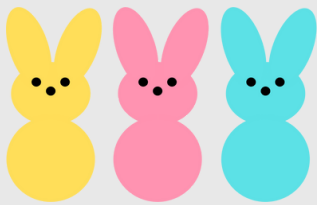




## MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

Welcome to our monthly newsletter presented by the Fairfield Tempo Club. Our hope is to provide readers a brief overview of events occurring across the entire Music Department, showcase our student musicians, and coordinate volunteerism.

MARCH



It's been another busy month in the Music Department full of 3rd quarter concerts!

OMEA Competitions are right around the corner and the show choirs will be wrapping up their season, too.

**Please continue to support your child's music program!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3/21 to 3/23 - Show Choir Nationals, Nashville, TN  
Weds, 3/27 - Jazz Festival @ Receptions-Fairfield  
3/29 through 4/8 - NO SCHOOL (Spring Weekend, Spring Break, Eclipse)  
Mon, 4/15 - Tempo Club Meeting; 7:00 pm FHS Community Room  
Tues, 4/16 - Incoming 6th Grade Band Parent Meeting for Creekside  
Weds, 4/17 - Incoming 6th Grade Band Parent Meeting for Crossroads  
Thurs, 4/18 - Incoming 6th Grade Orchestra Parent Meeting for Creekside & Crossroads  
Sat, 4/20 - MS Band Solo & Ensemble Festival  
Thurs, 4/25 to Sat, 4/27 - High School Musical  
Mon, 4/29 - Marching Band Informational Meeting  
Tues, 4/30 - Select Band/ Wind Ensemble Concert  
Thurs, 5/2 - Tri-M Senior Recognition & Induction Ceremony  
Fri, 5/3 - Middle School Large Group Contest  
Sat, 5/4 - Middle School Large Group Contest  
Sun, 5/5 - ARTS FAIR

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Open Officer Positions for 2024-2026

President, Choir Vice President, Orchestra Vice President, & Publicity / PR

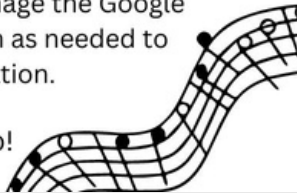


### What does the **Tempo Club President** do?



As President, you will work with a strong team of leaders to coordinate efforts to support Fairfield's music programs. You will plan and run full-body and Executive Board meetings, liaise with directors and families, appoint volunteers and serve on committees, staff Tempo Tables/deliver Tempo Talks, manage the Google Workspace, and generally step in as needed to support the work of the organization.

And you'll have lots of fun, too!



### What does the **Tempo Club Vice President-Choirs** do?



As Vice President of Choir, you will have the opportunity to learn more about our Fairfield Choral Music Program. The VP of Choir works in collaboration with Choral Music Directors to stay up to date on current and upcoming events. This position also participates in the annual Calendar Day Planning Committee and staffs the Calendar Day event. This role also supports Tempo Talks and Tempo Table coverage at various music events throughout the year.

The person in this role will also work with Choir Directors for any choir specific needs; fundraisers and events.

Finally, you will get to work with an amazing group of dedicated group of individuals who all have a passion for the music programs within our school district.

*Consider joining today!*



### What does the **Tempo Club Orchestra VP** do?



The Orchestra VP leads the efforts to support Fairfield's orchestra programs in grades 6-12. You will work closely with the orchestra directors to plan and organize events involving the orchestra ensembles, and will serve as a liaison between orchestra families and directors. As a member of the Tempo Club leadership team, you will serve on committees as needed and help craft Tempo Club's future.

Keep music in Fairfield strong by joining our team!

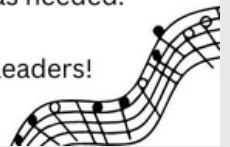


### What does the **Tempo Club Publicity/PR Chair** do?



The PR chair is our liaison between the Tempo Club board, directors, families, and the community. You will manage our website and the Facebook and X accounts and promote our events and fundraisers. You will create a monthly newsletter highlighting the activities of our students, create sponsorship inserts for programs, assist with creating/managing Sign Up Genius lists, and serve on committees as needed.

All with the support of a great team of leaders!



**Interested in running? Email [president@fftempoclub.org](mailto:president@fftempoclub.org)  
or complete the interest form here:  
<https://forms.gle/928sw7Pa2NsQBJEQA>**

## NEXT TEMPO CLUB MEETING

Join us Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Community Room.

The Crossroads Select Band had the privilege of being rehearsed by Professor Gary Speck, conductor of the of the Miami University Wind Ensemble, on Thursday, February 22, 2024. This special rehearsal was to help them prepare for their performance at Music for All's Cincinnati Regional Concert Band Festival coming up in March.

Professor Gary Speck, Director of Bands and Professor of Music, has been named Outstanding Music Educator for 2024 by the Ohio Music Education Association. This recognition celebrates Speck's exceptional contributions to music education and his outstanding leadership within the field.



The Crossroads Jazz Ensemble had the privilege of being rehearsed by Mr. Aaron Todahl, Director of Jazz Studies for Lakota Local Schools, on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. This special rehearsal was to help them prepare for their performance at Beavercreek Week of Jazz Festival this Saturday, February 24th, 2024.

An alumnus of Lakota East High School, Aaron Todahl is the Jazz Band Director for both Lakota East and Lakota West High Schools. He also assists with Symphonic Winds, Pep Band, and Pit Orchestra at East.





Fairfield Middle Schools' Select Orchestra is made up of students from both Creekside and Crossroads Middle Schools. This auditioned based orchestra is made up of 7th and 8th grade orchestra students and had a concert last Thursday evening. They will be participating in Music in the Parks in April as well as participating in the District 13 OMEA Large Group Contest in May.



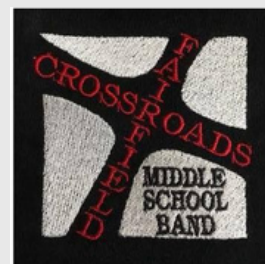
Congratulations to the Crossroads Jazz Ensemble for a superb performance at the Beavercreek Weekend of Jazz. Outstanding solo performances include Jillian Marquette, Kenneth Ankrah and Rowen Granning. Three musicians, Adriana Sparks, Carson Gardner and Mason Walker, had the opportunity to play with the Headliner band, including World Class Saxophonist Jeff Coffin.



Creekside choirs celebrated Valentine's Day last week by writing what they love about choir!



Congratulations to the 62 members of the Crossroads Select Band for a Superior performance at the Cincinnati Regional Concert Band Festival at Mason High School.



Judges comments included-

“Beautiful Sounds”

“Nice Job”

“Great job of shaping”

“You’re doing a great job of following your conductor”

“Percussion doing a nice job of controlling tempo here”

“Very good job, very well in control”

“Students you have nice control of your playing at that tempo”

“Really, really nice job, great controlled way to start your program”

“Great colors from the percussion section, well done, very professional”

“Beautiful sound clarinet soloist” (Adriana Sparks)

“Gorgeous flute sound, way to go” (Vivienne Schaeffer)

“You’re doing a really nice job performers of handling everything that has been thrown at you technically”

“Wow, great tempo change, that really brings this to life”

“Great work, very exciting, great choice of tempos”

“Just wonderful playing”

“Great dynamics percussion”

“Super solid”

“Great job of crescendoing”

“Percussion great eye contact”

“Wonderful program, wonderful set of music that you were able to perform today”

“Students are handling the technical challenges very well”



3/15 was the day for the annual Steve Tumblison T-shirt pic which means the music educator surrounds himself with "nuts."



# 3RD QUARTER CONCERTS



XRMS 6th Choir



XRMS Select Choir



XRMS 7th Choir



XRMS 8th Choir



CKMS 6th Choir



CKMS 7th Band



CKMS 8th Choir



CKMS 6th Orch



Vocal Impact



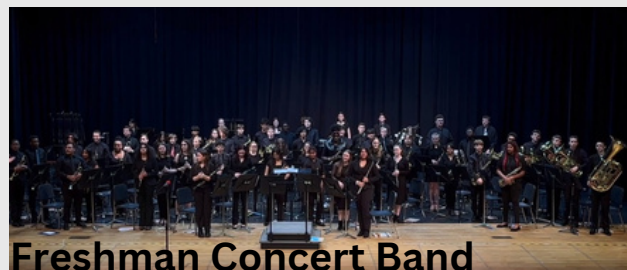
HS Orchestra



Freshman Choir



Chamber Winds



Freshman Concert Band



Wind Ensemble



Concert Winds



The show choir season is concluding soon, but not before the groups travel to Show Choir Nationals in Nashville, TN. The teams have been very successful in competition season with Rhythm Express capturing 4 grand champion titles, Pure Elegance capturing 3 treble division preliminary titles, & Choraliers finishing in the top 4 in every competition. This past weekend the show choirs hosted the 26th annual Crystal Classic showcasing nearly 25 other show choirs.

# SHOW CHOIR



Good luck to the show choirs at Nationals!



Congratulations to the Fairfield HS Winter Guard who remains undefeated this competition season!



COLOR GUARD

## JOIN COLOR GUARD & THE FAIRFIELD MARCHING BAND!



Tryouts will take place from  
4/23 - 4/25/2024 in the Fairfield  
FRESHMAN School Gym.  
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. each day.



Questions? Reach out at  
[fairfieldcolorguard@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldcolorguard@gmail.com)

Congratulations to Mr Ledbetter and both Fairfield Orchestras for receiving straight 1's at OMEA Large Group contest!!!



Stage 1 - Northwest HS	Friday, March 1st	Rating
4.18	Northmont High School Concert Orchestra	C
5.08	The School for the Creative and Performing Arts	A
5.44	Fairfield High School Philharmonic Orchestra	B
6.29	Canterville High School Philharmonic Orchestra	A
7.96	Fairfield High School Symphony Orchestra	A
8.20	Walter E. Stebbins High School Orchestra	C
9.02	Shawnee High School Orchestra	C
9.36	Solbrey High School Orchestra	C
10.02	Northmont High School Chamber Orchestra	B

Stage 2 - Northwest HS	Saturday, March 2nd	Rating
8.00	Caledonia High School Symphony Orchestra	A
8.40	Canterville High School Symphony Orchestra	B
10.10	West Canton High School Chamber Orchestra	C
10.30	Caledonia High School Chamber Orchestra	B
11.00	Winton Woods High School Symphony Orchestra	B
11.30	West Canton High School Symphony Orchestra	B
1.00	Anderson High School Philharmonic Orchestra	A
1.30	Winton Woods High School Concert Orchestra	C
2.00	Masson High School Philharmonic Orchestra	A
2.30	Anderson High School Symphony Orchestra	A
2.50	Bedfordshire High School String Orchestra	C
4.00	Masson High School Symphony Orchestra	AA



ORCHESTRA

This past Saturday, the FHS Orchestra had four students participate in the Miami University CELLO DAY. Hosted by Dr. Kim and Dr. Reed, the day included workshops to extend their performance technique and opportunities to learn more about Miami University. The day ended with a mass CELLO Orchestra. Congrats to Meghan Jones, Mariah Williams, Kallea Willingham and Kyndle Ledbetter

