



Dear Marching Student Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Band Boosters. As the parent/guardian of a band student you are automatically a part of the booster program at your home school. The booster programs will remain separate for each school with booster leadership and parents working together to fulfill the needs of the combined marching band. This inaugural season of Sound and Spirit of Columbus will be a learning experience for us all, but we are excited to work together in support of this great marching band.

The booster programs support the band in two main ways, through **funding** and **volunteering**.

Let's talk **funding** first. Booster funds pay for everything from music, drill (marching and guard choreography), bus transportation, truck rentals (for props, equipment, if needed), props, costumes, shoes, uniforms and competition fees, to support staff, awards, food, swag and more. We will be a 160-180 member competitive marching band this season so the costs will be significant. The booster officers and directors of both programs have already met and set a fair budget. The directors do a great job of utilizing what we have and getting what we need for a fair price. There are several ways that the boosters help to fund the marching season budget.

1. **Fees.** Each band student is expected to pay an annual fee over the course of several installments. **This year the fee for marching band will be \$500, due in five payments of \$100 each on the first of each month June-October.** While this fee amount is one of the smallest in our state for similar size marching bands, we understand that \$500 per student is a significant amount and could be a hardship. For this reason, we offer multiple fundraisers throughout the season that go directly into student accounts to pay for fees. We feel that the amount and variety of fundraisers offered provide enough opportunity for each student to raise their entire \$500 fee, if they so choose. If you need to make an alternate fee payment schedule or have extenuating circumstances in which you cannot pay the fee even with the fundraising offered, please reach out to the president and/or director of your home booster program. **It is imperative that every family attempt in good faith to pay the fee in order for us to provide the competitive marching experience to your student.** Fee payment directly affects what we can do during the season. Please see **Fundraising Sheet** for more information.
2. **General fundraisers.** While we strive to keep costs down, we also strive to keep fees down so as to not unduly burden our families. In all actuality, for our fees to cover our entire costs for the upcoming season, we would need to charge upwards of \$850 per student. We choose not to do that, and instead, use other ways to pay for the remaining amount needed. For example, monthly Dine to Donate Nights will benefit the combined general marching band fund. Our first one was held on April 26th at Freddy's. Next up is Chipotle on May 24th 5-9pm. Additionally, some fundraisers may be split between student and general funds. For example, Sound of North band card sales have benefitted students and the general fund 50/50 over the last couple of years. Each booster program will determine what is best for the current situation of their program, and it may not always be the same for each school. Each program also reserves the right to hold additional general fundraisers to benefit only their program and not the combined marching program.
3. **Sponsorship and Donations.** We are always looking for local business sponsorship and donations. We provide advertising perks like names on back of tshirts, in programs, on SON transport, etc. for different levels of sponsorship. If you have worked in this area in the past, have contacts or are interested in working in this area, please let your home booster club president know. Sponsorship dollars can also be used to work toward bigger items like equipment or uniforms or scholarships.

Most are not aware of the cost of putting together a successful marching season, and it can seem quite daunting. We want to provide an awesome and fun experience for our students while also supporting the directors in their vision for the season. To do this, we need everyone's help.

The second main way that the boosters support the band program is by **volunteering**. Band parents are AMAZING and AWESOME, and we are so grateful for all of you. We expect all band families to volunteer throughout the season. There will be times in which we need food donations (because we feed them A LOT) and there will be times in which we need your time. Be watching for communications as to current needs. We understand everyone is busy with work and other activities so we don't expect everyone to be on hand for every event. Like the saying goes, many hands make light work so if everyone participates when able, we will accomplish our goals plus it's FUN! You will never regret one minute given in support of these great students. They are gracious and thankful for our time spent. You will also meet other great parents and have a great time together. There are many different areas of volunteering opportunities, and I know we can find something to interest everyone. Please see attached **Volunteering Info Sheet** for more details.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

COMMUNICATION

Website: soundandspiritofcolumbus.band. This is the HUB for everything marching band including forms, schedule and links to home band pages where you can contact booster leaders, make **electronic payments (North only at this time)** or find addresses to mail physical payments plus additional information for your home school band.

Home band pages: **North:** soundofnorth.band; **East:** columbuseastbandboosters.org

Facebook: If you are not already in your home band's Facebook group, please consider joining.

North: [ask to join the We are the Sound of North page](#); **East:** [Columbus East Band](#)

Remind: Each program has its own Remind Class in which information, reminders and updates will be sent directly to your phone. If you are not already in your home band's class, we strongly encourage you to join.

North: [Text @sroseaide to 81010](#); **East:** [Text @cebb19 to 81010](#)

FORMS

There are **registration forms** online at soundandspiritofcolumbus.band that need to be filled out by **June 1**. This will give us all the information we need for the season including medical information and permission to treat your student. Our preferred method for forms to be filled out is online but if this does not work for you, please see your home band's director or booster president for a hard copy of the form.

We also need a **background check form** completed for everyone that plans to volunteer throughout the season (so that's everyone, right?). This cannot be filled out online. Please fill out the hard copy form contained in this packet and return to your home band's director or scan and email to walkerr@bcsc.k12.in.us (preferred). If another form is needed, there is a link to print the form on the website. Please print, complete, scan and email to walkerr@bcsc.k12.in.us (preferred) or return to home band's director.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Each student will automatically have an account set up to track their fundraising earnings and fee payments. Fundraising money can also be used to pay for band trips once all fees are paid. Remaining balances are not wiped at the end of the season and will carry over. The same goes for credits. If you fundraise \$600 this season then you would carry a \$100 credit into next season. For questions about this process and to get information, please contact:

East: studentaccounts@columbuseastbandboosters.org **Statements mailed periodically.**

North: **North uses Charms to maintain student accounts, and you can view your account at any time. Email cnhsband@gmail.com to find out how.**

Note: new student accounts will not be added until the new season starts June 1 and registration forms have been completed.

BAND CAMP

Band camp is scheduled for the last two weeks in July.

July 19-23 is the short week in which practice is 8-5 daily. Students will be on their own for lunch this week and can go off campus or bring their own lunch.

July 26-30 is the long week in which practice is 9-9 Monday-Thursday and 9-5 on Friday. We will be feeding them both lunch and dinner this week (lunch only on Friday).

Prior to the first week, we will put out a sign-up for items needed for the season including items needed for both band camp weeks. Nonperishable items will be dropped off the first week and perishable items will be dropped off throughout the second week. The boosters typically provide the main meal item with parent donations providing the remainder. We will also need volunteers to help with both lunch and dinner prep, serving and cleanup. Watch for information to come out regarding band camp around the end of June.

If this is your student's first band camp, a **survival bag** is a necessity and should include a gallon jug of water, cooling towel, sunscreen, bug spray, extra socks, hat, sunglasses, deodorant (and more deodorant!). We will have medical parent volunteers onsite to deal with any issues. Registration forms must be submitted prior to band camp so we know how to care for your child.

COMPETITION DAYS (LUNCHES)

These can be long days. Depending on actual competition and travel time, the band typically practices in the morning then eats lunch before loading up and going to the competition. Once performance is over, they will usually have time to load and change before enjoying remaining band performances (and concessions, so send money). Once awards are over then the band travels back home and must unload. It is not unheard of for these days to begin at 8am and end at midnight. Competition day lunches work a bit differently. Each section chooses the theme for their food (i.e. breakfast or favorite food, etc.) and parents of those students supply all of the food for that section. The section sits and eats together first then everyone visits other sections to eat from their supply. Parents and students typically have fun with this, and some sections go all out with table decorations and such. It is a bonding and section team building experience. I would recommend some internal section parent organization so these lunches go smoothly and all parents get involved. Ask your students to help.

SIGN UP POLLS

When we need items donated or specific volunteer time slots filled, we will publish a sign-up poll. This is an easy way for us to track what we have and what we still need. It is also an easy way for you to know exactly how you can help. You will sign up and it will automatically provide a reminder as the time draws near. The first big sign-up poll for marching season will be for band camp and should be expected to come out end of June or beginning of July, but there may be smaller ones in the meantime.

PARENT PREVIEWS

Each Thursday Night at 8:15pm you can come to watch the end of practice. This is a great way to see the show's progress and cheer on our incredible kids! This is also a great time to take care of any booster business as most leaders are on site during this time.

BOOSTER MEETINGS

All parents are welcome to attend monthly booster meetings. These will be held either Tuesdays or Thursdays typically at 7pm and will be announced in advance. This is the best time to provide input, ask questions and keep up with what is going on in the band.

We know this is a lot of information to digest. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will do our best to answer your questions or direct you to who can. Welcome aboard and buckle up for an exciting season!

Sonya Rose
Columbus North Band Booster President
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Columbus East Band Booster President
president@columbuseastbandboosters.org

MARCHING SEASON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAPERONES

The BEST way to get to know our great band kids! The Chaperone Crew forms at the beginning of marching season and serves as parent chaperones for events like football games and competition days. Job duties include riding buses, setting up and tearing down water stations, and basically anything else that the band needs when they are performing, including helping in other areas, if we are short-handed. Signing up does not mean you will have to serve at every event. Chaperone volunteers will be rotated based on availability and numbers needed. Please review the current schedule and let the coordinator(s) know availability to assist with scheduling.

North Chaperone Coordinators: Jodie Wolter tjcoomer@yahoo.com & Amanda Watkins awatkins1231@yahoo.com

East Chaperone Coordinator: Nancy Smith [nlrcs70@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlrsc70@sbcglobal.net)

MEDICAL

You must be certified in First Aid to volunteer for this group. Volunteers will work four hour shifts during band camp as well as usually serve as an extra chaperone for football games/competitions, in order to have trained first aid personnel with students when they are performing. Tasks include rendering first aid, dispensing medicine (with parent approval) and documenting any aid rendered. You may also be asked to help with other items at football games and competitions if we are short-handed. Please review schedule and provide coordinator with your availability to assist in scheduling.

Signing up does not mean you will be expected to work every event. A rotation will be implemented based on availability and needs. **2021-2022 Medical Coordinator:** Katie Lykins Bklykins03@hotmail.com

PROPS

Joining this team is a great way to put your creative skills to use, be an integral part of the show and/or see the performances from field level for free! This group builds and maintains the props used during performances. Initial prop building typically takes place in July and August. Maintenance takes place throughout the season, as needed. Construction and engineering skills are useful but not a requirement for this group. We also need a rather large prop crew to load/unload props and get them to/from the field for performances. As with most other groups, signing up does not mean you have to be available for every performance. Review the schedule and let the coordinator(s) know your availability, and a rotation schedule will be put into place for the performance pit crew based on numbers needed.

2021-2022 East Prop Coordinator: Jeff Hockersmith jeffrey.r.hockersmith@gmail.com

2021-2022 North Prop Coordinator: Travis Glick travislick03@gmail.com

TRANSPORT & PIT

Volunteers in this group help the pit musicians load/unload the pit equipment for travel and transport it to/from the field, including timed set up and tear down on the field. There is A LOT of equipment so we need a robust pit crew, and you get to watch the performances for free! Once again, signing up does not mean you are required to be at every performance. Please review schedule and note your availability for the coordinators to assist with scheduling. Additionally, if you are willing to haul a trailer, please note that as well.

2021-2022 East Transportation & Pit Crew Coordinator: Daniel Boewe daniel.e.boewe@cummins.com

2021-2022 North Transport Loading & Pit Crew Coordinator: John Jones jjones6627@gmail.com

UNIFORMS

What is your superpower? Laundry? Sewing a button (er, sequin)? We need you to help our marchers look great. During band camp, uniform volunteers will assist the uniform coordinators in sizing all marchers for uniforms and accessories, creating a database, as well as, organizing uniform rooms and prepping for the marching season. During the season, volunteers will help students before and after performances with anything uniform related and will help launder and organize the uniforms throughout the season. Signing up does not mean you will be required to be at every performance. Review the schedule and let the coordinator(s) know your availability for scheduling purposes.

2021-2022 East Uniform Coordinator: Nancy Smith [nlrcs70@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nlrsc70@sbcglobal.net)

2021-2022 North Uniform Coordinator: Becky Burbrink Beckyburbrink@yahoo.com

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

These are the ones currently planned. These may be added to or removed as boosters reassess needs as we move through the season. Each program may have other independent fundraisers throughout the year to solely benefit their band.

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA KITS STARTING NOW MAY 4-JUNE 1

Students earn \$5/item sold for their account. Order form in this packet. Delivery will be at East week of June 21.

KIWANIS BOOTH AT FAIR END OF JUNE

Students sign up to work shifts at Kiwanis booth at fair doing a wide range of jobs over multiple days and hours. Kiwanis writes check for total hours worked and the money is divided between student accounts according to hours worked.

JULY-TO BE DECIDED

MCDONALD'S DRINK CARDS AUGUST-NO FIRM END DATE FOR SELLING

Cards sell for \$10 each and purchaser gets 42 large McDonald's drinks. Cards become active the end of September. You can get multiple drinks at one time and can own multiple cards. Due to printing and other fees, students earn \$5/card sold for their account.

KIWANIS INCREDIBLE DUCK SPLASH AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Sale begins end of July (band camp) and continues through end of September. Students sell rubber duck adoptions and keep 80% of money for student accounts. Sell \$100 worth of adoptions, get \$80 in your student account. Each adoption gets the purchaser one entry into the Duck Splash in October where thousands of rubber ducks are dropped into the Mill Race Pond and winning numbers are drawn at random for prizes valued over \$2500.

2021-2022 East Kiwanis Duck Coordinator: Mandy Brown brown.mandy4212@icloud.com

2021-2022 North Kiwanis Duck Coordinator: Chris Shute cshute02@yahoo.com

OTIS SPUNKMEYER COOKIES SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER (9/22-10/13)

Earn 40% of sales for student account. There are more than just cookies sold and ordering can be done online with free delivery elsewhere. Physical order pickup will be after school (4-7pm) at East on 11/10.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE OCTOBER

Money to student accounts determined by wreath chosen (\$5-10/item). Wreaths are shipped directly to customer and would make a great holiday gift for those relatives who live far away.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT SALE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

Students will earn a specific amount for each item sold. Amount per item is TBD at this time but is typically \$5-10/item.

BAND DISCOUNT CARDS NOVEMBER-NO FIRM END DATE FOR SELLING

These cards are good for a whole year and have discounts to local businesses. They are not peelers. This fundraiser is split 50 student/50 general with cards sold for \$10. Price of card printing is covered by directors.

SCRIP ONGOING

Turn everyday shopping into earnings towards your student account. Purchase gift cards (physical or electronic) to places you shop all the time or for gifts. Each card has a percentage attached to it that you earn. It may seem like a small percentage, but it adds up. We have families earn hundreds of dollars via Scrip by getting friends and family involved. Go to www.shopwithscrip to enroll. Remember to enter your student's name.

2021-2022 East Scrip Coordinator: Lesley Boewe scripcoordinator@columbuseastbandboosters.org East enrollment code F9FB8F2585L6

2021-2022 North Scrip Coordinator: Rachel Peery rachelpeery@comcast.net; North enrollment code: 97793EDF1676L

KROGER REWARDS ONGOING

Make your Kroger Plus card work for us. Link it to your home band's booster program and earn a percentage of what you spend for band. Under "My Account" go to "Community Rewards" and sign up with your program's organization number. As with Scrip, get friends and family involved.

2021-2022 East Kroger Rewards Coordinator: Lesley Boewe scripcoordinator@columbuseastbandbooster.org East's number is LJ656. For East, Kroger funds go to East's general band fund.

2021-2022 North Kroger Rewards Coordinator: Rachel Peery rachelpeery@comcast.net North's number is MS458. For North, at the end of each quarter, look at amount earned and send screenshot to coordinator to have that amount added to your account. If you don't send the screenshot then that amount will go into North's general band fund.

AMAZON SMILE ONGOING

Shop at www.smile.amazon.com. Same prices and selections as regular Amazon with a bonus. Go to account settings and pick your home booster club (specific name noted below) as your charity organization to support. A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the program. We receive periodic checks from Amazon. This money goes towards each program's general fund. Get your friends and family involved.

East: Columbus East High School Band Parents

North: Columbus North High School Band Booster Association

DINE TO DONATE NIGHTS ONGOING

Earn money for the combined general fund simply by eating out at local restaurants on nights that will be announced in advance. Some locations may require some volunteers. **Next up: Monday May 24th @ Chipotle 5-9pm.**

SOUND OF NORTH INVITATIONAL



SEPTEMBER 11TH 2021

Save the date! It will be ALL hands on deck as we host a band competition complete with sponsors, programs, concessions, hospitality room, judges, prizes and upwards of 20 marching bands. Since a portion of the proceeds will benefit the general combined band marching fund, each family will be expected to work at least one shift and donate at least one requested item. This will be our biggest fundraiser of the season!

