an hour a week)
- ❖ Consider continuing or starting up over the SUMMER with the FHS teacher for your student's instrument!
  - ❖ Great way to get a head start with a new teacher
  - ❖ Maintains 'chops' and progress over summer months
  - ❖ Even if only in town for a few weeks, worth it to keep up progress!
  - ❖ **Summer lessons will be available TUESDAYS at Frisco HS!**

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# Private Lessons



❖ To sign up for lessons, email teacher via the Frisco Band Website:

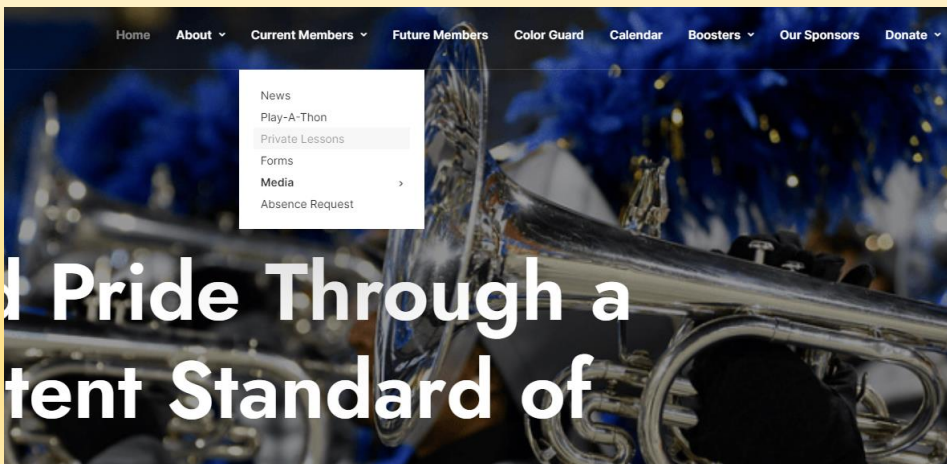


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# Band Fees and Expenses



## Projected Payments By Month in 2024-25

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

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

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# Pre-Registration Packet



- ❖ *Online signatures* and pre-registration fee due by Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ The first round of form signatures for pre-registration will be collected ONLINE this year
- ❖ \$100 pre-registration fee goes towards summer expenses- materials and instruction for May Music Camp, July-August Summer Band Camp
- ❖ Online payment through CutTime is preferable; Checks made payable to "Frisco Band Booster Association" can be given to director or turned in to the band hall deposit box
- ❖ Forms include marching band physical examination and medical history forms, FISD off-campus activity release, UIL Rules Acknowledgement, UIL Cardiac Awareness form
- ❖ DCI Show- optional but SUPER HIGHLY encouraged!

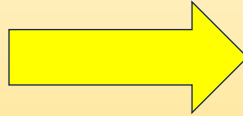
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# Pre-Registration Packet- Physical Exam and Medical History



- ❖ Physical exam- requirement for marching band students from the University Interscholastic League (UIL); matches requirement for athletes
  - ❖ Parents are encouraged to have the student's primary care physician perform the exam due to the pre-existing medical relationship with the student.
  - ❖ Parents are encouraged to keep the *original* medical history and physical examination forms and provide copies to the high school band director.
  - ❖ Must be completed by July 21<sup>st</sup>, ready to be turned in to band directors on first day of summer band camp (July 22<sup>nd</sup>)
  - ❖ Athletics students can get ONE physical, then turn in a copy of form to both organizations
- ❖ Medical history form- filled out by the family, turned in with physical examination form (filled out and signed by doctor)

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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.friscohband.org](http://www.friscohband.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

### Directors... email is usually best ☺

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Toby Leikness, Director of Color Guard: [leiknest@friscoisd.org](mailto:leiknest@friscoisd.org)



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

Michele Meyer, President: [president@friscobandboosters.com](mailto:president@friscobandboosters.com)

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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!*

