

Dear Rising Freshman Parents,

Hello! My name is Matthew Jorgensen, and I am the Director of Bands at Cape Fear High School. We want to extend a welcome to you and your 8th grader to the band program at Cape Fear High School!

Cumberland County, and our area in particular, is the home of outstanding band programs. As a dedicated and seasoned program in the southeast,, the Cape Fear Band has established itself as one of the largest and strongest band programs in our state. For the last three years, we have continuously placed more students in the All-County and All-District bands than our previous year before., Our marching band has won numerous grand championships at local competitions and have competed in Bands of America Regionals in 2023 and 2024. More importantly, we teach our students the value of performance, education, leadership, and service. We are proud to give our students the opportunity to perform on the local, regional, and even national stages. ***We can't wait for your student to be a part of our continued growth and success!***

Music is more than an artistic endeavor. It is a science, a foreign language, and a sport all rolled into one. Being a part of the band program means your child has a home base at school for the next four years. A place where they will be engaged at the highest levels and surrounded by the best students; a place where they will be supported and challenged physically, mentally, and musically; a place that teaches character, commitment, cooperation, confidence, teamwork, and coordination; a place that will allow them to grow and blossom as a student, a musician, and a leader.

Please make sure you are on our mailing list for rising freshmen to receive information about auditions, course registration, and more. **We look forward to welcoming your student into the Cape Fear Band!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, May 11 (6pm).** Please save the date for **our New Member Kickoff meeting**. At this meeting, we will discuss pertinent first-year information about the band program, including the overview of the band program, information about band classes, the marching band calendar, money matters, and more.
- **Monday, June 11 (6:30pm). Marching Band Registration Night.** This is a required meeting for parents and students.