FRISCO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

DECEMBER REMINDERS AND DETAILS

Parent volunteers needed Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 am

On Saturday, December 4th, we will be re-configuring our storage space to store our props from this past marching season- MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED! Please sign up here, and if you can, bring hand tools - Drills, socket set, etc. THANK YOU!

Spirit Day Events Coming Up

We have TWO big spirit day events coming up- the first is Tuesday, December 7th- a special, private shopping event at **RUSTIC CUFF** in Plano! Shop from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and 25% of the proceeds will go to the Frisco Band. Online orders placed during that time will also qualify!! See the flyer on Page 3 below for more details.

Then, on Monday, December 13th, join us for lunch AND/OR dinner at **MOD PIZZA**! During all opening hours, 10:30 am- 10:00 pm. Ordering online will also count! Click here to 'commit' and for more info! See page 3 below for flyer!

Holiday Concert and Annual "Sweet Shoppe"

The students are currently preparing music for our **Holiday Concert, on Tuesday, December 14th, beginning at 7:00 pm**. We invite all family and friends to come out and enjoy some music of the season, as well as other selections! The evening features two other exciting events- the kick-off our car raffle fundraiser, and our annual **Sweet Shoppe fundraiser**! We are asking for ***baked goods*** from band families to be sold in support of the Band. Bakers still needed!! Please see the flyer on page 4; click here to sign up to bring goods, and here to sign up to help with the sale at the concert! *In turn, plan to pick out some delicious holiday treats for your family that evening as well, all while supporting the Band!*

Student attire for Holiday Concert

We are in process of getting all of our members outfitted with formal concert attire (tuxedos and concert dresses), and will be wearing these items at our Holiday Concert on December 14th! While we provide the black dress or tuxedo parts, we do ask that families complete the outfit with **black shoes, opaque hosiery for females, and black socks for males.** **Please click here** to review our official Concert Uniform Guidelines- thank you!! (the password = raccband)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All-Region Band Auditions

For participating students

Phase 1- Saturday, 12/4
Phase 2- Monday, 12/6
9th Grade- Thursday, 12/9

Concert Special Rehearsals

Wind Ensemble:
12/3 and 12/10, 7:00 – 8:30 am

Wind Symphony:
12/8 and 12/13, 7:00–8:30 am

(Symphonic Band in class)

Fundraisers

SHOPPING EVENT @ RUSTIC CUFF
Tuesday, 12/7, 6 – 8 pm

MOD PIZZA
Monday, 12/13, 10:30a– 10p

Frisco Band Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 14th
7:00 pm, FHS Auditorium

JAVA JIVE

Featuring the Frisco HS Jazz Band, and the Hunt Middle School Jazz Band!

Wednesday, December 15th

6:00 pm, HUNT MS Cafeteria

Christmas in the Park

Community Service Performance

Saturday, December 18th, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Required Rehearsal- 12/17, 4:45 – 6:15 pm

Holiday concert special rehearsals

A reminder from our Band Calendar- In anticipation of our Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 14th, we will be holding special rehearsals outside of the school day for Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony (Symphonic Band will hold these rehearsals with percussion in classes). The schedule will be:

- **Wind Ensemble**: Friday, Dec. 3rd, 7:00 – 8:30 am, and Friday, Dec. 10th, 7:00 – 8:30 am
- **Wind Symphony**: Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 7:00 – 8:30 am, and Monday, Dec. 13th, 7:00 – 8:30 am

All-Region auditions this week

Students who have registered for All-Region auditions will be performing their audition music this week, to be evaluated against students from around Frisco ISD and surrounding districts! Phase 1 auditions (includes grades 10-12, select 9th graders) will be this Saturday, Dec. 4th, at Emerson HS. 9th-grade-only auditions take place Thursday, Dec. 9th, at Heritage HS. **Students who are registered for these auditions (and parents) will receive separate emails this week, with specific report time information. GOOD LUCK** to all of our Frisco Band musicians participating!

JAVA JIVE is coming

Come enjoy an evening with great **coffee, desserts,** and **great jazz**, featuring the Frisco High School Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Courtney! This year we are excited to also welcome the Hunt Middle School Jazz band and the Frisco Community Jazz Bands as part of the show! The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 15th; the fun will begin at 6:00 pm in the HUNT MS cafeteria.

Annual 'Christmas in the Park' performance

On Saturday, December 18st, the Frisco Band will continue what has become a several-year tradition, of performing several holiday tunes at the opening ceremonies of 'Christmas in the Park' at Dallas Fair Park. This massive event provides toys, bikes, and necessities for under-privileged families in Dallas; click here to learn more. The Frisco Band is very honored to continue to be included; **we encourage all Band members to plan to participate in this wonderful opportunity to 'give back.'** We will hold a single rehearsal on Friday, December 17th, from 4:45 – 6:15 pm in the Band Hall. On Saturday morning, December 18tht, we will meet at FHS at 7:00 am and head down to Fair Park on buses. We should be returning to FHS by approx. 1:00 pm. ****Band alumni and even family members who play instruments may join us for in the Band for Christmas at the Park! Any interested parties should fill out the Google form at:* bit.ly/fhsbandinthepark

Solo and Ensemble Information

Students will be receiving paperwork in classes detailing the **UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest**, to be held on Saturday, February 26th. The paperwork they receive is included on pages 5-7 for parents' perusal and convenience- please take a moment to look over the information! In preparation for this performance date, students will have several deadlines:

- Students playing SOLOS Students need to order their original copy of their sheet music by **Friday, December 17th**
- Students complete an online registration form by **Friday, Jan. 7th** (We will assist in classes)
- Return the third page of the info packet, with parent signature, by **Friday, Jan. 7th**
- Students playing SOLOS should turn in original sheet music by **Friday, Jan. 7th**
- Turn in solo and ensemble fees by **Tuesday, February 1st**
- Students playing SOLOS should be prepared to rehearse with pianists beginning **Feb. 9th**

Parents, thank you for helping your students keep 'on track' with these important dates! Please contact Mr. Simon if you have any questions.

Party for your Purpose

Private Shopping Experience

Tuesday, December 7, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 PM

25% of Proceeds Benefit
Frisco High School Band

Rustic Cuff Legacy West
7700 Windrose Ave., Suite G155
Plano, TX 75024

Contact: tgmm2010@yahoo.com
Online order option 6:00 - 8:00 pm @rusticcuff.com
(please email receipt to marci@rusticcuff.com)

Powered by GroupRaise

Eat to support Frisco High School Band

Monday, December 13th | 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM
MOD Pizza
5110 Eldorado Pkwy
RSVP: https://grouprai.se/f201566

Calling all
Yummy Bakers & Sweet Treat Makers!

Show off your baking and creativity (or shopping skills) by contributing to our

Annual HOLIDAY SWEET SHOPPE
At **FHS Band's Winter Concert** on
Tuesday, Dec 14th, 2021
All proceeds benefit FHS Band and Color Guard Programs
(Open to Store bought or homemade goodies)
Click here to Sign Up Sheet for Baked Goods

Contact Sweet Shoppe Chair
Ekta Bhatia
ektabhatia018@gmail.com or 469-500-7566
With questions or if you are interested in helping!
Click here to Sign Up for Volunteering

Frisco High School Band 2021-22

UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest Guidelines and Information

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT EVENT DOCUMENT CAREFULLY!

Solo & Ensemble Performance Date: Saturday, February 26th, 2022
Location: TBD (Local)

Performance times will be announced mid-February, once master schedules are received (between 8:00 am – 5:00 pm). Transportation to be provided by students or parents.

Makeup date for students who do not perform on Saturday 2/26 due to academic ineligibility, serious illness, or director decision: Thursday, March 3rd, Frisco Band Hall, 4:30-8:30p.m.

Event Related Dates and Deadlines (see remainder of handout for details):

1) Friday, Dec. 17th: Students performing SOLOS must ORDER ORIGINAL SHEET MUSIC by this date (see page 2)

2) Friday, Jan. 7th: a) Students complete online Event Information Form by this date

(QR code for online form on next page)

b) Page 3 of this packet due in band class (includes parent signature and *fee acknowledgement* only)

c) Students performing **solos** submit solo accompaniment original sheet music, measures numbered

3) Tuesday, Feb. 1st: All event FEES should be paid online through Charms fee area (available starting Jan. 11)

4) Taking place February 9th – 25th: Rehearsals with accompanists for soloists, and final ensemble rehearsals

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Overview of UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest:

The Solo & Ensemble Contest has been a required event for all Frisco Band Students for many years. The focus of the contest is individual preparation and performance. Every solo and ensemble entry is adjudicated by a professional specialist on that instrument and is assessed a festival rating, with a first through fifth division rating assigned (division one being the highest). Each student is responsible for enrolling in the number of events associated with their band placement and for preparing music at the following prescribed level of difficulty: (Class I is most advanced)

Wind Symphony: Must participate in one solo **AND** one ensemble

Symphonic Band/ Wind Ensemble: Must participate in one solo* **OR** one ensemble

**Solo participation in WE and SB is contingent upon enrollment in private lessons*

Solo Literature Selection:

There are a wide variety of solos for each instrument available for purchase- *see resources below*. Solos must be approved by the student's private teacher (Ensembles are assigned by directors). ALL solo performers must use an ORIGINAL printing of the solo, which the student is expected to purchase for the performance.

Piano Accompaniment: As is the case with a vast majority of instrumental and vocal solos throughout the classical literature, most wind solos call for piano accompaniment. This aspect of the solo performance can be a very valuable educational tool for the music student and can provide a sense of stability and support in the performance setting. Accompanists are typically secured through the Frisco Band department, with highly reputable pianists in the area. The service provided by these accompanists includes their own hours of practice preparing the accompaniment, two 15-minute practice sessions with each student in the weeks prior to contest, and the performance itself on contest day.

Should a student elect to arrange an accompanist through his or her personal contacts, the name, phone number, and email of that individual must be provided for communication purposes. In addition, that individual's services cannot be monitored nor guaranteed by the band department. The student will still be responsible for turning in a numbered original of the accompaniment sheet music to the band staff.

Original accompaniment parts must be **numbered** and submitted to directors in order to hire accompanists, no later than **January 7th** (original **solo** parts are numbered and retained by students). Soloists MUST purchase and provide an original copy of the work as is required by federal copyright regulations. **Families should order original sheet music no later than Friday, Dec. 17th to ensure timely delivery.**

To order original solo sheet music with piano accompaniments, visit:

www.penders.com www.sheetmusicplus.com www.jwpepper.com www.musicarts.com

Related Fees:

- **Solo Event Entry Fee**- $12.50 per solo entry; **Piano Accompaniment Fee**- $50 per solo*
  - *Once an accompanist has been secured, this fee becomes non-refundable*
  - **Solos requiring significantly difficult accompaniments may require a higher pay rate*
- **Ensemble Entry Fee**- $12.50 per person in each ensemble (max. one ensemble entry per student)

Payments are preferred ONLINE between Jan. 11th and Feb. 1st, through the Charms fee area (click here)

If paying by check, make out to "Frisco Band" with "S & E Fees" in the subject line, and place into the Booster Deposit Box by Tuesday, February 1st.

Online Solo and Ensemble Form:

****Students must fill out the online form to be entered in the contest.**
This is due by Friday, January 7th

QR Code to access the online form (Click or scan)
Also accessible via www.friscohsband.org/forms

This page to be completed and submitted with PARENT SIGNATURE by <u>Friday, January 7th</u>

2022 FRISCO BAND SOLO & ENSEMBLE EVENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Student's Name_____ Grade_____ Instrument_____

FRISCO BAND ASSIGNMENT (circle one): WS WE SB PERC

I intend to participate in a SOLO: ☐ YES ☐ NO
Required for Wind Symphony
Solos require $50 accompanist fee, in addition to $12.50 event fee.

I intend to participate in an ENSEMBLE: ☐ YES ☐ NO
Required for Wind Symphony
Ensembles groupings and pieces are determined and assigned by directors.
<u>All ensembles members should be prepared to meet OUTSIDE of school at least once per week.</u>

I have filled out the online form for my Solo and Ensemble Information: ☐ YES (Online Form must be completed BEFORE submitting this form- please contact Mr. Simon at simond@friscoisd.org with any technical issues)

Complete the next two questions ONLY IF you are performing a solo:

I understand my PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT ORIGINAL is due Friday, January 7th: ☐ YES

My piano original will be NUMBERED neatly and I will label it with my NAME: ☐ YES

Event and Fee Acknowledgement:

I have read and understand the requirements for the Solo & Ensemble Contest to be held on Saturday, February 26th. I understand that all fees are due by February 1st.

FEES:

$12.50 Solo entry: _____

$12.50 Ensemble entry: _____

$50 Solo accompaniment: _____

Total submitted by Jan. 31st: **$**

Parent Signature

Parent's Signature_____ **Student's Signature**_____

SHOP TIL YOU DROP This HOLIDAY FOR

FRISCO HS BAND

COMMUNITY REWARDS

Click on the link provided
Login to your AmazonSmile account
Click Accounts & Lists, then on the Amazon Smile Charity ListType in
Frisco High School Band Booster Association Inc.
Available on mobile apps (renew 2 x year) and desktops, not tablets or iPads
https://smile.amazon.com

Click on the link provided, then click on menu, followed by savings/communityawards
Create an account and link to Frisco High School Band Booster Organization#LJ883
Always scan membership card at checkout
https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/

Music1st: Musicians helping Musicians and Frisco HS Band Remember to mention Frisco HS Band Boosters at the checkout whenrenting, purchasing or repairing

Click on the link provided, create an account and link to Frisco High School BandBoosters account #73537
PLEASE install the iGive button which makes ordering very simplehttps://www.igive.com

Visit your Tom Thumb store in person and sign up for Frisco HS Band BoostersInc.
Charity #9119
Scan Reward Card or cell # before paying!

Calendar Look-Ahead

Click here to visit the full-semester calendar on the Band website! Updates since July are shown in BLUE.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(11/28)	(11/29)	A (11/30) *Select Students- Recruiting Visits to Hunt MS*	1 *Select Students- Recruiting Visits to Hunt MS* *Staley Elem Tour*	A 2 *Select Students- Recruiting Visits to Hunt MS*	3 ***Wind Ensemble** Rehearsal with Percussion 7:00 – 8:30am*	4 ***5A/6A Region Band Auditions- Phase 1*** *Emerson HS*
5	A 6 ***Region Band Auditions, Phase 2*** *Memorial HS* ***Staley MS Band Holiday Concert*** *6:00pm, Staley MS*	7	A 8 ***Wind Symphony** Rehearsal with Percussion 7:00 – 8:30am* ***Hunt MS Band Holiday Concert*** *6:30pm, Frisco HS*	9 ***Region 24 9th-Grade Region Band Auditions*** *Heritage HS* *FHS Junior Ring Ceremony, 7:00 pm, Auditorium*	A 10 ***Wind Ensemble** Rehearsal with Percussion 7:00 – 8:30am* *All-Region Orchestra Clinic*	11 *Recommended ACT test date* *All-Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert*
12	13 ***Wind Symphony** Rehearsal with Percussion 7:00 – 8:30am* ***Spirit Night @ MOD Pizza***	A 14 **Frisco HS Band Holiday Concert** **7:00pm, Auditorium**	15 JAZZ BAND- JAVA JIVE CONCERT &Coffee *6:00pm, Hunt MS Café*	A 16	17 *End of 2nd nine weeks* **UIL ELIGIBILITY** **Christmas in the Park Rehearsal** **4:45 – 6:15pm**	18 **Christmas in the Park** **7:00am – 1:00pm** Fair Park, Dallas Details TBD
19 **WINTER HOLIDAY**	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26 **WINTER HOLIDAY**	27	28	29	30	31	(1/1)