

FMA Newsletter



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Notes from the President

Dear Fremd Music Families,

If you're not familiar with FMA, allow me to introduce the organization. We are the Fremd High School Music Association.

We're an all volunteer group. Annually, we volunteer thousands of hours of our time, benefiting every student in the music program. We host receptions after all the music department concerts. We run choir, orchestra, and band tuxedo & dress fittings. When the music department plans a trip, there's an FMA volunteer intimately involved with logistics and record keeping. We help organize the marching band, providing organization and leadership, paint props, and maintain 100 uniforms. We also chaperone dozens of music trips every year.

FMA provides money to allow our kids to go to outside music festivals to compete and get coaching to improve. We help the music department bring in professional clinicians and judges for solo & ensemble (band and choir) and chamber night (orchestra). We help fund ArtsFest (a fun week of music performances and art demonstrations). This year we're contributing to the competitive extracurricular Show Choir for music and choreography. We fundraise to pay for new instruments and music. Our financial assistance to the music program annually is around \$40,000. We also help individual students (through their efforts) raise ~\$25,000 for department trips, and we help the extracurricular Viking Marching Band pay for its \$25,000+ season.

The money is important, but for me the people side is much more rewarding. Every month we celebrate this group and all the great things we do. Last year we had about 130 alumni, family, staff, and community members in our organization at all different levels of commitment. Already a member? Pat yourself on the back. Not a member yet? There's a membership form in the back of this newsletter. Please print it out and consider joining at whatever level you're comfortable.

We've got a couple big fund raisers - our annual Floral Design Showcase in November (I know, a flower show... but seriously you should consider coming - it's fantastic - student performers, local business, tons of fun) and a trivia night in March (over 200 people attended last year). I host a table for new parents - please email me if you'd like to be on my team - couples and singles welcome - no one turned away. It's a great opportunity to meet people involved in the music program.

We've got a ton going on, so there is always room for more volunteers. If you want to get involved, we can use you - I promise. Please consider coming to a meeting and finding out what we're about. Our next one is Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm in the band room.

Welcome to an exciting year!

Rob Coleman

Fremd Music Supporter

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p.s. - like us on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/FremdMusicAssociation> and check out the FMA webpage - <http://fremdmusic.org>



Band Notes

Dear FMA Band Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start with our five symphonic bands at Fremd High School. **Welcome to all of our seventy new “Freshmen” band families that have just joined FMA and the Music Department!** This fall our band program consists of 250 students enrolled in five separate bands – Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony. This year also marks the eleventh consecutive year of having 250 or more students in the Fremd Band program! We have much planned for this year and are excited about our upcoming performances and events. Please visit our new Fremd Band website at: <http://fremdbands.weebly.com/>

The Viking Marching Band is off to a great fall season! The VMB’s fall production is entitled “Pandora’s Box” and features many familiar classical music favorites (“Swan Lake”, “In the Hall of the Mountain King”, and “Mars”). The 115 students of the VMB have been working very hard and we are impressed with the progress of the show. This fall the VMB will travel to perform at Stagg HS, Wheeling HS, Andrew HS, Lincoln-Way Central HS, and Illinois State University. Our first show will be at the September 9th home football game - please come out and support the band at a home football game or one of the competitions. Thank you very much to all of the FMA parents that will assist with the VMB throughout the fall season!

On Monday September 12th we will present our “Fall Band Concert” featuring all five symphonic bands performing a wide variety of band music and styles. The concert is free and will be held at 7:00 pm in the Fremd Cafeteria. We are very proud to be able to present a full symphonic concert this early in the school year. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to the Band students recently selected for the Fremd Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at the ILMEA All-State Conference this January in Peoria, Illinois. Our “jazz season” officially starts in November, however the band will have some evening rehearsals in the fall. Auditions for the Jazz Lab Band will occur in late October for interested students. The directors will pass out audition packets around the second week of October. More info will be posted on the Fremd Jazz Bands website: <http://fremdbands.weebly.com/jazz-bands.html>

Information pertaining to our Winter Break Florida Trip (Disney World and Outback Bowl) will be emailed home this week. Our new itinerary and flight information will be included. We are hoping to soon confirm on our evening rehearsal dates and final student/parent meeting date. Thank you to our 80 students and 12 parent chaperones going on the trip!

In our Band program we are very fortunate to have nine professional musicians teaching private lessons at FHS (\$22.00 per 25 minute lesson). If your son or daughter is not currently taking private lessons please consider our staff of talented instructors. Contact information and biographies for all instructors can be found on the FHS Band website: <http://fremdbands.weebly.com/>

We look forward to another great year of music making and performances. Thank you for your support and please continue to be active in your student’s musical endeavors and the Fremd Music Association!

Sincerely,

Mr. Moore, Mr. Figlewicz, and Mr. Teichert

Band Directors



Choir Notes

Hello Choir Families,

I hope you enjoyed the summer! We are having a fantastic start to the year in Fremd Choir!

The first concert is quickly approaching and will feature all of the choirs and orchestras. The dress rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 7 in the cafeteria. Each choir will rehearse individually in time slots. Students only need to come for their choir's time:

6:45-7:05 PM- Treble Choir

7-7:30 PM- Men's Chorale

7:25-7:55 PM- Viking Chorale

7:50-8:20 PM- AWC

8:15-9 PM- Chamber Singers

The concert is on Thursday, September 8 at 7 PM in the Fremd cafeteria. Students should arrive at 6:15 PM in uniform to the choir room. Please verify that your student has all of the uniform components for performances.

Treble Choir- Long Black Skirt (provided), Green Blouse (provided), black closed-toe dress shoes

Men's Chorale- Choir Robe (provided), black pants, black collarless shirt that will not show above the stole (collar) of the robe, black closed-toe dress shoes

Viking Chorale- Choir Robe (provided), black pants/skirt, black collarless shirt that will not show above the stole (collar) of the robe, black closed-toe dress shoes

Advanced Women's Choir and Chamber Singers Girls- Black Gown (provided), black closed-toe dress shoes, pearls (student purchase)

Chamber Singers Boys- Black Tuxedo (provided), black dress shoes and black socks, Tuxedo Shirt (student purchase)

Thank you to Jill Rukstales for coordinating the uniform fittings!

The 3 a cappella groups completed their auditions and have regular rehearsals on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. Perfect Harmony and Audial Sunshine will rehearse from 7-8:30 PM and Men's A Cappella will rehearse from 7:30-9 PM. Please see the complete calendar on the choir website if your student is involved in a cappella.

We hope to continue the success from the inaugural season in competitive showchoir this year! Soundscape Showchoir will consist of freshman through senior girls and boys. They will learn a set of five songs for their competition show, work with professional choreographers, wear costumes, and participate in the Variety Show and 4 competitions in February/March. **All music students are eligible to audition for showchoir! Come join the fun!**

The audition consists of 3 days for all students: 1 dance learning session (9/13), 1 individual vocal audition (9/14), and 1 group dance audition (9/15). The dance learning session will be on Tuesday, September 13 from 8-9 PM in Room 17. On this evening, students will learn the movement routine. The dance audition will be on Thursday, September 15 from 8-9:30 PM. For the dance audition, students will perform the routine in smaller groups. Students will be released once they have auditioned in a small group but everyone should plan to be at the dance audition for the entire time.

Individual vocal auditions will be on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30-9:30 PM. Students will need to sign-up for one vocal audition time on the choir board in Room 17. Vocal auditions will consist of students preparing a short (verse+chorus) excerpt from a contemporary style of music (pop, jazz, country, R &B, or musical theater). Students must sing with an accompaniment track this year. Many songs have karaoke tracks that you can find online or on Youtube. Students should bring their IPAD or other device to play the track. The first rehearsal/meeting is after school at the end of October, after most fall activities end. Please check out the website for the audition packet and complete calendar: <http://fremdchoirs.weebly.com/activities.html>

I will also be looking for instrumentalists for the showchoir combo at the beginning of November (piano, drumset, bass guitar, lead/rhythm guitar, trumpets, trombones, sax). This is a fun way to play contemporary music in a small group, similar to a rock band atmosphere. More information will be distributed later.



Choir Notes *continued*

We have voice teachers offering private lessons at Fremd. If your son or daughter is not currently taking lessons, you can contact the teachers directly by email. Their information and biographies are on the choir website. <http://fremdchoirs.weebly.com/voice-lessons.html>

We are currently rehearsing for the musical production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Performances will be on October 20, 22, 28 and 29. It's going to be a reat show involving many music students onstage, backstage, and in the pit.

Chamber Singers students will be auditioning for the Illinois Music Educators Association District and All-State Choirs on Thursday, October 6. Students will take a bus from Fremd right after school to Crystal Lake South for these auditions. More information will be sent out soon through the weekly email newsletters.

I will be announcing the next choir trip this year for travel during spring break in 2018 (March 26-29, 2018). Stay tuned, I am very excited about this trip! All fundraising money through FMA can be used toward showchoir fees and the next trip.

I am looking forward to a year of memorable musical experiences! For the most updated calendar of rehearsals and performances, be sure to check out the choir website: <http://fremdchoirs.weebly.com/> and read the weekly email newsletters. All assignments will be posted on students' Schoology pages and grades will be updated in Infinite Campus.

Thank you for your support of choir and the Fremd Music Association!

Christina Collins
Choir Director
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FREMD ORCHESTRAS

Concert | Philharmonic | Chamber | Symphony

Upcoming Events

9/1 (Thurs) Open House
9/7 (Wed) Dress Rehearsal
9/8 (Thurs) Collage Concert
9/9 (Fri) Caramel Apple Sale #1
9/14 & 15 Girls uniform fittings

Volunteers needed!

URGENT NEED:

- Coordinator for Girls uniform fittings (training available) - daytime availability needed
- Video recording - we need a parent volunteer to video record each of our orchestra concerts. Right now, we have a band parent who is recording all of our orchestra concerts.

Interested in filling these needs? Please contact Mrs. Caballero (mcaballero@d211.org)

Did you know?

The D211 Orchestra program was born in 1980 with one combined orchestra on the south end of the district between CHS, SHS, and HEHS and one orchestra on the north end: PHS & FHS Combined. Now, in 2016, there are 17 orchestras between the 5 buildings.



First Concert THIS week!

Here's what you need to know for the **dress rehearsal**-

1. Students do not need to dress up.
2. Rehearsal will be in the cafeteria.
3. Please be on time!

Dress Rehearsal Schedule:

- 4:30 - Set-up crew
- 5 - 5:30 Concert Orchestra
- 5:30 - 5:55 Philharmonic Orchestra
- 5:55 - 6:20 Chamber Strings
- 6:20 - 6:45 Symphony Orchestra

Concert Dress for Thursday:

- Girls - Returning students, wear uniform; new students to Fremd, wear all black - dress pants, dress shirt, black dress shoes (close toe), black nylons
- Guys - Tux jacket and cummerbund (supplied by school); Students need to purchase - wing tip collared white tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black dress pants, black dress socks, black dress shoes

Call times for Thursday:

- 6:15 All Orchestras meet in Band room
- 7:00 pm Concert Begins (in the student cafeteria)





Resources

Did you know that Fremd Music has a YouTube channel? Check out videos from years past: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FremdMusic>

How to make the most of your practice time: <http://tinyurl.com/EffectivePractice>

Fremd Orchestra Handbook: <http://tinyurl.com/FHSOrchestraHandbook>

www.bulletproofmusician.com - a great website for helping overcome performance anxiety and other AMAZING tips for musicians

Want to support local professional and youth orchestras? Looking for a concert to attend? Check out:

- www.cso.org
- www.eso.org
- <https://cyso.org>
- <https://mya.org/>
- <http://www.schaumburyouthorchestra.org/>

Have a question? Would you like more information about a topic? Email Mrs. Caballero and she'll try to include it in the next newsletter (mcaballero@d211.org)

Spring Break Trip - did you miss the meeting Monday night? Please email Mrs. Caballero and I will send you the information. (mcaballero@d211.org). **Trip deposits are due 9/15.**

Technique Classes have started this week. You can find the schedule here: <http://tinyurl.com/TechClassSchedule>

Parent Volunteers are needed for this year! There are many opportunities for you to get involved. I will be sending out a separate email with links for you to sign up to volunteer. Thank you, in advance for considering how you can help out this year!

What is the Fremd Music Association? Learn more about this amazing group of parents and what they do to support ALL of our music students: http://www.fremdmusic.org/_docs/FMA-MembershipForm.pdf

Interns - we have 3 student interns working with the orchestras this year and have been doing a great job already this year: Sarah Akutsu, Andres Carrero, Ben Mathew. The students in Concert and Philharmonic Orchestras have already benefitted from having the interns working with them. Be looking for them to do some conducting at future concerts.

Fundraisers - we will have many different opportunities for you to raise funds for your student account housed by FMA. To learn more, please check out the information on the FMA website: <http://wp.fremdmusic.org/fundraising>

In School Private Lessons & FMA In-need Scholarship: <http://wp.fremdmusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/FMA-Scholarship-Application-2016-2017.pdf>

Below are some great pictures from our **Orchestra Orientation Night** (thanks, for the pics, Andrew S. Hwang!) Special thanks to the Orchestra executive board for running the fun activities for the freshmen!!



Band Camp 2016



FMA Cookie Dough Sale - ORDERS DUE 14SEP

Your students hit the ground running this year for the FMA cookie dough sale. An incentive was given to them to sell a minimum of 6 boxes in the first 24 hours. If they successfully reported this - they will receive a Bluetooth Shower Speaker. FMA had 64 students were able to take advantage of this. Some sold 20 boxes the first day. Thats over \$100 toward their student fund. WOW!

This is a great opportunity to add to student accounts before your next trip. You need to turn in your sheets and money durig music class on Wednesday September 14th. There will be a table in the music hallway to turn in your orders. I will try to double check the orders, the money, and information during the period so that we can verify any errors right away.

Incentives:

- Every box of dough you sell will put \$6.00-\$8.00 into your student account. Whether you travel this year or next - this account is there to help you fund your way.
 - You will receive one free box of cookie dough for every 15 that you sell. Make sure to mark your cookie choice in the Prize Box
- You could be one of the top students who sell the most cookie dough and will receive a gift card.

Reminders:

- Double check your orders and collected money
- Please make sure your name, music teacher, and class period are on your order form.
- Please put money in an envelope w/your name and attach to your order form - paper-clipped, stapled, etc.

Make the checks payable to FMA. If your parents are able, please have them write a check for any cash you have collected.

Cookie Dough will be delivered for pickup on Friday, October 7th after school. An email reminder will be sent out prior.

If you have any questions - please contact me at either cookies@swensonfamily5.com or 847-668-2015

Scott Swenson





Why is FMA Always Asking Me for Money?

It's back-to-school time, and you have probably noticed several "FMA Fundraiser" emails and notices. We're not trying to drain your checking account – each fundraiser has a specific purpose and is targeted at a different audience. Here's a guide:

Membership

Your membership contribution goes toward FMA's general budget. This is how we pay for the many things we provide for the music students: special instructors, guest clinicians, contest entry fees, hospitality after concerts, new instruments, music, scholarships to provide lessons for students with financial need, etc.

Events: Floral Design Showcase (11/1/16) and Trivia Night (3/10/17)

These events also raise money for FMA's general budget – and allow you to have fun and meet other music supporters at the same time!

Student Trip Accounts

We are pleased to offer music students the opportunity to raise money through product sales to offset the cost of band/choir/orchestra trips, and approved VMB and Soundscape expenses. Students can sell products to friends and neighbors, taking some of the burden off of your wallet! Cookie dough, caramel apples, Manna gift cards, Thirty-One Gifts, and poinsettias are all available at various times this fall, and we will offer more fundraisers second semester depending on interest and volunteer availability. We do this as a service to the students; FMA does NOT receive any profit from these fundraisers - it all goes directly to the student accounts. Participation in these fundraisers is always optional.

If you have any questions about FMA fundraising or the use of Student Trip Account funds, please contact fremdmusicfundraising@gmail.com.

Floral Design Showcase
11/1

Trivia Night
3/10/17

Manna Fundraising

The Manna Fundraising program is a quick and easy way to earn money for your musician. Gift cards are purchased at a discount from The Manna Group and sold to you at face value earning your musician the difference. There are over 300 stores to choose from. Do you shop at any of these places? Jewel, Mariano's, Shell, Mobil, Target, Walmart, Macy's, Chili's, Starbucks or Subway? From groceries, to gas, to restaurants, to clothing stores, you'll find a store on the list you shop at. Consider this, FMA families have earned nearly \$8,000 since beginning Manna in March 2015. One family has earned over \$1,100 by getting their neighbors, co-workers and family involved. Below is an example of an actual family order. The order was \$365 and the family earned \$18.80 that week. Consider earning \$15 - \$20 every week. In one year, you could earn on average \$700.

Gift Card	Amount ordered	Profit earned
Barnes & Noble \$10	\$ 20	\$ 1.80
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25 BONUS	\$ 25	\$ 2.00
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	\$ 50	\$ 3.00
Mariano's Fresh Market \$100	\$ 200	\$ 8.00
Shutterfly \$25	\$ 25	\$ 2.25
Starbucks \$10	\$ 10	\$ 0.70
Subway \$10	\$ 10	\$ 0.30
Subway \$25	\$ 25	\$ 0.75
TOTAL	\$ 365	\$ 18.80

If you are interested in learning more, please sign up by emailing Sue Lech at s.lech@comcast.net with the following information.

Last Name

Child's Name

Class (band, choir or orchestra)

Address

Phone number (to contact you with questions regarding the order and update delivery information)

Email address (to receive weekly updates and order reminders)

Sue





Girls Night Out

at

charming
charlie

Girls of all ages are invited for a
VIP evening of shopping
Sunday, September 18th
6PM – 8PM

Join *Soundscape Showchoir*
from Fremd High School for an Exclusive VIP Party
Charming Charlie will donate 10% of all purchases to the Show Choir Team

Bring your Homecoming Dress.
Consultants will be on hand to help you find the
accessories that give you that *perfect* look!

Charming Charlie
The Arboretum of South Barrington
100 W. Higgins Road
South Barrington, IL 60010





- ✓ FMA is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that supports the musical activities and music education of the students at Fremd.
- ✓ Over the last two years, FMA raised and provided direct financial support to the Fremd music department to meet the following needs and requests:
 - Musical Instructors, clinicians, and guest conductors -- \$13,900
 - New Instruments -- \$13,000
 - Hospitality -- \$7,000
 - Scholarships -- \$4,900
 - Sheet music & recording fees -- \$4,300
 - Festival / Competition Registration fees -- \$4,100
 - Other equipment -- \$4,000
- ✓ Students were provided opportunities to raise money to fund music department trips – raising over \$39,000.
- ✓ FMA also assists with trip planning, Arts Fest, Concerto/Aria Concert, concert uniforms, Jazz and Java Concert, Viking Marching Band, and chaperoning trips & events.
- ✓ Please consider joining FMA by filling out the form on the next page

**FREMD MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

Membership Form

Your FMA contribution is used to directly fund programs at FHS!

If your employer offers a matching gift program, please include matching gift forms when making your donation.

STEP 1 – MEMBER INFORMATION

Name	<i>Please print your name(s) as you wish it to appear in our concert programs.</i>
E-mail address	<i>Preferred for sending newsletters / tax letters and for contacting volunteers</i>
Mailing Address	
Phone	

Student or Alumnus Name	Grade Level / Graduation Year <i>(please circle or write in year)</i>					Music Affiliation <i>(circle all that apply)</i>		
		Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior		Band	Choir
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior		Band	Choir	Orchestra
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior		Band	Choir	Orchestra
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior		Band	Choir	Orchestra

STEP 2 – CONTRIBUTION LEVEL

Contributors will be recognized in all music department concert programs.

\$	Diamond (\$500 and up)
\$	Platinum (\$100 - \$499)
\$	Gold (\$50 - \$99)
\$	Green (\$25 - \$49)
\$	Supporter (\$10 - \$24)
\$	Alumnus (\$10)
\$	Additional donation to (please circle) Band Choir Orchestra

STEP 3 – VOLUNTEER INFORMATION	STEP 4 – PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND INCLUDE
Volunteering is a great way to learn more about FMA and meet people. Please indicate area of interest. <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Special skills (e.g. accounting, audio / video editing, sewing, trip coordination, fund raising, hospitality)	1. Checks payable to Fremd Music Association 2. Matching gift form from your employer if applicable. FMA is a 501(c)(3) educational and charitable organization. 3. Mail to: Fremd Music Association c/o Kim Piotrowski 938 S. Mallard Ct. Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-3891 - jk.piotrowski@sbcglobal.net