

## **WELCOME TO 2023-2024 FHS BAND PROGRAM!!!**

Hello everyone,

Our names are Mr. Carrico and Mr. Brown and we are the band directors at Farragut High School. We would like to welcome you to your first step in possibly joining the 2023-2024 Farragut High School Band Program.

In this document, we have included information about what you should expect to see from us and from Farragut High School during both the fall semester of 2022 and spring semester of 2023. We have also included all upcoming important band event dates on page 3. Page 4 explains the differences between our fall band structure options, Class Band and Competitive Marching Band. To clarify, Class and Competitive Marching Band are NOT the same as the band classes you will register for at Farragut High School. This is just strictly the participation path you and your students will decide on when you register for the FHS Band Program. On the final page are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) that we receive each year when speaking to families and students about joining the Farragut Band program. Please take some time to look over this information.

Lastly, I am including a link in this email as well as on this documentation to our 2023-2024 FHS Band Google Interest Form. We ask that ALL current band students (8th graders and high schoolers) please complete this form before the end of the 2022 fall semester. I am also including both of our email addresses below if you have any further questions. Thank you so much for your time! We are hoping that many of you will decide to join this exceptional and storied program. Take care and Go ADMIRAL BAND!!!

Link to 2023-2024 FHS Band Google Interest Form <sup>TM</sup>

CR: <https://forms.gle/JG4Kjhbe9Ha9Lb6WA>

NCR: <https://forms.gle/htyDdZpR2erhFtPW9>

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## **FARRAGUT HS BAND FALL & SPRING INFORMATION**

### **A. 2022 FALL SEMESTER**

- a. FHS Fall Band Google Interest Form
  - i. Sent out Mid to Late November with this documentation
  - ii. All 8th grade band students/parents/guardians at Farragut and West Valley Middle Schools will receive this form
  - iii. Currently registered band students as well as students that were past registered will also receive the form
  - iv. We would like for ALL students that receive the poll to complete it before the end of the semester. We begin planning for the following fall semester very early and we would like to know the interest level for participating in the FHS Band from current and new/upcoming students. This helps us to put a solid plan in place and keep everyone who is interested informed.

### **B. 2023 SPRING SEMESTER**

- a. Registration for Band Classes at Farragut High School
  - i. Happens end of February, early March
  - ii. Fall Band Classes
    1. Marching Band: Fall Percussion
    2. Marching Band: Fall Winds
    3. Color Guard
  - iii. While much of the fall semester is marching band related, we also begin concert band during the fall semester. The classes are called Marching Band as mandated by the state so that students may receive PE credit.
- b. Registration with the Farragut Band Program
  - i. Happens during the week of NEW Student Orientation, the week before Spring Break. Please check the page below for exact dates.
  - ii. Students Make a Decision (Please see below pg for explanation)
    1. Class Band ONLY
    2. Opt-Into Competitive Marching Band
  - iii. Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
    1. Please attend 1 of the 2 Band Registration Meetings
    2. These meetings are NOT to register your student for classes at Farragut HS, these are specifically for registration to participate in the Farragut Band program.
    3. There will be a virtual option to attend and Mr. Carrico will also record at least one of the sessions to send out to those that could not attend in-person or virtually.
  - iv. Please look over the page below for remaining important band dates for the Spring and Summer of 2022.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS**

### **End of November 2022**

2023-2024 FHS Fall Band Google Interest Form Sent Out

### **End of February, Early March 2023**

Farragut High School Class Registration for ALL Grade Levels

### **March 6-9, 2023**

NEW Band Student Orientation; 4-5:30pm

### **March 6, 2023**

Option 1 Parent/Guardian/Student Band Registration Meeting; 5:45-7:30pm

### **March 9, 2023**

Option 2 Parent/Guardian/Student Band Registration Meeting; 5:45-7:30pm

### **April 11-14, 2023**

2023 Fall Color Guard and Percussion Auditions; 4-5:30pm

### **June 12-16, 2023**

New Student Training, Parade Practice, Percussion and Color Guard Camp

### **July 4, 2023**

Farragut 4th of July Parade

### **July 17-21 & 24-28, 2023**

FHS Band Camp <sup>TM</sup>

### **FHS Band Website**

[www.farragutband.org](http://www.farragutband.org) or [www.farragutband.com](http://www.farragutband.com)

### **FHS Band Calendar Link**

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=farragutband.org\\_cj4rpggnvve4ji0dceufugugeg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew\\_York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=farragutband.org_cj4rpggnvve4ji0dceufugugeg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York)

## 2023 FALL FHS BAND CLASS/COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

<b>CLASS BAND</b> Curricular Program: ALL Students	<b>COMPETITIVE MARCHING BAND</b> Extra Curricular: Opt-In Students
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MUST be enrolled in a fall band class that is specific to your instrument. Please register through FHS for Marching Band: Fall Percussion Class, Color Guard, or Marching Band: Fall Winds Class</li> <li>2. Students will receive a grade associated with the Class Band expectations that fall within the school calendar year</li> <li>3. Attend only ONE short rehearsal during the week of Home Football Games for Pregame rehearsal, held on Fridays right after school - not longer than 30 minutes</li> <li>4. Attend ALL Home Football Games. There are normally 5 home games spread out over the months of August, September, and October.</li> <li>5. Away Game Pep Bands are not required but students may be asked to attend since directors need 1 bus worth of comprehensive instrumentation</li> <li>6. Will learn ALL marching show music, pregame for football games, stands tunes, and any other music for activities the band might attend, i.e. Parades</li> <li>7. Will perform pregame at home football games, stands tunes, parades, and other musical performances</li> <li>8. Will NOT have a visual spot or perform in the marching band halftime show or competition performances</li> <li>9. Attend some of March orientation week and Option 1 or 2 student registration meeting</li> <li>10. Attend only Morning part of June Camp</li> <li>11. Attend some of July Band Camp: Afternoon only, 2 days a week</li> <li>12. There will be 2 sets of attire associated with the Class Band - Parade (t-shirt) and Football (polo)</li> <li>13. Class Band uses a Fair Share program that includes monies associated with everything above</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All expectations required of Class Band</li> <li>2. No grades will be associated with the extra-curricular portion of band, i.e. competitions and competitive rehearsals</li> <li>3. Attend ALL of June Camp</li> <li>4. Attend ALL of July Band Camp</li> <li>5. Attend ALL weekly after-school rehearsals</li> <li>6. Percussion students that audition and make a battery position (snare, tenors, or basses) are required to be in Competitive Band</li> <li>7. Will have a visual spot and perform in the marching band halftime show and competition performances</li> <li>8. Attend ALL scheduled band competitions</li> <li>9. Competitive Band will use the formal marching uniforms for home games and competitions</li> <li>10. A show shirt will also be included as part of the competitive program</li> <li>11. If a student is not enrolled in a fall semester band class, they can still audition for a spot in the Competitive Band. These students will still be financially responsible for paying the Class and Competitive Band fees in order to participate</li> <li>12. Competitive Band will have additional required add-on fees for all items associated with the competitive aspect of the program, they are also required to be up-to-date on their Class Band fees</li> <li>13. Students can be released from the competitive band if they do not meet these above expectations</li> </ol>



## **FARRAGUT BAND FAQs**

- 1. What is the after school time commitment for the Farragut Marching Admirals?**
  - a. Answer: That depends on your choice of program participation. If you are a Class Band ONLY student, you would only have to attend a short rehearsal right after school before Friday HOME football games. You would also have to attend the home football game that evening. Competitive Band students have more rehearsals after school to attend as well as Saturday competitions in the fall.
- 2. If my student is Class Band ONLY, why do they have to attend home football games?**
  - a. Answer: Enrolling in fall marching band classes also gives your student PE credit. Because of this, students must at least do the bare minimum of "marching" to earn this credit. Away games are not required, but all Class Band students must attend and perform at the 5 home football games spread out between the months of August, September, and October.
- 3. What is the difference between Class Band ONLY and Competitive Band Students?**
  - a. Answer: Please see the document outlining CLASS/COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE FOR 2022 FHS MARCHING BAND.
- 4. Does my student need to be fitted for a marching band uniform?**
  - a. Answer: Only students that choose to opt-into or are considering opting-into the Competitive Band need to be fitted for a marching band uniform.
- 5. Can I be in a fall sport and also be in the fall semester band?**
  - a. Answer: Absolutely!!! If the sport takes a lot of after school time, you might want to consider being a Class Band ONLY student. If you believe you can balance the sport and Competitive Band, speak with the band directors to work out a schedule.
- 6. Is band at Farragut during the fall semester only marching band?**
  - a. Answer: No. While the first half of the semester is heavy marching band, the second half is more concert band orientated. We are also planning on starting the concert program during the marching band months.
- 7. What are the fees associated with the fall semester band?**
  - a. Answer: For the Class Band ONLY students, there is a Fair Share financial obligation that covers the aspects specifically associated with those students. Students that choose to opt-into the Competitive Band program will have an additional fee that includes costs associated with the Competitive Band. Please note: we will NEVER turn a student away due to financial concerns; however, we do request communication from the parent/guardians so we can plan accordingly.
- 8. When is the deadline to choose whether or not a student wishes to participate in Competitive Band?**
  - a. Answer: May 1st. We have to begin the process of getting our visual program nailed down and written, so we must have the section numbers set by this date. However, there MIGHT be opportunities where students may have the chance to join later but that cannot be guaranteed.
- 9. How does the Class/Competitive Band structure affect percussion and/or guard students?**
  - a. Answer: There are really no differences between wind, percussion, or guard students except that battery (drumline) students MUST be in Competitive Band. That is a requirement.
- 10. What does the after-school rehearsal schedule look like for Competitive Band students?**
  - a. Answer: Typically, we have Competitive rehearsals on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:15-5:45pm. On home football game weeks, we move the Thursday rehearsal to Friday after-school when we are able to use the football field to rehearse before the game. There is also one Saturday camp date during the month of September, immediately before competition season begins.
- 11. What does the summer band schedule look like?**
  - a. Answer: June 14-18: New Student, Parade, Percussion and Color Guard Camp.
  - b. July 4th: Farragut 4th of July Parade for ALL Students Currently in Town and Alumni
  - c. July 18-22 and 25-29: FHS Band Camp
  - d. Please see Farragut Band Calendar for ALL Updated Dates and Schedules, [www.farragutband.org](http://www.farragutband.org)
- 12. Why Band?**
  - a. Answer: Learn Teamwork and Hard Work, To Strive for Something Bigger than Oneself, Dedication and Loyalty, Helps Cognitive Development, Socialization, Supports Efficient Brain Processing, Encourages Self Expression, and the Sense of Family