



# JAGUAR NOTES

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Dear New and Returning Band Members and Parents,

Here we go again, the 2010 Marching Band season is going to be here before we know it! We're all looking forward to another great start in August as the Band Clinic begins on August 16th with our "Rookie Review" (Rookies and Leadership), and an "All Call" on Tuesday, August 17th for all Marching Jags. We're looking forward to being rested and taking a fresh run at another "Honor Band" title this year. We have selected our new leadership team, have brought back most of our instructors and look forward to welcoming in any additional staff as needed.

We're very excited about this year's marching show...."*A Return to MOTOWN!*", in which we'll be taking a sampling of one of the greatest eras of pop music ever known and presenting it in a bold and fresh way.....the Jaguar Way! It will include material from The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes and The Jackson 5. There may even be a hint of Smokey Robinson present. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone.

I'm very happy to have "Doc Nix" (Dr. Mike Nickens from the GMU's "Green Machine") doing the majority of the music arranging for us this year, along with collaboration from the great Jeremy Freer. Stuart Shulman is back again creating our marching drill. Guillaume Eek and Lisa Ray (Colorguard) and John Daski (Percussion) are also returning as staff members giving us great continuity in the program. I will be in and out of the band office all summer long preparing for next season. The best way to reach me is by e-mail:

[John.Davenport@fchs.edu](mailto:John.Davenport@fchs.edu). Feel free to leave me a direct message at the Band Office: 703-207-4222, or to call my cell phone: 602-751-5365. Our Drum Major and Section Leaders will be coordinating with me over the summer trying to set up available times for students to receive any extra assistance preparing their music for the Fall. We want to make sure that everyone is fully comfortable and prepared with their music when they show up for camp in August.

The destination for the band's Spring Festival Trip is going to be **ORLANDO!** I will begin organizing the trip soon, along with our festival coordinators at Heritage Music Festivals, into what I'm sure will be a memorable experience. Once the itinerary begins to come together, I will have a better idea of what to present for a total payment, as well as installment dates. For now, it is safe to assume that the cost will be between \$575 and \$600. So, start planning to jump at those fundraising opportunities this year as they present themselves. We don't want anybody missing out on this trip!

You're receiving this newsletter in the "official" summer mailing that contains the current Handbook, Forms, calendars, music, audition material, etc. Remember that **ALL FORMS** must be on file in order for a student to participate in Band Camp activities. Please send those back in to me immediately instead of waiting for August 17th to find out that something is missing. Take care, stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer!

John Davenport  
Director of Bands—FCHS  
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## 2010 MARCHING SHOW

### *"A Return to MOTOWN!"*

INCLUDING MUSIC FROM:

*THE TEMPTATIONS,  
STEVIE WONDER,  
THE SUPREMES AND  
THE JACKSON 5*

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Advanced Band  
Students are  
Required to  
Participate in the  
Marching Band

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Drumline & Pit  
arrangements will be  
finalized and mailed  
out during the  
Summer.

**JAGUAR  
POOL PARTY!**  
SUNDAY, 8/15  
WOODLEY POOL  
2:00-6:00PM

Family Pizza Party  
and  
Band Preview  
Friday, August 27th  
6:00 PM

### FALLS CHURCH "BAND AIDES" BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## IMPORTANT BAND DATES & EVENTS

- June 30: Deadline for early payment discount of Band Fees (\$225)
- August 4: Drum Corps Show at GMU—7:00pm
- August 16: First Day of Camp for Rookies and Leadership (9am—5pm)
- August 17: "All Call" for ALL Marching Jags (9am—5pm)
- Summer Band Camp (Part 1): August 16—20 & August 23—27
- Family Pizza Party and Band Preview: Friday, August 27 @ 6:00pm
- Summer Band Clinic (Part 2): Monday (8/30) & Tuesday (8/31) - Full Band Rehearsal on the Main Field (6-9pm)
- Marching Band Rehearsals during the school year:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2:45-5:00pm  
Wednesdays (Main Field): 4:00-7:00pm
- Percussion and Color Guard Sectionals  
Mondays 2:45-5:00pm (in addition to full band rehearsals)
- Dates for Varsity Football Games (with the Band):  
September 2 and 24  
October 1, 15 (Homecoming) & 29 ("Senior Night")  
November 5 ("Bell Game")
- Dates for Weekend Marching Band Clinics/Competitions:  
September, 25  
October 2, 19 ("Doc Day"), 23, 30
- Tag Day Fundraiser (**required event**)  
Saturday, September 11, 2010
- Fall Concert with JEB Stuart High School: Wednesday, October 20, 2010
- **VIRGINIA STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, October 30, 2010 (Location and Time TBD)**
- Winter Holiday Concert with Music Department: December 14, 2010
- Wind Ensemble Clinic at JEB Stuart High School  
January 7 & 8, 2011
- Pre-Festival Concert: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
- **DISTRICT CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL—March 4 & 5, 2011**

## BAND FEES

Band Participation fees are charged to pay for the many needs of running a multifaceted band program. The fees help to pay for such expenses as guest clinicians, instruments, music, equipment, travel, competition fees, awards, band banquet, and audition fees. This year the band fee will stay at \$250. This will include the student's uniform cleaning expense, band banquet dinner, All-District Band Auditions and Solo & Ensemble costs. Everyone who had registered for the band class by the end of the 2009-10 school year and had attended the "Rookie Camp", has received information on the "Early Bird Discount" of \$225 due by June 30th. Many have taken advantage of this discount thus allowing us to cover our initial Marching Band costs. If you still have a payment to make, the full amount is \$250 (if made after June 30th) is due in full by the beginning of the Summer Band Camp for all participants on August 17, 2010. **Checks should be made out to the "FCHS Band Aides"**. Please mail all payments to Falls Church High School.

We do not wish for any student to be excluded from participation in the Falls Church Band Program. Please contact Mr. Davenport (703-207-4222) or our treasurer, Mr. Cummings

[cummingsma@aol.com](mailto:cummingsma@aol.com)

if you have any financial concerns that you feel may hold you back from participating in band.

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7521 JAGUAR TRAIL  
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042

## FUNDRAISING

The Falls Church Band Aides provide a variety of opportunities for offsetting the cost of the marching band fee. Parents are encouraged to volunteer hours at the concession stand to help the band program in the Fall at football games, as well as to help with the Tag Day fundraiser in September. We are currently looking to fill the vacated position of our "Ways and Means Coordinator". If interested in helping us to coordinate our fundraising efforts, or if you would like more information on our planned fundraising events for the year, please contact either John Davenport or Holly Williams.

FALLS CHURCH BAND OFFICE  
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## Items Needed for Band Clinic

- ♪ Comfortable Tennis or Running Shoes (no sandals, flip-flops or boots)
- ♪ Extra Reeds and Valve Oil
- ♪ Sun Tan Lotion
- ♪ Large Water Bottle/Jug (with your name on it!)
- ♪ Hat (Optional but recommended)
- ♪ Flip Folder with enough extra pages to hold each page of music independently
- ♪ Lyre (each lyre is specific to each instrument)

Bring a Lunch EACH DAY! (No one is to leave the school for lunch)

Volunteers will be helping to make sure that ALL forms are on file and that the fees have been paid in full (unless communication has been made with Mr. Davenport or Mr. Cummings discussing arrangements) in order for students to participate in the "clinic".

## SUMMER BAND CLINIC AUGUST 16—"ROOKIES" AUGUST 17—EVERYONE!

### Recommended Step-up Equipment Recommended For the Band Clinic

Clarinet	Vandoren B45 Mouthpiece with Rovner (Dark 1R) Ligature Vandoren Regular or V-12 Reeds
Alto Saxophone	Selmer C* Mouthpiece with Rovner (Dark 1R) Ligature Vandoren Reeds
Trumpet	Bach 3C Mouthpiece
Trombone	Shilke 51D Mouthpiece

Clarinets and Alto Saxophones need to have THREE PLAYABLE REEDS AT ALL TIMES! When emergencies happen, we need to be prepared. A new reed on the day of a competition can be extremely harmful to the student and to the band.

## 2010-11 MARCHING JAGUAR LEADERSHIP

### Drum Majors

Rob van Wijngaarden & Chris Nguyen

#### Flutes

Alena Gilmore

#### Clarinets

Vicenta Tran

Sterling Pino

#### Saxophones

Jonah Ortanez

#### Trumpets

Kim Gianturco

Michael Clingaman

#### Mellophones

Maggie Cullather

#### Trombones

Joneil Angeles

#### Baritones

Hayden Workman

#### Sousaphones

Mike Pumphrey

#### Percussion

Patrick Cusumano

#### Colorguard

Tisha Arnold

Cassandra Matondo

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WEB PAGE:**

[WWW.JAGUARBAND.ORG](http://WWW.JAGUARBAND.ORG)

NEARBY LOCATIONS TO  
FIND  
MUSIC SUPPLIES AND  
EQUIPMENT:

#### FOXES MUSIC

416 S. WASHINGTON ST.  
FALLS CHURCH 22046  
703-533-7393

#### MUSIC & ARTS

BAILEY'S CROSSROADS  
SHOPPING CENTER

5849 LEESBURG PIKE  
FALLS CHURCH 22041  
703-820-3610



