

William Fremd High School Bands

Awards & Accomplishments

2001-2008

2007-2008 (300 students)

- Wind Symphony – Selected for the University of Illinois “Superstate Concert Band Festival” (May 3, 2008)
- Wind Symphony – Performance at the Midwest Clinic with Dr. Mallory Thompson (Northwestern University, Director of Bands) - December 17, 2007
- Wind Symphony and Symphonic Winds – Clinic with Dr. Thomas Bough, NIU
- Wind Symphony – “An Evening of Winds” – Combined concert with CHS & SHS Wind Symphony (April 2, 2008) United Methodist Church, Barrington Guest Soloist: Dr. Thomas Bough (Yamaha Tuba Artist and NIU faculty)
- Wind Symphony – Combined concert with Millikin University Wind Ensemble (March 17, 2008)
- Chicagoland Invitation Concert Band Festival – Wind Symphony (Excellent Rating), Symphonic Winds (Superior Rating, Second Band Division)
- Northshore Jazz Festival – Jazz Ensemble (Excellent Rating), Jazz Lab Band – Superior Rating (Second Band Division), Jazz Combo – Straight Superior/Division 1 Rating (all judges)
- Jazz in the Meadows Festival – Straight “Superior/Division 1” ratings for Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo. Patrick Kennedy (jazz piano) awarded “Top Soloist” award for entire Jazz Combo Large Division schools
- Jazz Ensemble: Studio Recording Session – Solid Sound Studios, Hoffman Estates
- Viking Marching Band: Performances at Downers Grove South Competition, Prospect HS Competition (1st Place – AA Division), Naperville Central “Marching Classic” (1st Place – AA Division), State of Illinois Marching Band Championship - ISU
- The FHS Bands hosted the following groups: NIU “Panoramic” Quintet, DePaul University Saxophone Quartet, Elmhurst College Jazz Band, Millikin University Wind Ensemble
- Students Selected for IMEA District Festival - Sarah Finegan – (Flute - first chair for entire IMEA District), Colin Fleming (Percussion - first chair for entire IMEA District), Patrick Kennedy (Jazz Piano - first chair for entire IMEA District), Ryoh Shinohara (Flute), Jessica Amundsen (Clarinet), Jamie Oakes (E-flat Clarinet), Matt Schuelke (Horn), Daniel Brotzman (Horn), Rick Wiedelman (Trumpet), Brendan Jacobi (Bass Trombone, Band and Jazz Band), Chris Biank (Euphonium), Jon Samuel (Tuba) Rachel Bomba (String Bass Orchestra and Jazz Band 3)
- Students Selected for IMEA All-State Festival - Sarah Finegan – (Flute, Honors Orchestra - first chair for entire state), Colin Fleming (Percussion, Honors Orchestra - first chair for entire state), Patrick Kennedy (Jazz Piano – Honors Jazz Ensemble), Ryoh Shinohara (Flute, Honors Band), Matt Schuelke (Horn, Honors Orchestra), Brendan Jacobi (Bass Trombone, All-State Band), Jon Samuel (Tuba, Honors Orchestra), Rachel Bomba (String Bass, Honors Orchestra)

2006-2007 (300 students)

- FHS Music Department recognized as a “Grammy Signature School” by the Grammy Foundation for 2007
- Wind Symphony: Selected for the University “Superstate” Concert Band Festival, first time in school and district history!
- Wind Symphony: Superior Rating – Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival
- Wind Symphony: “An Evening of Winds” – Combined concert with CHS & SHS Wind Symphony, Life Changers International Church – Hoffman Estates Guest Soloist: Sgt. Philip Franke (Principal Euphonium of President’s Own Marine Band, Washington DC)
- Wind Symphony – Clinic with Dr. Thomas Bough at NIU Boutell Memorial Concert Hall
- Wind Symphony – Guest Conductor for “Senior Recognition” Band Concert – Dr. Richard Fischer, Concordia University Chicago (conducted “American Salute” and “Hymn of St. James”)

- Florida Trip – VMB performance at Disney World, Jacksonville “New Year’s Eve Parade”, Gator Bowl Mass Halftime Show, Wind Symphony – “Superior” rating, Combined Symphonic Band – “Excellent” rating, Jazz Ensemble – “Superior” rating, “You’re Instrumental” Workshop at Disney World for all trip students
- Jazz Ensemble: Northshore Jazz Festival and Jazz in the Meadows Festival
- Jazz Ensemble: Studio Recording Session – Solid Sound Studios, Hoffman Estates
- Viking Marching Band: Performances in Lincoln-Way Competition, Downers Grove South Competition, Prospect HS Competition, State of Illinois Marching Band Championship - ISU
- The FHS Bands hosted the following groups: Northern Illinois University Steel Band, DePaul University Saxophone Quartet
- Students Selected for IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria – Joel Negus (string bass), Emily Fugelstad (flute), Sarah Finegan (flute), Katherine Lee (alto saxophone), Nate Hubbard (oboe)
- Senior students Selected for IMEA District Festival: Emily Fugelstad (flute), Nate Hubbard (oboe), Katherine Lee (alto Saxophone), Ryoh Shinohara (flute), Matt Schuelke (horn), Andrew Jacobi – Jazz & Symphonic (trombone), Jessie Baird (euphonium), Joel Negus – Jazz & Symphonic (string bass), Patrick Kennedy – Jazz (piano), Kevin Wood (tuba), Colin Fleming (percussion)

2005-2006 (255 students)

- Wind Symphony: Superior Rating – Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival
- Wind Symphony: “An Evening of Winds” – Combined concert with SHS Wind Symphony, Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts
- Jazz Ensemble: Superior Rating – Northshore Jazz Festival and Jazz in the Meadows Festival
- Jazz Ensemble: Studio Recording Session – Solid Sound Studios, Hoffman Estates
- Viking Marching Band: Performances in Wheeling Competition, Stagg Competition (AA Division – second place), Prospect HS Competition, University of Illinois “Marching Illini Festival” (4th place in division/23 bands)
- Viking Marching Band performance in Palatine Memorial Day Parade
- The FHS Bands hosted the following groups: University of Illinois Faculty Woodwind Quartet, Elmhurst College Jazz Band, Drake University Wind Symphony, and Northern Illinois University Steel Band
- Students Selected for IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria – Kevin Hudoba (trombone), Alex Lee (clarinet), Melissa Maulding (contra-bass clarinet)
- Senior students Selected for IMEA District Festival : Emily Fugelstad (flute), Nate Hubbard (oboe), Katherine Lee (Alto Saxophone), Alex Lee (clarinet), Sayo Sudo (clarinet), Melissa Maulding (contra-bass clarinet), Travis Lee (vocal), Steve Castles (trumpet), Steve Burdsall (vocal), Kevin Hudoba (trombone), Andy Wilson (trombone), Max Mamon (piano)

2004-2005 (245 students)

- FHS Music Department recognized as a “Grammy Signature School” by the Grammy Foundation for 2005
- Wind Symphony: Superior Rating – National Events Holiday Bowl Festival (First place and Grand Champions – San Diego, CA), participant in Wheaton College Band Festival and Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival
- Symphonic Band: Excellent Rating – National Events Holiday Bowl Festival (first place – second band division), Northshore Band Festival participant (Northwestern University)
- Jazz Ensemble: Superior Rating - National Events Holiday Bowl Festival (First place and Grand Champions), Superior Rating – Jazz in the Meadows Festival
- Jazz Lab Band – Jazz in the Meadows (non-competitive)
- Viking Marching Band: Performance in Disneyland Electric Light Parade, San Diego “Big Bay Balloon Parade”
- Competition Marching Band – Wheeling Competition (AA Division – sixth place), Stagg Competition (AA Division – fourth place)
- Students selected for IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria: Andy Wilson (jazz trombone), Jimmy Critchfield (percussion), Melissa Maulding (bass clarinet)
- Combined California Band – Disneyland “Magic Music Days” Studio Workshop

2003-2004 (225 students)

- Wind Symphony: Excellent Rating – Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival
- Symphonic Band: Northern Illinois University Band Day participant
- Combined Bands – Chicago Six Flags “Music in the Parks” Festival
- Jazz Ensemble: Superior Rating – Jazz in the Meadows Festival
- Jazz Lab Band: Jazz in the Meadows (non-competitive)
- Viking Marching Band: Performance in Palatine Parade
- Organization of “Competition Marching Band” – Lincolnway Competition (AA Division – first place), Prospect Competition (AA Division – second place)
- Students selected for IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria: Kevin Schulz (euphonium), Sean Prislinger (jazz trumpet)

2002-2003 (175 students)

- Wind Symphony: Excellent and Superior Ratings – National Events Outback Bowl Festival (Orlando, FL), Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival, Northshore Band Festival participant (Northwestern University)
- Symphonic Band: Excellent Ratings – National Events Outback Bowl Festival, Northern Illinois University Band Day participant
- Jazz Ensemble: Excellent and Superior Ratings – National Events Outback Bowl Festival (first place), Jazz in the Meadows Festival, Mundelein Jazz Festival
- Viking Marching Band: Performance in Disneyworld Electric Light Parade, Outback Bowl New Year’s Eve Parade
- “Benefit Concert” Fundraiser – Proceeds donated to the Merit School of Music, Chicago
- Organization of FHS Jazz Lab Band – Jazz in the Meadows and Mundelein Jazz Festival

2001-2002 (165 students)

- Wind Symphony: Excellent Ratings – Heritage Music Festival (St. Louis), Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival, Northshore Band Festival participant
- Symphonic Band: Excellent Ratings – Heritage Music Festival (St. Louis), Northern Illinois University Band Day participant
- Jazz Ensemble: Excellent and Superior Ratings – Heritage Music Festival (St. Louis), Jazz in the Meadows Festival, Mundelein Jazz Festival
- Viking Marching Band: Performance in Six Flags St. Louis theme park, Palatine Parade
- “Benefit Concert” Fundraiser – Proceeds donated to the Merit School of Music, Chicago

Since 1975 the Fremd High School Bands have traveled to the following destinations:

1975 – Six Flags Mid-America – St. Louis, Missouri
1976 – United States Bicentennial Celebration – Florida
1978 – Virginia Beach Music Festival – Virginia
1981 – Drake Relays - Ohio
1982 – The World’s Fair – Knoxville, TN
1984 – Disney World - Florida
1986 – Disneyland, California
1988 – Disney World - Florida
1990 – Disneyland, California
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2000 – Ohio Tour (Bowling Green State Univ., Sandusky Parade, Rock and Roll H.O.F.)

2001 – St. Louis Tour (Heritage Music Festival, Six Flags St. Louis)

2002 – Florida Tour (Disney World, Outback Bowl)

2003 – Chicago Tour (various locations)

2004 – California Tour (Disneyland, San Diego “Big Balloon Parade”, Holiday Bowl)

2006 – Florida Tour (Disney World, Gator Bowl)

2009 – Oahu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor, University of Hawaii, Prince Kuhio Parade, Honolulu)