

BAND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEB. 22 - 26

Festival Assessments past due

Thank you to everyone who has paid their Festival Assessment. Having those funds in the bank allows us to pay our expenses for MPA and to bring in top-notch guest instructors for our students.

If you have not yet paid, please do so immediately. About 75% of assessments have been paid. Checks should be made out to BBFV, put in a white envelope with your child's name and "Festival Assessment" on the outside and placed in the white box at the front of the bandroom.

Unpaid assessments will be added to your child's FVHS Fees Owed on Monday, March 1.

Pre-MPA Concert

We will hold our Pre-MPA Concert on the evening of Tuesday, March 2.

Symphonic Band members need to be in their seat on-stage and ready to play at 6:15 PM. Their performance will begin at 7 PM.

Wind Ensemble members need to be in the band room to warm up at 7:30 PM. Their performance will begin at 8 PM.

Guest clinicians will work with each band following their performance. Parents are invited to stay and listen to this session. Students and parents are invited to arrive early or stay late to hear the other band perform, but are not required to do so.

Sectionals with clinicians

Upcoming sectionals with guest clinicians are now listed on the band calendar. I'm very excited about the caliber of instructors we're bringing in to work with the kids. They have a lot to offer the students. The better our kids get on their instruments, the more confident they become about their musicianship and their work in class.

Upcoming assignments

Upcoming assignments can be found at the band calendar at www.fvbb.com. Some assignments are graded. Others are not graded or given "weighted grades", but are used to keep students moving ahead so they can be prepared for MPA, tests or the end-of-semester exam.

Unweighted grades will be listed in NCWISE, but won't affect the student's final grades.

February Booster Meeting

Our February Band Booster meeting will be held this Thursday, February 25th from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. We are currently working on our slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year and look forward to your help and input on that key group of people.

2010-2011 Budget

The 2010-2011 budget will be presented to the Band Boosters at their March meetings. The Board will review the budget on March 1 while the **membership will get to see it at the meeting on Thursday, March 18**. Please join us to provide your input and vote on the budget. Next year's budget will feature some changes, so your input is crucial!

Chicago Trip Parent Meeting

A MANDATORY MEETING for parents of students participating in the Chicago trip will be held at the conclusion of the **Thursday, March 18** Booster meeting. The meeting begins at 7 PM. We will discuss the final itinerary, what to pack, out-of-pocket expenses, contact info, student behavior expectations and more.

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