

# SoundBytes



## Loft Lines

There are lots of things happening in the Bands at Colonial Forge. Our students enjoyed a great Homecoming Week and were thrilled to see over 40 alumni return to join in the fun. Our first Alumni Band featured students from each of the past ten years. It was great to see such camaraderie and spirit as if we had all never left. Very cool, very Forge!

The Forge Sound and Guard had a stellar performance at the Lee-Davis Tournament of Champions on October 24. Our students earned many accolades including a First Place Drum Major Award (way to go Monica) and a 2nd place out of sixteen bands, a really fine showing. This is VBODA State Marching Band Festival week and we are busy preparing our best show of the year. Festival is at Massaponax High School in Spotsylvania and Forge performs at 5:15 pm. A few special surprises await our students (and you, as well) this week, including our FIRST away game at Riverbend. With a powerhouse football team, Forge looks poised for many touchdowns and we look forward to playing the fight song many times! Please help make sure our students stay hydrated at home and get plenty of rest, this is a big week.

Look for All-County and All-District materials at our [cfband.org](http://cfband.org) website and encourage your student to audition. The prepared etudes will be online November 2. We pride ourselves on many students auditioning into County and District Band. Let's keep the tradition going! Do not forget **John Santucci, Christian Purdy, Brian Corbin** and **Nikki Joshi** represent the Forge Bands in the Regional Orchestra on November 7. That concert is at James Monroe High School at 4:00 pm. There is great music everywhere this time of year. Go Forge Go!

Andrew Loft

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Forge Fight Song is based on a melody attributed to Georg Friedrich Händel called *The Harmonious Blacksmith*. According to legend, the melody, which features a repetitive note on the beat, represents the hammer striking an anvil in a blacksmith's shop, fitting perfectly for our Colonial Forge. Listen carefully after a touchdown and see if you can hear the "anvil."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----|-------|--|-----------------|
| W  | 10/28 | Rehearsal .....                          | 2:30-5:00 pm    |
| Th | 10/29 | Rehearsal .....                          | 2:30-5:00 pm    |
| F  | 10/30 | Game @ Riverbend.....                    | Report 5:00 pm  |
| S  | 10/31 | VBODA State Marching Band Festival ..... | Report 11:00 am |
| M  | 11/2  | Rehearsal .....                          | 2:30-5:00 pm    |
| W  | 11/4  | Rehearsal .....                          | 2:30-5:00 pm    |
| Th | 11/5  | Rehearsal .....                          | 2:30-5:00 pm    |
| F  | 11/6  | Game vs Stafford High School .....       | Report 5:00 pm  |

\* Accurate and complete attendance is crucial to our success. Colorguard will practice Mondays from 3:00-6:00 pm.