



Dear FHS Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Freedom High School Band Program! I would like to welcome back returning students and welcome our newest members! Freedom offers you the opportunity to perform with two Concert Bands, the Marching Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles. However you choose to participate, I am *thrilled* that you will be a part of our music making next year!

The Band Program strives to accomplish many goals, including:

- Improvement and cultivation of individual musicianship
- Continuously striving for musical excellence through individual and group performance and commitment
- Development of character, leadership, and professionalism through the maintenance of high moral standards
- Promotion of school spirit
- Providing entertainment for both school and community activities

The information in this Handbook explains: 1) how you can be a part of our band AND 2) what it means to be a member of the FHS Band Program. Please read this entire Handbook carefully. You are responsible for knowing its contents! In order to participate in the Marching Band, you must register for a band class *and* complete the “Marching Band Member Contract” found in the Forms section of this Handbook.

I look forward to working with you in 2017-2018. Please do not hesitate to email or call with questions or concerns. Remember to visit our website at [www.fhsband.com](http://www.fhsband.com) for the latest information about our program.

*Go Patriots!*

Sincerely,

Mr. Stricsek  
*Director of Bands*