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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2017-18 Fairfax Marching Rebels!

Our plans for the upcoming season include the following events:

- *Home Band Camp
- *Away Camp at Orkney Springs
- *Performing at all FHS home football games
- *Competitions on Saturdays in September and October
- *Parades for Halloween, FHS Homecoming, Memorial Day, and the 4th of July

Away Camp is an integral part of the learning process as we strive to learn a large portion of our show during this time. We expect every member of the ensemble to attend.

In band, every member is vital to the ensemble—the success of the program depends on having everyone present for each and every rehearsal and performance.

Please complete your intent form and Emergency Care Form!

It is imperative we that we know the size of next year's marching band. Our show is custom-designed for our group with the drill (formations) and music tailored to each student and instrument, so an accurate count is essential.

We need a firm commitment from everyone regarding their marching band participation so that we may plan accordingly.

NEW THIS YEAR: Please complete (or submit a copy of) your [Emergency Care Form](#) PRIOR to the start of Marching Band!

Please Volunteer!

The Band Boosters are essential to the functioning and financing of our band program, and they cannot accomplish what is needed without many willing volunteers. Keep an eye on your email for news about upcoming activities and please respond to requests for volunteers. If you have questions about the boosters and would like to learn more, contact Jaimee Nygaard at FHSBandsPresident@gmail.com.

To say that I am excited about our 2017-18 ensembles would be an understatement. I look forward to this being an even better year for the Marching Rebels. Many thanks in advance for your commitment to have your child participate in the FHS Band Program!

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2017 MARCHING REBELS PAYMENTS

Marching Band Pre Season Fee

Marching Band Course Materials Fee:

Please contact Dr. Lehman if you have any questions regarding payments at jlehman@fcps.edu.

Manage Your Band Account with Charms

Charms is an online, comprehensive music program management system. Through Charms, you can access your student's finance information at any time. Families and students are expected to manage their own accounts. You will NOT receive individual payment reminders although reminders of deadlines will be included in the weekly e-mail updates.

You can also update your contact information, order uniform items or spirit wear, etc.

Go to <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>

Our school code: FCPSFairfaxHSBand (one word)

The Charms Student ID will be the same as the FCPS Student ID. (change your password after you log in the first time)

If you need your password reset or have other questions regarding your Charms account, contact Dr. Lehman.



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TENTATIVE **2017 AWAY CAMP SCHEDULE**

Friday 8/18/17:

Pack truck after band camp ends

Sunday 8/20/17:

Either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning prior to 11:00 AM, the field at Orkney needs to be lined – will need parent and student volunteers

Monday 8/21/17:

6:15 am Chaperones and bag check volunteers arrive at FHS
6:45 am Students arrive at FHS
7:00 am Begin loading buses
7:30 am Buses depart FHS
10:00 am Arrive at Orkney; unload buses, drop bags in rooms
10:30 am Group picture in front of Virginia House
11:00 am Rehearsal (drill)- soccer field
12:30 pm LUNCH – everyone brings a bag lunch
1:15 pm Small and Large Group Sectionals
3:30 pm Full Ensemble – soccer field
4:15 pm Free Time
5:30 pm DINNER - Dining Hall
6:30 pm Rehearsal – soccer field
9:00 pm Evening Activity
10:30 pm Taps; students to rooms
11:00 pm Room Checks & Lights Out

Tuesday 8/22 and Wednesday 8/23:

7:00 am REVIELLE
8:00 am BREAKFAST - Dining Hall
8:45 am Stretch/fundamental block/on-field warm up – soccer field
10:00 am Rehearsal (drill)- soccer field
12:30 pm LUNCH - Dining Hall
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5:30 pm DINNER - Dining Hall
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10:30 pm Taps; students to rooms
11:00 pm Room Checks & Lights Out

Thursday 8/24:

7:00 am REVIELLE
7:00 am pack your personal bags
8:00 am BREAKFAST - Dining Hall
8:45 am Stretch/fundamental block/on-field warm up – soccer field
10:00 am Rehearsal (drill) – soccer field
1:00 pm LUNCH - Dining Hall
2:00 pm Load truck and buses
3:30 pm Depart Orkney
6:00 pm Arrive FHS

NOTE: The daily schedule is subject to change during our stay.



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TENTATIVE 2017 MARCHING REBELS CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

6/30, 7/1, 7/3	4 th of July Parade Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 pm
7/4	Fairfax 4 th of July Parade
7/31-8/4	Percussion Camp (8:00 am-4:00 pm)
7/31-8/1	Leadership Camp (8:00 am-4:00 pm)
8/1 (Tues)	DCI Annapolis- <i>will likely affect camp release times</i>
8/2-8/4	Rookie Camp (8:00 am-4:00 pm)
8/8	New Parent Meeting- 7:00 pm
8/7-8/11	Band Camp (Full Ensemble) (8:00 am-5:00 pm)
8/12	Car Wash Fundraiser
8/14-8/18	Band Camp (Full Ensemble) (8:00 am-5:00 pm)
8/15	Volunteer Fair/Parent Preview/ Orkney Meeting (6:00 pm)
8/21-8/24	Orkney Away Camp
8/24	Rebels Reunite & Orientation
8/25	FB vs McLean, 7:00 pm (report @ 5:45 pm)
8/28	First Day of School
8/29	First Day of After School Rehearsal (3:30-6:00)
*****Rehearsals are T,W,R through 10/27*****	
9/9	Tag Day Fundraiser (8:00 am)
9/15	Homecoming Parade/ FB vs. Hayfield, 7:00 pm (report @ 5:45)
9/22	FB vs. Annandale (report @ 5:45 pm)
9/23	US BANDS Contest @ Herndon
10/6	Possible evening rehearsal (7:00 pm-9:30 pm)
10/7	BOA Delaware Contest @ Univ. of Delaware
10/9	Student Holiday, possible rehearsal day
10/13	FB vs. Robinson, 7:00 pm (report @ 5:45)
10/20	FB vs. Lake Braddock, 7:00 pm (report @ 5:45 pm)
10/21	VBODA Assessment/JMU Parade of Champions Contest/ACT
10/29	Mosby Woods Parade
11/3 or 4	MB End of Season Party