

Winter Percussion 2018 Overview

General Membership

- Students must have participated in fall marching band to be part of the group
- Those who want to march a battery drum must have participated in the fall percussion season of the same year OR the prior winter season; exceptions will be made on a case by case basis
- Everyone must audition for their spot in the group but there is no guarantee of placement.
- **All members must have access to Dropbox**
- Upon admission into the group, students/parents must sign commitment agreement and an emergency form. This is due immediately after auditions (i.e. the rehearsal following on 12/4/17).
- We expect to take: 2-4 snares, 1-3 tenors, 4-6 cymbals, 5 basses, 6-8 mallets, 1 drum set, 2-3 auxiliary, 2-3 keyboards, 1 bass guitar, and 1 electric guitar.
- Any issues can be directed to Jake (JakeNTuttle@gmail.com | 916-247-7323)

Program Expenses

- This program is entirely funded through fundraising efforts and donations
- This year, we are asking that the students contribute **\$300**
- This helps to cover music, uniform, food, equipment, competition fees, instruction and more. Estimates are below:

Percussion Budgeting				
Expenses	Winter		Revenues	Winter
Battery Equipment and Maintenance	2000		Student Contributions (30 Winter)	9000
Front Ensemble Equipment and Maintenance	2000		Instructor Fees (Booster Contributed)	4000
Investments	1500		Pumpkin Festival	1000
Competition Fees and Music	1500		Tritip Dinner	2000
Props/Carts Materials and Supplies	800		Total Revenues	16000
Staff Fees	4000		Net Revenue for Program	500
Uniform	2500			
Shoes (students responsible for purchasing)	0			
T-shirt	500			
Miscellaneous	700			
Total Expenses	15500			
Cost Per Student (30 Winter Members)	516.67			

- The student contribution goals are broken into due dates as follows:
 - Monday - January 8th - \$100 due
 - Monday - February 5th - \$100 due
 - Monday - March 5th - \$100 due
- Note that for students who do not have our black marching shoes, you are responsible for ordering the shoes prior to the first show. A link is on our website, they run about \$35. Shoes must be on hand by mid-January. There may be old black shoes available, check with Mrs. Florez.
- Cost should never be the reason as student does not join the group, however, each student needs to let the caption head know of any issues of this nature before the season progresses.

Student Expectations

- Attend all rehearsals with minimal truancies
- Remember that practice begins at a set time, this means that we need to be ready to play by that time.
- Attendance to Saturday rehearsals and shows is mandatory; let us know of potential conflicts as early as possible
- Remember, everyone in the program has academic and personal commitments, don't put ahead of the others'.
- Students are expected to communicate directly to staff for any issues that arise
- Never use social media as a place to discuss other groups in a negative fashion
- Cell phones should never be used during practice unless on a break. Period. That means print your music, don't use a phone.
- Franklin students are expected to display sportsmanship to all peers
- Wear appropriate clothing at all times and be prepared for rehearsal. No slides/flip flops or tight clothing.
- Bring a water bottle with you and eat prior to rehearsal as well.
- Treat your peers, the facilities, the staff and the equipment with respect; there is zero tolerance for disrespect in our ensemble.
- Behavior in other areas of the music program can affect your position in the group. Please maintain a professional attitude in all areas of the music program (and in all activities in general).

Required Materials

- 3-ringed binder with plastic sheets for music
- Pencil to make changes as needed
- Water bottled to stay hydrated
- Small notebook or binder paper sheets in your binder
- Metronome
- Practice pad (battery) and sticks/mallets
- Ear plugs (recommended) – we have a few pairs of Earasers left if anyone would like to purchase

Season Progression

- **Workshops** – There are a several workshops that students have the opportunity to attend (see the attached schedule). These are critical for learning about the season, expectations, technique and skills needed for success.
- **Auditions** – Students will audition for their desired instrument(s) on November 29th (from 5-9pm). Specifics will be discussed at the workshops but in general will test the proficiency of students on fundamental music and marching skills.
- **Regular Rehearsals** – Generally Mon/Wed through most of the season from 6-9pm. Also, on the week of a competition, we will hold a brief rehearsal from 5-8pm with the last hour+ used to load the trailer.
- **Saturday Rehearsals** – These are crucial to our success as they will be some of the rare days we have with gym time and without a long day of school that precedes practice.
- **Competitions** – We have 5 competitions beginning in February. Students involved in other activities must be present for all Saturday rehearsals and competitions including time for warmup.

Parents

- You are a vital part of this units success far beyond the financial elements
- This program requires hard work that will be tiring and at times stressful; however, this is life and nothing truly great comes without work and sacrifice. We ask you to help support your child and see through their commitment to the ensemble.
- If grades become an issue, please talk with us before pulling your child out of the group. This is a team activity and when we lose one member, it can be devastating to the Ensemble.
- Please be patient with the staff with rehearsal time ends. Although we aim to have the kids out by 9pm, we also have to utilize as much of the rehearsal time as possible and cleanup often takes 10-15 minutes. When we begin getting gym time, we likely will not have the room and gym cleaned up until about 10-15 minutes after 9.
- We need chaperones and volunteers for many parts of the season including uniform construction, helping bring the students to/from shows and assisting with activities during show days. Please volunteer where possible.
- We may need a team of parents to help sew and assemble uniforms; this helps us save immensely on costs.
- **All volunteers must be fingerprinted with the District and if driving must have completed the auto-usage form(s).**
- Lastly, please make sure you are on our email list. This is where important updates are given out.
- Once the group is set, permission slips will be sent out; students cannot attend events unless this is completed and returned.
- Please help to keep your children healthy during the season...sicknesses tends to spread quickly in these groups!
- In order to keep costs down, we will seek donations (monetary and in-kind) to supply the kids with food at the competitions.

Important Notes

- Students who are involved in other activities that either conflict with M/W or Saturday rehearsals MUST disclose this to us ahead of time. They will be required to find all date conflicts prior to admission to the group.
- Students who have conflicts on show days must be at the show site 2 hours prior to the performance time or they may be unable to perform. This is simply to ensure that all team members are not affected by others' commitments.
- Section leads are to be respected as staff members but should a conflict arise please let staff know of the issue.
- We ask that battery members and mallet players meet weekly for a sectional to solidify concepts learned during rehearsal.
- Individual preparation is the key to success in the group; not having music memorized or failing to complete the assigned work may result in dismissal from the Ensemble.
- There is a Facebook group that students can be added to for quick updates and reminders. Just search for "Franklin HS Percussion 2017-2018" and request to be added
- Since not all students have Facebook, we will also send out important information via cell phone All updates come through the same phone number, listed below. Sign up information is below.
 - To sign up, text "@wintermemb" to 81010
 - Please register with your real name...otherwise it becomes difficult to manage the list
 - You will receive a confirmation text which will ask for your name.
 - There is no cost outside of whatever your plan is for text messages.

Code of Conduct Member Agreement

I, _____, understand what it takes to be a member of this ensemble not only financially but also individually. I understand that I am responsible for any damages to equipment, uniform or other property of the FHS Music Department that result from my misuse of said items. I understand that I must adhere to the event calendar given to me and make every effort to be at every rehearsal and every competition and not schedule family trips, doctor's appointments, SAT's and other activities on these dates. I understand that being a part of this Ensemble means that I am to act as a mature young adult and I must manage my time between, school, work and this activity. I understand that in public and online I represent the reputation of the organization and I must do so in a proper manner. I understand what it takes to be prepared for every rehearsal and I will always be prepared musically, physically, and mentally for rehearsal. I will have all of the required items for each rehearsal and will use my time at rehearsal effectively. I understand that I am to show respect to my peers and instructors at all times. I will follow the lead given to me by staff and section leads and should a conflict arise I will work with staff to resolve it. I understand that I am making a large time commitment by joining and am prepared to make the sacrifice and will maintain a strong work ethic through the entirety of the season.

Member (Print): _____

Member (Signature): _____

Parent Acknowledgment (Print) _____

Parent Acknowledgment (Signature) _____

Date: _____

(Please turn this in upon your admission to the Ensemble)

FHS Winter Percussion Student/Parent Information Sheet

Student:

Name _____ Best Phone _____

Email (if not on Dropbox): _____

Primary Parental Contact

Name _____ Best Phone _____

Email (if not getting band emails): _____

Are there any medical issues that we should be aware of regarding your child?

No Yes; Please explain _____

Are you able to meet the funding goals below by direct donation or via fundraising?*

**Reminder, students without the black marching shoes will need to purchase a pair via the link on the Drumline page of the band website (FranklinHSBand.Net)*

- \$100 due by Monday, January 8th
- \$100 due by Monday, February 5th
- \$100 due by Monday, March 5th

Yes No but I will aim to contribute _____

Do you plan on bringing your child to/from all competitions? No Yes

Are you able to volunteer to help carpool students to competitions? No Yes

Planning on traveling during spring break (3/24-4/1)? If yes, what dates? No Yes

Does your child plan on participating in any activities from now until April 7 that would conflict with the winter schedule? If so, please detail below. No Yes
