

Welcome!

Band Members and Parents

The Denbigh High School Band Boosters would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of the band members and their parents to the 2009-2010 band season! This next year will be one you will **never** forget! We are welcoming several new freshmen and several new students this year. WOW! You are going to have so much fun!! I have had the pleasure of being here at the school the last few days and the band already sounds so good. That will make quite an impression on our audiences this year!

My name is Tanya Barrow (Momma B) and I have the pleasure of being at **YOUR** service as your DHS Band Booster President. Band Booster Members are so **VITALLY** important to the success of the Denbigh High School Band. The Band Boosters are the parents of the Denbigh High School Band members. We are here to support each and every band member and of course their Band Director, Mr. Ward. This however is **a lot** of work, but as any well-developed team, we make it happen with a smile! We need help from each band member's parents to make this a really successful year!! We need 100% participation from our parents so that everyone only has to do a small percentage of the work.

Let me introduce you to a little of what we do:

Band Camp

- Cool the students heads when they've had too much sun
- Clean their scrapes, top them off with a band-aid, and of course give that reassuring hug before sending them back to the drill field (like all good moms would do!)
- Give you ladies 'unmentionables' when you have forgot them at home
- Find safety pins, rubber bands, etc. for what ever you need them for
- Size and fit every student in the band with a marching band uniform
- But there is no down-time for the parents while the musicians are drilling in the heat, we are all busy with uniform alterations (yes, that means sewing) while awaiting the next drill break and this is just the beginning!!!

Football Games, Competitions, Parades, and Spring Trips:

- Sell hot chocolate, coffee, donuts, and other goodies on the morning of our Denbigh Day Parade;
- Each time a bus leaves the school parking lot with our precious cargo on board (I am talking about our kids! not necessarily our instruments!) there must be a proper number of chaperones on board;
- Chaperones carry 'red bags' with a little of everything anyone would need on a short-term trip, not to mention being that 'go-to' person for the kids!
- Chaperones help in 'assembling' the band members prior to their disembarking the bus which entails taping up sleeves for easy gauntlet application, placing plumes in hats, and ensuring all gloves are on, buttons are buttoned....I am sure you get the picture. And, of course this is all done at a fever pitch and at a level of excitement you can only imagine of a bus full of excited pre-performance young musicians;
- The Pit Crew is so very critical to the band. They travel with all of the large instruments to ensure the safe delivery, set-up, and break-down of each large instrument at each performance. They put on a performance all of their own!!

- Both Chaperones and Pit Crew are then mustered together in the stands to become the 'cheerleaders' for our children taking the field in competition or performance. There is nothing better for a young musician's heart and spirit than to hear shouts of encouragement from those they love watching them and to see them all in the stands wearing RED! They will surely stand taller and play louder just because they know you, their parent, is out there watching them perform!

Patriot Invitational

- This is a major fund-raising event every fall held at Todd Stadium and hosted by the DHS Band Boosters. The proceeds made from this fund-raiser (and other fund-raisers throughout the year) are used to help repair, maintain, and purchase instruments for the band. In addition, uniforms and props are purchased with these funds.
- There is a tremendous amount of planning to do (otherwise called project management to those corporate types out there) and a multitude of jobs to be done when the time comes. Our Invitational this year will be held in October 24.
- I would like to see every parent join us in some capacity this year for the Invitational, it is such a wonderful event!

Fundraising

There will be several fundraisers this year in an effort to give everyone an opportunity to raise money for various fees and spring trip if one is planned. We will need parents to make sure that their students are out fundraising. The more funds your students raise the less money you have to spend. We will need parents to help with dividing and handing out various fundraisers throughout the year. As of right now the following are the fundraisers we have planned with more to information to come soon. *These are subject to change*

- Butter Braids Frozen Pastry Dough (Starts 8/18 all orders need to be in by 9/1)
- Coldstone Creamery
- Zap A Snack
- Tupperware
- Cookie Dough
- Personalization Creations
- Annual Fruit Fundraiser
- Discount Card
- Domino's Card
- Barnes and Noble Night
- Chick Fil A Night
- Fuddruckers Night
- Beef O Bradys Night
- No Bake-Bake Sale
- We might even get Mr. Ward in a Dunk Tank at Denbigh Days!

There is so much more the Band Boosters do that help the band throughout the year, but the one thing that I have not stressed enough is the fact you will be able to share all of these wonderful, memory-making experiences with your child!! This is priceless. Even if you are able to give a little of your time, it would be worth it to you, and to us!

As you are already probably aware, there are costs associated with being a member of any band, however if **you and your musician** take advantage of the multitude of fund-raisers available, it is possible you may never have to pay a penny out of your own pocket. But, with that said comes a commitment to **sell, sell, sell!**

What exactly are the costs of being in band? (**Fees are subject to change**)

- Band Camp \$100 (this fee will be paid whether you attend band camp or not)
- Band Hoodie \$25
- Instrument Fee \$35
- Uniform Fee \$35 (all marching students will pay)
- Shoe Fee \$29
- Gloves \$2
- Stick/Flag Fee \$35
- Concert Attire \$50

I hope I have incited you to want to become involved with your child this year as a Band Booster. We meet approximately once per month, on the second Tuesday of month in either the band room or the auditorium at 7 pm.

I truly hope each and every one of you will join in our fun and become part of your child's memory-making moments as a DHS Band Booster. Our season is just around the corner, and there is a lot to do!!! Come and be a part of it!

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