

## Greetings!

Dear Franklin County High School Band Family,

I am pleased to introduce myself as the incoming band director for the 2018-2019 School Year, my name is Mr. Christopher Sampson, and I currently live in Athens, GA with my fiancé Annalise. I am originally from Boca Raton, FL, where I received my Bachelor's in Music Education from Florida Atlantic University in 2016. I have taught music to every grade level, with my most recent experience as the music teacher at Fowler Drive Elementary School

I am truly honored to be a part of the FCHS Community, and I am looking forward to meeting all the talented musicians, band families, fellow faculty, and community members.

While I know transitions of any kind can be difficult, I am asking for your assistance to make this one as smooth as possible. Along with this letter your student has received a band commitment form, this form gives me a better idea of those intending to participate in the coming school year, and allows me to communicate important information to you before the school year begins. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address listed below.

High expectations and successful musicianship are a core part of the FCHS Band tradition that I will strive to continue. In this time of transition, it is most important to focus on a common goal: excellent performance. While we don't know much about each other yet, I look forward to meeting every one of you and seeing how we can all contribute to shared musical success.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of music and the FCHS Band program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [chris.sampson@franklin.k12.ga.us](mailto:chris.sampson@franklin.k12.ga.us).

Musically,  
Christopher Sampson

# Franklin County High School

## Marching Band Camp Packing List

### 2018



Band camp will involve lots of time outside in the heat, on a parking lot! We will also have lots of fun, but in order to have fun we need to stay safe. The best ways to stay safe include eating breakfast and drinking lots of water both during the day and night. Additionally, please bring the following items to be the most prepared.

### **Clothing**

- Shorts are required, please see FCHS dress code for appropriate length.
- T-Shirts or Tank Tops are recommended, longer sleeves are warm; but Shirts must stay on!
- Tennis shoes or running shoes are best for this activity. Flat shoes or basketball shoes do not provide the proper support for your feet and ankles, additionally, thin socks will lead to blisters.
- Sunglasses and/or a hat are recommended.

### **Other Items**

- Sunscreen, minimum SPF 30. Apply early, apply often.
- Insulated water jug, minimum 1/2 gallon. Coleman and Igloo brands are easily found.
- Pencils, mechanical preferred.
- A packed lunch with snacks. Avoid overly salty or sugary items when possible.
- Any and all equipment: flags, instruments, mouthpieces, reeds, sticks, etc.
- A positive attitude!

### **Stay Connected**

*Please check these periodically for any updates. Information will be first sent out via Remind and shortly updated elsewhere.*



Facebook: "Franklin County High School Bands"



Instagram: @fchsbands



Website: fchsbands.net



Remind: Text "@fchsbands3" to 81010 to sign up for reminder messages

## Fall 2018 Marching Band Schedule

<b>July</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
20	Band Camp Prep (Leadership Only)	FCCHS	9:00am-3:00pm
23-27	Band Camp (All)	FCCHS	9:00am-5:00pm
<b>August</b>			
July 30-3	Band Camp (All)	FCCHS	8:00am-6:00pm
7	Post Camp (All)	FCCHS	4:00-8:00pm
9	Post Camp (All)	FCCHS	4:00-8:00pm
10	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL		
13	Fall Band Parent Meeting	FCCHS	6:00pm
14	Tues/Thurs Rehearsals Begin	FCCHS	3:45-6:00pm
17	Vs. Stephens County	FCCHS	7:30pm
24	Vs. Banks County	FCCHS	7:30pm
<b>September</b>			
7	@ Habersham Central	Away	7:30pm
14	@ North Oconee	Away	7:30pm
28	Vs. Jefferson	FCCHS	7:30pm
29	Bowden Invitational Competition	Bowden HS	All Day
<b>October</b>			
5	Vs. Morgan County (HOMECOMING)	FCCHS	7:30pm
8-9	STUDENT HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL		
10-12	FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL		
12	@ East Jackson	Away	7:30pm
19	Vs. Jackson County (SENIOR NIGHT)	FCCHS	7:30pm
20	Lake Hartwell Marching Competition	Hart County HS	All Day
26	@ Hart County	Away	7:30pm
<b>November</b>			
2	@ Monroe Area HS	Away	7:30pm

\*\*Please note there may be changes to this schedule. Updates will be posted on the band website ([fchsbands.net](http://fchsbands.net)) and sent out via Remind