What is MARCHING BAND?

Marching band at CFHS is an awesome activity that will teach your child perseverance, musicianship, teamwork, and will also keep them fit! It is a place for all kids, all talent levels, and all backgrounds. Your marcher will learn and have fun being part of something bigger than themselves.

The CFHS marching band program has also been a place for generations of parents and caregivers. Volunteering through the Band Boosters is a great way to give back and have fun!

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Band Boosters: A dedicated group of parent, grandparent, and caregiver volunteers who support the band program and all the band students!

Bibbers: The overall-style pants worn as part of the full uniform.

Choreo: Short for choreography - the movements the marchers learn for the field show. Also, what you'll see your child doing in the kitchen or down the hall!

Color Guard: Marching band students who perform with beautiful flags, wooden rifles, and marching band sabers instead of instruments. Guard adds a visual element that helps interpret the music and tell the story of the marching show.

Concert Season: Begins after marching season and continues into 2nd semester. The students learn and perform concerts.

Dot: A marcher's assigned location on the field at any given moment of the field show.

Drum Line: The percussionists who play drums they wear while marching on the field

Drum Majors: 4 students who conduct and keep the tempo during marching practices and performances; they work closely with the band directors

Field Show: The amazing show the marching band learns and performs at football games and competitions!

Full Uniform: White tee, black shorts, long black socks, marching shoes, black bibbers, jacket, gauntlets, shako, plume, gloves

Gauntlets: Arm covering worn over the uniform jacket, at the wrist. Percussion/pit do not wear gauntlets.

Lyre/Flip book: The lyre is a little gold music holder that attaches to many instruments and holds the flip book - a small book of sheet music.

Marching Season: Begins with band camp in July and ends around Halloween

Pit: The musicians who play the xylophones, drums, and other stationary percussion instruments arranged in the front of the field during the marching show.

Pit Crew: Parent volunteers who help the students move props and the drum major podiums up to the field.

Plume: The feather that goes into the front of the shako. "Pluming" is what Band Booster volunteers do just before the band performs.

Practice Attire: Marchers wear a white shirt and black shorts, and sturdy shoes. Color guard wears a pink or red tee, black shorts, and sturdy shoes.

RSB: The woman, the myth, the legend: Renee Shane Boyd, our band director!

Section Leaders: Also called Student Leaders - the middle management of the band! Section Leaders help teach new marchers and facilitate communication.

Shako: The special hat most musicians wear as part of the marching uniform. Note that tuba players wear a beret and pit/percussion players do not wear a hat.