

TJMC (Thomas Jefferson Marching Colonials) Spring 2021 Mini-Season Preliminary Info

- The **TJMC Spring 2021 calendar** attached to this email will be posted on the website soon.
 - o A significantly smaller schedule than normal but should give back some of what we missed last fall.
 - o We will only be producing a portion of the full field show but may play more of the music standing still.
 - o If you're not familiar, here's the ["trailer"](#) for the full version of the production we planned.
 - o All performances (1-2 exhibitions) will be outdoors at TJ for friends and family, safely distanced.
- Pep band will operate separately this year, with its own sign-ups TBA.
 - o Will attend 3 home football games to play music in the stands (no halftime show).
- **New students who did not sign up in the fall will be able to join**, all are welcome!
 - o Paperwork/links will post soon (Fall 2020 enrollment currently posted on the website – to be updated).
- **For this spring, the co-requisite to be in curricular band will be suspended**, tell your friends!
 - o Instrumental beginners may need to meet with me to discuss options first.
- **Students who enrolled in Fall 2020 are automatically enrolled in Spring 2021.**
 - o Option to opt-out due to schedule conflicts or continuing health concerns will be given, stay tuned.
 - o Dig up the music we posted last summer, we'll be continuing with the same production.
 - Student leadership, you can connect new students to the Google Drive folder
- **Membership fee expected to be roughly \$200** (TBD) to help pay for design and instruction of our show, and other various items like show shirts, uniform cleaning, equipment, etc.
 - o Assistance is available, as always, especially to those affected by the current pandemic.
- **All events at TJ. Students remaining virtual are eligible to participate in in-person extracurriculars like this.**
 - o **All activities that can be outdoors, will be outdoors.**
 - o Indoor facilities will be available as needed (and cleaned between uses) for
 - restrooms,
 - storage of larger instruments/equipment that can't be taken home between rehearsals,
 - storage of meals on the longer rehearsal days,
 - and to take shelter from dangerous weather in a safely distanced manner.
 - o All after-school rehearsals will begin at 5 PM to allow travel time from home for those staying virtual.
 - o In-person students will be given study-hall accommodations for the hour before rehearsal starts.
- **Strict rules will be posted, communicated, and expected at all times to ensure health and safety.**
 - o FCPS is providing bell-cover masks, and some face-shields (for flutes).
 - o TJ Band Boosters are working on providing other protective equipment to supplement, including woodwind bags, lanyards for masks, and sanitizing wipes, etc. Contact [Val Kreider](#) our TJBB president if your parent wants to volunteer to help make some of these items (*sewing*).
 - o Instruments/equipment normally shared (percussion, color guard, etc.) will be strictly limited.
- I have requested that all staff members be fully vaccinated before working with the kids in person.
 - o This may or may not be possible, but some injections have already happened!
- All drill/choreography will be written with minimum 6 ft separation throughout the show.
 - o Many other bands around the country have been successful with this lately.
- CC-ed are our current staff members, and there are a couple changes for this new season.
 - o Read more about them our world class [staff list](#), which is being updated with the new staff bios soon.

Updated

Check the band website often for updates as we get closer – “re”-enrollment window will open Feb 1-5.

Email me at swballard@fcps.edu with questions.

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