Fraser High School Band Program Information

8th Grade Orientation 2022

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**Classes that are part of the daily schedule as listed in the Program of Study:**

* **Varsity Band**—9th grade only, no audition; participation in Marching Band is voluntary, but **highly recommended!**
* **Concert Band**—10th-12th grade, no audition; **required** to participate in Marching Band
* **Jazz Band**—9th-12th grade, *acceptance by audition only*; saxophones, trumpets, trombones, guitar, piano, bass guitar, drums.
* **Jazz Band auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 14, 2022.**
* **Symphony Band**—9th–12th grade, *acceptance by audition only*; **required** to participate in Marching Band
* **Symphony Band auditions are scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, and Wednesday, April 20, 2022.**

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| **Marching Band—*is not a scheduled class during the school day;*** comprised of members from Varsity, Concert, and Symphony bands, 9th through 12th grades.  \*\*\* REGISTRATION Forms will be due April 15, 2022. \*\*\*  Summer dates are as follows:   * Pre-camp: Fraser High School from July 26 – 28, 9 am – 4 pm. * Away Band Camp: Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica from Monday, August 1, to Friday, August 5, 2022. The cost of away camp is **$275.00 per student**. * Wednesday night rehearsals on August 10, 17, 24 from 5 – 9 pm * First home game is usually the last week of August (TBD). |

* Sign-up sheets will be posted for audition times.

***Color guard clinic days will be APRIL 25 & 26, and the auditions will be Wednesday, APRIL 27 (first round) and Thursday, APRIL 28 (final cuts), 2022. Clinics and auditions are from 7:00 – 9:00 pm; LOCATION TBA.***

***Drum line*** auditions will be held at the beginning of May 2022 (TBD) for the fall season. Once accepted into these groups, practices will begin at the end of June/early July and continue throughout the summer.

Once school begins in September, the Marching band will meet for practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. **AND** will include sectionals during one SMART period per week. The marching band performs for all home football games, various local parades, pep assemblies, as well as two marching competitions.

# Marching band is a graded portion of the fall semester.

**Stay informed: FHS Band Booster group email:** [fraserbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:fraserbandboosters@gmail.com)