Farmington High School Band Program Newsletter June 2022 Volume 2, Issue 2



# **Band Notes**

# It's a year that we'll never forget!

The 2021-2022 school year has been much more normal... thank goodness! Our students were able to participate in all of the usual events including having the marching band state finals back at good old St. George and in person all state band concerts, solo and ensemble, and all the normal state festivals. Even though it seems like just about everyone caught Covid at the beginning the new year, thankfully it hasn't kept our kids from having the experiences that they so look forward to during their high school years. We're still seeing a lot of hand sanitizer, but we're also getting to see everyone faces without masks and that's a wonderful sight! As always, we're so grateful to our students, parents, and staff for working together to create another awesome school year!

## Get to know our new directors!

# Jake Harker- Director of Percussion

Mr. Harker is the Director of Percussion at Farmington High School as well as the percussion caption head for the marching band.

Mr. Harker has worked with several schools throughout the state of Utah. Currently he is the assistant director of the drumline for the "Marching Utes" at the University of Utah. His groups have performed the last two years in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA.

His groups have consistently performed well at region and state festivals throughout the state. He is currently working on his Bachelor's Degree in architecture at the University of Utah.



# Farmington High School Band Program

#### Director of Bands

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#### **Director of Percussion**

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#### **Director of Color Guard**

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## Karene Warby- Color Guard Director

After Farmington High School Band's amazing 2021 marching band season, Karene Warby is excited to join the 'team' as Color Guard Director. Her face may be familiar to you as Karene isn't entirely new to the Farmington Band. During this past season, she helped with props and equipment and likes to think she was a 'Guard Mom'. She enjoyed being on the ground and behind the scenes.

And Karene isn't new to marching band. From 1987-1989, she marched with the American Fork High School Marching Band as Director John Miller began his tenure there. During those early years, American Fork Band was not winning very many awards, but Karene experienced firsthand the elements of a well-run program. She knows what it means to work hard, have pride in her work, but that excellence goes beyond trophies.

Post high school, Karene gained valuable experiences serving a LDS Mission to Hungary, working 8+ years in Human Resources, and being a mother to our children currently between the ages of 11-17.

## **Come Volunteer with the Band!**

Volunteering with the band is fun and it's easy to get started. Please don't hesitate to get involved because we can't function without the help from parents just like you! We could still use a little help in the following areas.

Fundraising Field Striping
Band Dads (and Moms!) Chaperones

Special Events Competition Meals

UniformsBand Camp Food (sing-up for time slots is coming soon)

Please visit our band website or sign-up directly at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/6oboe44acac22a1fdo-fhsband">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/6oboe44acac22a1fdo-fhsband</a>

## **Upcoming Events**

Summer Break!!!!

**Marching Band Basics** 

May 14

**Parade Camp** 

July 5-8

**Farmington Parade** 

July 9

Days of '47 Parade

July 23

**Band Camp** 

July 18-22

Tag Day Fundraiser &

**Summer Band Party!** 

July 16

**School Starts** 

August 22

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

# **Band Accomplishments 2021-2022**

Marching Band: 6A Region Champions, 2nd place at Red Rocks Marching Band State Finals, 3rd place at BOA, St. George

**Indoor Drumline:** Fifth place in scholastic open division

<u>Winter Guard:</u> Fourth place in scholastic intermediate A division with a score of 77.580

All State Band: Ten students from Farmington High School were selected to participate in the Utah All-State Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Orchestra.

<u>Solo & Ensemble</u>: We had \_\_\_ entries from our school. \_\_\_ entries qualified for state solo and ensemble.

#### **State Festivals**

**Jazz Ensemble:** Received superior ratings at state. (1,1,1 with an overall score of 1)

**Wind Ensemble:** Received superior rating at state. (1, 1, 1, an overall score of 1)

**Symphonic Band:** Received superior ratings at state. (1, 1, 1-, overall score of 1)

# Special Congratulations to the Following Seniors!

#### National Marching Band Awards

Elsie Jones

Cole Parrish

#### National Marching Band Award for Color Guard

Ellie Simonson

# Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Cole Parrish

#### **Louis Armstrong Award**

Zane Smith

#### Woody Herman Jazz Award

Spencer Bringhurst

#### Patrick Gilmore Band Award

Melissa Jackson

#### John Philip Sousa Award

Nash Madsen

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