



Freedom Middle School Bands  
**WINTER CONCERT**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM  
FMS Cafeteria



Kenneth C. Evans, *Band Director*

Dr. Stephanie R. Jackson, *Principal*

Shanyka L. Barker, *Assistant Principal*

Ivonne M. Ruiz Moreno, *Assistant Principal*

*I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning. ~Plato*



## PROGRAMME

### **Panther Band (Advanced/Intermediate – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Periods)**

*America the Beautiful* ..... Words by Katherine Lee Bates; Music by Samuel A. Ward  
*Star Spangled Banner* ..... Words by Francis Scott Key; Music by John Stafford Smith

(Audience Requested to Stand)

*Castles and Dragons* ..... by Todd Stalter

### **Blue & Gold Band (Beginning – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Periods)**

*Selected Exercises* ..... from *Accent on Achievement* Book 1

### **Gold Band (Intermediate – 4<sup>th</sup> Period)**

*Up on the Housetop* ..... Traditional  
*Dreidl, Dreidl, Dreidl* ..... Traditional Chanuka  
*Jolly Old St. Nicholas* ..... Traditional  
“Ode to Joy” from *Symphony 9* ..... by Ludwig van Beethoven

### **Cool Cats (Jazz Band – 5<sup>th</sup> Period)**

“Overture” from *The Nutcracker Suite* ..... by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
*The Holly and the Ivy* ..... English Traditional  
*C-Jam Blues* ..... by Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington; arr. by Rick Stitzel  
*My Girl* ..... Words & Music by William “Smoky” Robinson & Ronald White; arr. by John Berry  
*We Wish You a Merry Christmas* ..... English Traditional

### **Panther Band (Advanced/Intermediate – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Periods)**

*Do You Want to Build a Snowman?* .... Music & Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez; arr. by Johnnie Vinson  
*Sleigh Ride* ..... Music by Leroy Anderson; arr. by Michael Story

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To avoid blocking other people, please do not stand to take photos\*\*\***



## Panther Band (Advanced/Intermediate – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Periods)

### **Flute**

Aizza Ausua  
Sebastian Barroso Bierkamp  
Connor Chasse \*  
Tiffany Mercedes Rondon  
Kamila Ruiz Restrepo

### **Clarinet**

Ariani Aponte  
Aolani Batista \*  
Maria Delmar Padilla  
Natalia Garcia  
Maya Moronta  
Arielle Ramos  
Elliott Trumbly

### **Bass Clarinet**

Basel Khawam

### **Alto Saxophone**

Maria Bello Suarez  
Germaliz Ruiz

### **Trumpet**

Isaiah Bourne  
Bruna Branco Soares  
Sophia Cuartas  
Mahmoud El Ali  
Reagan Harris  
Elijah Santiago

### **F Horn**

Blondine Blanchard  
Joshua Myers

### **Trombone**

Ashton Allen  
Xiomaris Banuche  
Neriyah Barwenko  
Victoria Caballero  
Francis Casco Araica  
Mannix Kelley

### **Euphonium**

James Ponsonby

### **Tuba**

Andrew Radwanski \$  
Levi Santos

### **Percussion**

David Belloli  
Damian Botharas  
Diego Carreno Rangel  
Thierry Labbe  
Rejay Ochavillo  
Tiana Penny



\$ - FBA Middle School Honor Band

\* - OCPS All-County Band

# COOL CATS – (Jazz Band – 5<sup>th</sup> Period)

## **Flute**

Kamila Ruiz Restrepo

## **Clarinet**

Maya Moronta

## **Alto Saxophone**

Germaliz Ruiz

Elliott Trumbly

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Connor Chasse

## **Baritone Saxophone**

Aolani Batista

## **Trumpet**

Blondie Blanchard

Bruna Branco Soares

## **Trombone**

Xiomaris Banuche

Neriyah Barwenko

Francis Casco Araica

Mannix Kelley

James Ponsonby

Andrew Radwanski

## **Electric Guitar**

Damian Botnaras

## **Electric Bass**

Levi Santos

## **Percussion**

David Belloli

Thierry Labbe

Joshua Myers



## Gold Band (Intermediate – 4<sup>th</sup> Period)

### **Flute**

Aituar Anuarov  
Dylan Jarman  
Lennon Perez

### **Clarinet**

Maya Moronta  
Marco Perez Goitia  
Adriana Rivas Alvarez  
Bryan Souza Dos Anjos

### **Bass Clarinet**

Thor Franco

### **Trumpet**

Zedrick Brooks  
Carlos Colon

### **Euphonium**

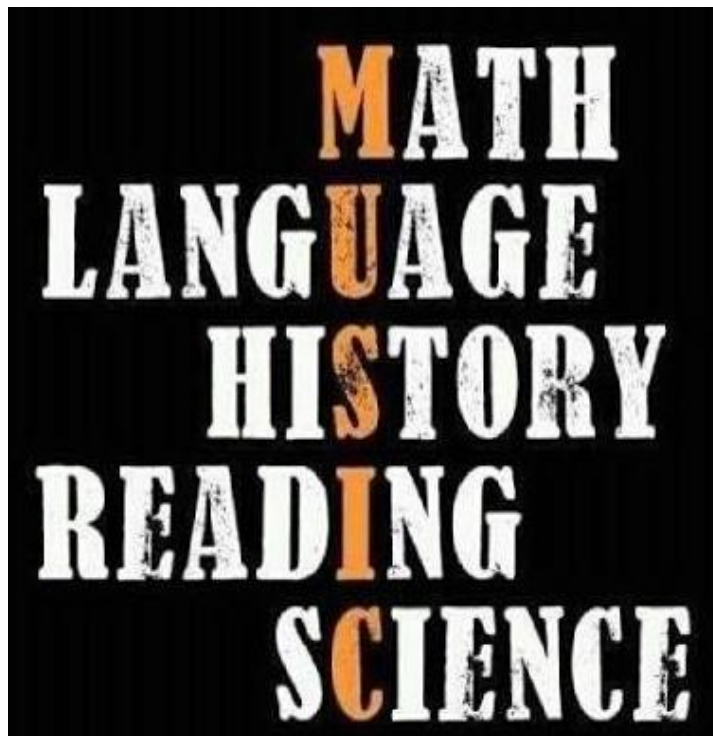
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### **Tuba**

Andres Pinerua Rosas  
Jose Querales Caldera

### **Percussion**

Emiliano Maiz Correa



## Blue Band (Beginning – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Periods)

### **Flute**

Audrey Garcia  
Alexx Higgs  
Ricardo Gelvez Lizcano  
Riley McDaniel  
Julissa Rodriguez Santiago  
Azlin Saldana  
Elizabeth Sandritter  
Julie Thach  
Stefany Valbuena Trinidad

### **Oboe**

Yarelis Burga Sanchez  
Lorenzo Li

### **Bassoon**

Isaac Gavigan

### **Clarinet**

Andres Benitez  
Nathan Chan  
Dylan Curry  
Michael Kendrick  
Crystalyn Maldonado  
Jeremiah May  
Bryce Moreino  
A'hmira Nadal  
Alicia Pavese-Castro  
Clarence Riley  
Enzo Ruiz Restrepo  
Saleisha Salvant  
Santiago Villasmil

### **Alto Saxophone**

Zachariah Barthelemy  
Brookelynn Bourne  
Jeremiah Chervony  
Manuel Rios Sanchez  
Maria Da Silva Terin  
Josias Spence  
Bianca Villanueva Lopez

### **Tenor Saxophone**

Nazar Lubianchuk  
Luis X. Rivera Alvarez

### **Trumpet**

Caio De Souza Bandeira  
Makani Estephan  
Devin Helgenberger  
Drayden Helgenberger  
Josiah Hernandez-Gonzalez  
Leonardo Mejia Gonzalez  
Eithan Moronta  
Josiah Perez  
Diego Sanchez Sulbaran  
Thomas Smith  
Francisco Torres  
Mekhi Watts  
Joshua Valecillo Garcia

### **Trombone**

Kerry Alcius  
Fabian Arraez Gimenez  
Jaidalyn Camacho  
Jatniel Fonseca Cortes  
Jayden Garcia  
Aiden Harris  
Jad Labiak  
Lorenzo Maldonado  
Carlos Martinez Morillo  
Maryfer Rodriguez  
Mauricio Valbuena Garcia

### **Euphonium**

Joseant Diaz  
Riley Dorcilien  
Luis Y. Rivera Alvarez

### **Tuba**

Nechemie Blanchard  
Christopher Cadena  
Osmil Gonzalez-Herrera

### **Percussion**

Salomon Bertoncini  
Jeremiah Carrasquillo  
Chase Clouchete  
Jose Da Silva Riera  
Emerson Ebert  
Elijah Roldan  
Ne'Kelyah Smith  
Shabriel Varga





# FMS Panthers @ Denny's (near Airport) Veteran's Day 2025



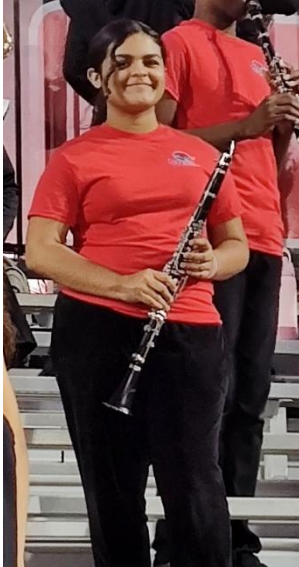


# FMS Panthers @ Middle School Band Nights (Football Game) - Freedom High School





# FMS Panthers @ Middle School Band Night (Football Game) - Lake Buena Vista High School



# *Congratulations!!!*



Andrew Radwanski, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Euphonium  
2026 Florida Bandmasters Association Middle School Honor Band



Connor Chasse – 9<sup>th</sup> Chair Flute



Aolani Batista – 17<sup>th</sup> Chair

2025-2026 OCPS Middle School All-County Band



# More Music, MORE SUCCESS

The Majority of Americans believe music education prepares students for future careers and problem-solving.

## Music Education:

can provide more than just learning how to sing and/or play an instrument.



Percentage of Americans who believe their music education prepared them for:

Creative Problem Solving



Task Management



Flexibility in Work Situations



Music has the ability to provide various skills that people may need for success in a job or career outside of music.

76%

of Americans have had some sort of music education during school

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The Harris Poll ® #72, July 24, 2014  
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# WHY YOUR CHILD CAN'T SKIP MUSIC PRACTICE TONIGHT

STUDENT 1

PRACTICES  
20 MINUTES A NIGHT  
5 NIGHTS A WEEK



STUDENT 2

PRACTICES  
4 MINUTES A NIGHT  
OR NOT AT ALL



## IN ONE WEEK

100 MINUTES  
OF PRACTICE



20 MINUTES  
OF PRACTICE



## IN ONE MONTH

400 MINUTES  
OF PRACTICE



80 MINUTES  
OF PRACTICE



WHICH STUDENT  
DO YOU EXPECT WILL PLAY BETTER?  
WOULD YOU EXPECT TO KNOW MORE?  
ENJOY PLAYING THEIR INSTRUMENT MORE?  
EXPECT TO BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN MUSIC?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

(Save the Dates)

Fri./Sat., February 13-14, 2026 – FBA Solo & Ensemble MPA – @ Freedom HS (TBA)

Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 6 PM - Pre-MPA Concert - Lake Buena Vista HS

Mon. – Wed., April 6-8, 2026 – FBA Middle School Concert MPA – (Location/Time TBA)

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:30 PM - FMS *BAND* Spring Concert @ FMS Cafeteria (TENTATIVE)



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## *With Sincere Gratitude*

*Much appreciation goes to the dedicated Freedom MS Administration, Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Students for your continued support and hard work. Special thanks to the Freedom MS Band Alumni, Electives Teachers, Band Room, Music & Arts, and countless others for helping to make this program a success.*