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THE SOUNDS OF FALL

If you live within earshot of Foxboro High School, you have an early indicator that the school year is around the corner – the sounds of the FHS Marching Band during their annual marching band camp, which has been underway since Monday, August 18th and will conclude on Friday, August 22nd. A total of 84 students, including 24 freshmen, have been going through their paces, literally, to learn the new marching band show for this year’s football season. “I know that the 2008-2009 Marching Band will be a really important part of a positive and successful school culture at Foxboro High School. We always strive for the highest standards of musical excellence”, says Steve Massey, Director of Music for the Foxboro Public Schools.

This year’s marching band show, entitled “Late in the Evening,” will feature the songs *Late in the Evening* by Paul Simon, *Call of the Mountain* by Joseph Curialle, and *Take the A Train* by Duke Ellington. In addition to the new show, this year’s band will be showcasing the first new uniforms in over 30 years.

Drum majors Sam Plasmati and Maria Navedo will lead this year’s band, 10 students larger than last year’s marching band. Fresh from drum major camp at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, this year’s drum majors stated that “we are very excited to be kicking off this marching band season, and have high hopes for the band”. Freshmen learn the fundamentals of marching every morning this week, working with the drum majors and section leaders. All band members participate in smaller group sections in the afternoon to learn the music, and then return to the high school for evening rehearsals to put both the music and marching together.

The FHS Marching Band can be seen at 7 pm at the following home games at the Ahern School – October 3rd, October 10th, October 17th, and October 31st. They will also be performing at the annual Foxborough-Mansfield Thanksgiving Game on Thursday, November 27th at 10 am in Mansfield.

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