

*** Important Dates ***

2008 - 2009

FCHS Bands

(Bold Type Indicates REQUIRED Attendance)

(Dates and Times may change)

WINTER/SPRING, 2009

Check the dates for the “Band Aide” Parent Organization meetings.

Dates for fundraising events will be announced as each event is introduced.

Specific itineraries will be provided for each off-campus event as times become available.

January, 2009

Wed.	5	Classes Begin – WELCOME BACK!
Tues.	6	Band Aides Meeting (FCHS Band Room – 7:00pm)
Thurs.	8	District Jazz Auditions at Hammond MS (Times TBA)
Mon.	12	Quarter 2 Ends
Mon.	12	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room)
Tues.	13	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Wed.	14	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	15	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Fri-Sat.	16-17	Wind Ensemble Clinic at Stuart HS (Friday Evening and All Day Saturday – Specific Times TBA)
Mon.	19	MLK Day – No School!
Tues.	20	Inauguration Day – No School!
Wed.	21	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	22	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Th-Sat.	22-24	District Jazz Festival at Hammond MS
Sat.	24	SAT Testing (Location Unknown)
Mon.	26	Teacher Workday – No School!
Tues.	27	Teacher Workday – No School!
Wed.	28	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	29	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)

Required Sectional Rehearsals begin (one hour per week for seven weeks with a hired professional clinician on their specific instrument). Each section will collectively decide which available day (Tues, Wed or Th) is best for their schedules (Winter Sports conflicts, etc.). If they cannot decide, I will decide for them. The day may also be chosen by the clinician based on their limited availability. Students **MUST** adjust their schedules to allow for themselves to attend these rehearsals! **Sectional Rehearsals DO NOT apply to Percussionists due to the structure of the Percussion Class.**

Any section that chooses to have their Sectional Rehearsal on Tuesdays will have to make adjustments as necessary for Jan. 21 or 22 due to the holiday and the inauguration, and for Jan. 28 or 29 due to the teacher workdays.

February, 2009

Sun.	1	Super Bowl Sunday!!!!!!!
Mon.	2	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room)
Tues.	3	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Tues.	3	Band Aides Meeting (FCHS Band Room – 7:00pm)
Wed.	4	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	5	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Fri-Sat.	6-7	District X Honor Band Festival at Hayfield SS
Mon.	9	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room)
Tues.	10	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Wed.	11	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	12	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Mon.	16	President’s Day – No School!
Tues-Th	17-19	Auditions for the Spring Musical (Times and Location TBD)
Tues.	17	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Wed.	18	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	19	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Sun.	22	Fairfax Wind Symphony Concert at West Springfield HS – 3:00pm
Mon.	23	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 on Stage)
Tues.	24	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Wed.	25	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Thurs.	26	Sectionals (2:30-3:30)
Sat.	28	Virginia All-Sate Band and Orchestra Auditions at JMU (Times TBA)

Musician needs for the musical will be determined during January at which time schedules and audition materials will be distributed.

This is the **last week** of **required** Sectional Rehearsals

March, 2009

Mon. 2	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 on Stage) – Dress Rehearsal
Tues. 3	Pre-Festival Band Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm (6:15pm CALL TIME for Uniforms)
Thurs. 5	FCCHS Orchestra Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm
Fri. 6	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 on Stage – If Festival is Friday evening, pizza will be provided before leaving)
Fri-Sat. 6-7	District X Band Festival at West Potomac HS (Fri. Evening and All Day Saturday – Specific Times TBA)
Th-Sat. 12-14	Orchestra Festival at Edison HS (Good Luck Orchestra!)
Fri-Sat. 13-14	Middle School Festival at Sandburg MS (Good Luck LJMS Band!)
Sat. 14	SAT Testing (Location Unknown)
Mon. 16	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room) – ATLANTA PARTICIPANTS ONLY!
Wed. 18	FCCHS Choir Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm
Thurs. 19	Mandatory Spring Trip (Atlanta) Meeting for all student participants and parents (Band Room at 7:00pm)
Thurs. 19	Band Aides Meeting (brief!) following the Atlanta meeting (approx. 7:45pm)
Fri. 20	Quarter 3 Ends
Fri-Sat. 20-21	Choir Festival (Location TBD) – Good Luck Choir!
Mon. 23	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room) – ATLANTA PARTICIPANTS ONLY!
Th-Sun 26-29	Spring Band Festival and Trip to Atlanta! (Specific Details TBA)
Sat. 28	Mid-Atlantic Guitar Festival at West Potomac High School (All Day)

April, 2009

Th-Sat. 2-4	All-State Band and Orchestra Festival (Location and Time TBD)
Fri. 3	Teacher Workday – No School!
M-F 6-10	Spring Break – No School!
Sun. 12	Happy Easter!
Mon. 20	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 in the Band Room)
Tues. 21	Outback Dinner Fundraiser with Solo & Ensemble Participant Entertainment (FCCHS Cafeteria – 7:00pm)
Sat. 25	District X Solo & Ensemble Festival at LJMS (Participants <u>MUST</u> Reserve the Entire Day – Times TBA)
Tues. 28	Band Aides Meeting (FCCHS Band Room – 7:00pm)
Th-Sat. 30-5/2	Spring Musical (musical selection unknown at the time of this printing)

All students participating at the Solo & Ensemble Festival on 4/25 are required to perform at the Outback Dinner. It serves as a Dress Rehearsal for the event.

May, 2009

Sat. 2	SAT Testing (Location Unknown)
Mon. 4	Full Band Rehearsal (2:30-4:00 on Stage) – Dress Rehearsal
Tues. 5	“Senior Night” Spring Band Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm (6:30 CALL TIME for Uniforms)
Wed. 6	Orchestra Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm
Thurs. 7	Percussion Ensemble/Guitar Ensemble and Winterguard Performance – Auditorium at 7:30pm
Sat. 9	Drum Major Auditions (FCCHS Band Room – 10:00am)
Tues. 12	Choral “Pops” Concert – Auditorium at 7:30pm
Sun. 17	Fairfax Wind Symphony Concert – 3:00pm at West Springfield HS
Thurs. 21	FCCHS Bands Awards Banquet (Time and Place TBA)
Mon. 25	Memorial Day – No School!

June, 2009

Mon. 1	Graduation (Ceremony Begins @ 1:30 – Patriot Center. Students Must Stay at FCCHS after Last Exam)
Tues. 2	Band Aides Meeting (FCCHS Band Room – 7:00pm)
Thurs. 4	Last scheduled day of regular classes
Fri. 5	Teacher Workday/Rookie Camp planning with new Marching Band Leadership
Sat. 6	“Rookie Camp” – 9:00am – 4:00pm at FCCHS; Parent Informational Meeting Afterwards
Sat. 6	SAT Testing (Location Unknown)

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER!