

2014 FHS Marching Rebels in a Nutshell (The High Points of the Handbook):

This should be used as a Quick Reference. Students and Parents are responsible for ALL information presented in the Handbook, so MAKE SURE YOU READ IT THOROUGHLY!

REHEARSALS:

Home Camp – at Fairfax High School:

Dates:

- Leadership (Drum Majors/Section Leaders) – 8/4 to 8/8, 8 am to Noon
- Percussion – 8/4 to 8/8, 1 pm to 4 pm
- Guard – 8/4 to 8/8, 5 pm to 8 pm
- Rookies – 8/7 to 8/8, 8 am to Noon
- All members – 8/11 to 8/22, 8 am to 5 pm (Guard will practice past 5 pm twice a week, days TBD)

Need to bring:

- Water bottle, Instrument and accessories, lunch, snacks, sunscreen, music, pencil, binder

Attire:

- White t-shirt, shorts, hat, tennis shoes (no sandals or flip flops), socks to prevent blisters

Away Camp – at Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs VA

Dates:

- All members – 8/25 to 8/27, 6:45 am to 6 pm

Need to bring:

- Packing list provided at MANDATORY Parent/Student Away Camp Meeting (August 19, 7 pm)

Note: There is a rehearsal at FHS on Thursday, 8/28, in the afternoon, for ALL MEMBERS (time TBD)

During the School Year – at FHS

Days:

- All members – Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Dates:

- September 2 to November 6

PERFORMANCES:

- 12 Sept – Home FOOTBALL vs. Woodson
- 20 Sept – BOA COMPETITION in Monroeville, PA
- 26 Sept – Home FOOTBALL vs. Westfield
- 27 Sept – Herndon COMPETITION
- 10 Oct – Home FOOTBALL vs. Langley (Middle School Night)
- 18 Oct – VBODA Assessment & JMU POC COMPETITION
- 24 Oct – Homecoming PARADE; FOOTBALL vs. Marshall
- 26 Oct – Mosby Woods Halloween PARADE
- 31 Oct – 2 Nov BOA COMPETITION in Atlanta, GA
- 7 Nov – Home FOOTBALL vs. South Lakes (Senior Night)

Attendance:

- Attendance at EVERY practice/game/competition/fundraiser is an EXPECTATION of participating in marching band
- Conflicts should be resolved ahead of time to allow attendance at scheduled marching band events
- Unexpected conflicts should be communicated to the Band Directors ASAP

PAYMENTS AND CHARMS:

Fees:

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| • Marching Band Pre Season Fee: | \$250 | Due: July 2, 2014 |
| • Marching Band Course Materials Fee | \$150 | Due: August 11, 2014 |
| • Marching Band Atlanta Trip Fee: | \$150 | Due: August 25, 2014 |
| • Make all checks payable to “FHS BANDS” | | |
| • Drop checks in the Band Room box/mail to FHS Band Boosters, Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030 | | |

Charms:

- URL: <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>
- School code: FCPSFairfaxHSBand
- UserID: <your FCPS student ID>
- Password: existing users: same as last year / new users: <your FCPS ID>
- PLEASE login immediately and verify/update your information. Provide email and phone numbers for parents

If you have issues logging in, contact Lisa [REDACTED] or Jon [REDACTED]

FORMS AND MEDICAL POLICIES:

Forms – ALL forms will be collected at the end of rehearsal on August 11th:

- Emergency Care Information: REQUIRED for ALL students (and for other FCPS activities). Make multiple copies
- Medication Authorization: REQUIRED for ALL students. Refer to Handbook for instructions on how to complete
- Epinephrine Authorization: OPTIONAL. Refer to Handbook for instructions on how to complete
- Inhaler Authorization: OPTIONAL. Refer to Handbook for instructions on how to complete
- Field Trip Authorization – Routine: REQUIRED for ALL students.
- Field Trip Authorization – Orkney: REQUIRED for ALL students.
- Shoe Order Form: REQUIRED for all NEW Marchers
- Uniform Contract: REQUIRED for ALL Students
- T-Shirt Order Form: REQUIRED for ALL Students; DUE to the Band Room by JULY 28th
- Orkney Springs Activities Authorization/Instrument Inventory: REQUIRED for ALL Students
- FCPS Field Trip Luggage Search Form (FS-143): REQUIRED for ALL Students

Medication Policies:

- All medications must be held and dispensed by the Band Directors during Band Camp or any band trips
- ANY medication a student needs to take must be listed on a signed Medication Authorization Form held by the Band
- Students are STRONGLY encouraged to submit a VHSL Physical form to FHS Trainer's office prior to the start of camp

GETTING INVOLVED:

Fundraisers (Details of these and other Fundraisers will be communicated in the Weekly Band Emails):

- **TAG DAY: 9/6, 9 am to 4 pm. ALL Band Students are EXPECTED to participate. THIS IS THE YEAR'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER**
- Car Wash: 8/16, 9 am to 3 pm. Two locations in Fairfax City, Divided by Section for Intra-band competition
- 50/50 Raffle: Sell raffle tickets at the football games with the band keeping half the proceeds
- Restaurant Nights: Usually Every Other Month at a local restaurant, with a portion of the receipts going to the band boosters
- Spirit Wear: Purchase FHS Band Apparel and support the band too

Volunteer Opportunities (contact Helen Hendricks for more details, fhsbandvolunteer@gmail.com):

- Sign up to work on the Pit Crew, moving equipment on and off the field for the band
- Assist with Home Camp (e.g., ice pops, collect forms, etc.)
- Chaperon Away Camp
- Assist with Away Camp (luggage checker, check-in students)
- Transport students to Away Camp
- Chaperon trips to competitions
- Sell 50/50 Raffle tickets
- Sell Spirit wear
- Assist with Car wash
- Volunteer with the Boosters (help with website, fundraising, etc.)

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble
Syllabus 2014 – 2015

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For more band information see our band website at FHSBands.org

For CHARMS visit www.charmsoffice.com

Use “fhsrebels” as the school code to find calendars, forms, etc

You will be assigned a username and password

Course Description:

Students will receive intense study of band literature. There will be strong emphasis on the fundamentals of sound production on the student's selected instrument, embouchure, hand position, rhythm, note reading, etc. These students will develop technical skills and the ability to perform exceptionally. Outside-of-school rehearsals will be required and the group will have public performances.

Materials:

Students should come to each class prepared with their instrument, music, pencil, planner, and all other supplies necessary for rehearsal. Please refer to the handbook for instrument rental information. Students in Advanced band classes will need access to a computer with a microphone for *Smartmusic* assignments.

Textbook:

Students will be issued music, and method books throughout the course of the year. Failure to return the music/book in excellent condition will result in the student paying to replace the damaged items. The cost for replacing music can run anywhere from \$2-\$20 per piece.

Fees: Covers misc supplies, uniform (except tux shirt), Band Polo, All-District Audition, and *SmartMusic*:
\$85

Checks Payable to “FHS” (MUST BE A SEPARATE CHECK FROM OTHER FEES)

Percussionists:

There is an additional fee of \$52 for all percussionists in Fairfax County Public Schools.* This fee covers the use of all percussion instruments, mallets for the keyboard instruments, timpani, etc. Percussionists only need to supply their own drum sticks and practice pads. **This must be a separate check from the above, and should be made payable to “FHS”.**

Instrument Rental:

The following instruments are available to be rented from the school: Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba. **The cost is \$46 per year (as mandated by FCPS). * This must be a separate check, and should be made payable to “FHS”.**

Cheating Policy:

If a student is caught cheating once they may make it up for a maximum of 65%. If a student gets caught cheating a second time, they will receive a zero and not be allowed to retake.

Quarter Grade Determination:

40% Class Attendance and Participation

♪ Punctuality

- ♪ Productivity
- ♪ Professionalism

40% Tests, Quizzes, and Homework

Including:

- ♪ Written
- ♪ Taped in class or on your own
- ♪ *Smartmusic* (Advanced bands only)
- ♪ Played in class or individually for the instructor
- ♪ Weekly Practice Records

10% Out of Class Project (Advanced Bands Only)

- 1st Quarter = Marching Band or In-Class Solo
- 2nd Quarter = All District Band Audition (optional: play for teacher for grade instead of audition)
- 3rd Quarter = Tape Tests on Festival Music
- 4th Quarter = Solo and Ensemble Festival and/or Recital Performance

10% 9-Week Project (Private Lessons OR Practice Records) (Concert Bands this portion is 20%)

Extra Credit:

- ♪ Attendance at outside musical performances (Must turn in program. Concerts can be free.)
- ♪ Performance at outside musical performances (Must bring in program and/or note from parent)

Example Of An 'A' Student

- ♪ Demonstrates superior work in class and is always prepared.
- ♪ Always works to the best of their ability in class.
- ♪ Is able to work effectively with teachers and classmates and can work independently when needed.
- ♪ Is on time and attentive.
- ♪ Has correct music, pencil, and equipment at all times.

This is the type of active participation expected of an "A" Student, however, it is not the entire criteria for any grade.

Concerts and Rehearsals:

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and concerts is mandatory. Excused absences may include medical emergencies, and death in the family. Sports practices/games are NOT considered to be excused and the student will be marked with an unexcused absence. Any absence (excused or not) *must* be communicated to a Teachers as far in advance as possible. **Unexcused absence from a concert will result in a failing grade for the quarter.** After school rehearsals will be regarded the same as rehearsals during the school day and the appropriate attendance policies will be in effect.

Late work Policy

A Student may make up any in-class playing test prior to the end of the quarter. This must be done outside of class time and scheduled in advance with Mr. Johnson. The grade will count for full-credit. Any tape test on concert music must be turned in prior to the concert to receive any credit.

Final Examination (20% of Overall Grade)

- All Major Scales (1 8ve for BB,CB, Full range for SB, WE)
- Chromatic Scale (2 8ves BB,CB, full range SB, WE)
- Sight reading at appropriate level
- Graduation (WE only)
- Prepared Etude (BB,CB,SB)