



Weekly Cadence

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Cadence - A rhythmic pattern performed with drums to keep a marching unit synchronized.

A 🎵 from senior Trombonist Karson Lewis,

Hey Franklin Band Families! Living through quarantine these past few weeks has been tough. I am thankful that I have been able to stay in a relatively positive headspace throughout this quarantine. I have watched all eight Harry Potter movies as well as installed guitar hero on my computer and learned to play with a keyboard instead of a plastic guitar. I am really regretting my decision to skip prom last year to go to a DCI camp, so I have my fingers crossed that prom does not get cancelled this year. I still have three classes at Columbia State to keep up with and I personally find it much harder to absorb information and participate with the class, since it is on Zoom rather than in person. However, it helps to have some type of schooling going, because it makes me feel more grounded in normalcy, rather than the wacky world we are currently living in. I find solace seeing everyone working together and knowing that we are going to make it through this.

Dwelling on all of the things we have missed already does not help my mental state, so I am trying to go forward with the mindset of preparing for the worst and hoping for the best. I know things look really gloomy right now, but there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will all make it out the other side as stronger people. We will make it through if we work together as a team!!

A 🎵 from Mr. Campos & Mrs. V,

As you already know, we will not be returning for classes this academic year. While this is another sad stumbling block along this journey, it is only a momentary challenge. With our ingenuity we will find ways to make the most of these times. Like so many young people before them in nationally challenging times, our students, and especially our seniors, are being asked to grow up a little faster than we expected. Let us rally around them in as many ways we can and lift them up during this time. As difficult as this is, we must press on. Just like those doctors and scientists who are working to find anti-virals and a vaccine, we too cannot let each moment rest in sorrow for too long. The Franklin Band will take care of our present and prepare for the future. Listed below are just some of the things at the top of our list right now.

CURRENT STUDENT & PARENT PROJECTS

Parents, please help us get these done by talking to your kids about them. You can help too with Project 1!

Project 1 – TFB Recruitment Video

All Classes are making videos of different types that will combine with other TFB for a yearly ad/recruitment video. **Parents or Students** - Please use this google form to upload any and all video files or video links of the band in performance or rehearsal you may have taken: <https://forms.gle/kpVWukrdeHi7S72ZA> We need your help with this! We cannot wait to see all your videos!

Project 2 – Thank you to the community video– Flag Sales

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors are making videos thanking the community for their support. These short clips have them saying things like “Thank you for your support! We can’t do it with out you! Etc.” Its important we show we are grateful for our communities support as we ask them to continue to support us with the flag sales and any future fundraisers.

Project 3 – Guard Recruitment Video

Guard members are making videos of them talking about why the love guard, showing a cool trick, and talking about their experience.

Project 4 – 5th Grade Recruitment/Instrument Preview Video

Several musicians are making preview videos on their instruments to be sent to the 5th grade to help them think about what instrument they want to play in 6th grade.

CURRENT STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) **Explore and play 45 minutes of music in smartmusic.** Students have been given access and they can play almost anything from Harry Potter to Mozart!
- 2) **Practice and work up to their section challenge.** Each section (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Percussion) has a challenge to work on.
- 3) **COMING SOON – Placement Auditions for All Ensembles.** All students will audition for placement into the different ensembles for next year. That music will be posted in google classroom.

BOOSTER MEETING!

The **April 28th** Booster Meeting is still on! It will either be live via zoom or on facebook. We will contact you with more info as we approach it.

Final Thoughts

The phrase we have used all year “Focus on the team, not the dream” stands true. Life undoubtedly will always throw uncontrollable obstacles in the way of your dreams, possibly even delaying them or altering them. Instead of getting caught up in those changes, it is better to strengthen the bond and resolve for your team. We can control how we treat each other, lift each other up, and plan for what comes next.

Stay Strong. Stay Healthy.
Social Distance.

We cannot wait you see you again!

