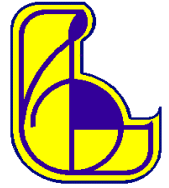




LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER



Dec 2011

Lancaster Band Boosters are parents/guardians of any student involved in the instrumental music program in the Lancaster City Schools, including Thomas Ewing, General Sherman, and Lancaster High School. The student may be involved in Concert or Symphonic Band, Marching "Band of Gold," Pep Band, Percussion Ensemble, or Swinging Gales "Jazz Ensemble." Former band members, members of their families or interested community members are also encouraged to become Booster members

please visit our website at www.bandofgold.org often for updates!

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Message from your Band Booster President ...

Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are almost at a midpoint of the school year. Christmas is fast approaching and families will be busy shopping and coming together for the Holiday season. I would like to thank all of the students for their hard work, dedication and determination this year. And I would like to offer thanks to the parents who were active and provided their time to make the Marching Band season a success.

When I became Booster President one of my top goals was to work with the Board Members and make sure that the Booster funds were spent appropriately and hold those accountable to the budget. Recently I have been working with Penny Hubbard – Treasurer, to determine where the Boosters have been profitable and where the Boosters are not so profitable. Ms. Hubbard's accounting knowledge has allowed us to see where improvements can be made and we are working closely with the director's to take the necessary steps to safeguard Booster funds for future generations. We strongly feel by taking the time to consistently review this information the Boosters can continue to become financially stable in the many years to come.

As the New Year approaches we will be discussing the next seasons' budget, selecting Committee chairpersons and electing new Officers. My hope is that any interested parents join me in the upcoming Booster meetings to observe, ask questions and get involved. The Booster organization represents the students and without parental involvement the students feel the effects. Please get involved, support the Boosters and your child's musical educational experience.

In recent months the students have had the opportunity to participate in fundraisers where a percentage and/or the entire amount of those funds raised go into their student account. The student account can be used to pay for items such as Band Camp fees, summer uniforms and can be used to assist in making their Florida trip payments. Most recently the students had an opportunity sell Donato's Books and Sonic value cards. Please make sure the money collected for these fundraisers are turned in as the deadline for these fundraisers was November 17th. The Boosters want to make sure the student accounts are properly updated in case any students were electing to use these funds to make Florida trip payments. If you have any questions regarding these fundraisers please contact me or Rejeanna Smith for assistance.



Respectfully,

Marc Churchill – President

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To All Those Who Helped In Concessions This Year:

We have come to the end of another season of Marching Band and football. Many of you helped out in our concessions booth and we cannot thank you enough. It is because of you that we are able to continue to do what we do. You have moved boxes, popped pop corn, stocked the pop coolers, wrapped sandwiches, ran a window, made marching tacos and washed dishes. Hopefully in there somewhere you had fun right along with the rest of us.

As you have seen, concessions aren't limited to just Friday nights. Many of you came out and helped during the Invitational, the Sherman/Ewing game and even pitched in to help at the Chinese Auction. We cannot express how much your time, efforts and help have been appreciated. We could not do any of this without wonderful people helping us the entire way. Several of you were there for every game and event. Thanks aren't enough and we hope we will see you again next year.

A very special thank you to all of you who have helped us by staying to clean up. Some of you we actually had to kick out of the booth at the end of the night because you wanted to stay till the last dish was washed and the last kernel of popcorn off the floor. It meant so much to us. We have a wonderful group of kids this year and we loved hearing them and cheering for them from the booth. But we cannot forget to thank those who got our cable hooked back up and the TV's working so we could see our kids sparkle on the field.

A big thank you to those of you who have worked the baby booth so diligently every year. You have helped things to run smoothly and donated your time tirelessly through each and every game. You keep coming back to help and it has not gone un-noticed.

Finally, Thank you to Bob Underwood for your time and expertise on getting those booths ready not just for the season, but for the off season as well.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all at the picnic next year.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ridenour
Victoria Grayson
Janet Donahue

Dear all,

The Band Boosters are offering Gift Wrapping at River Valley Mall again next weekend 12/3/11-12/4/11. We made over \$400 this past weekend. Yea!

If you have signed up to volunteer, please note the revised Sunday hours below. If you haven't already signed up, there is still time J Let Janet Donahue know at #215-6101 or jsd8861@yahoo.com

Please tell your friends and family about this event. We will wrap anything no matter how big or small. Items don't have to be purchased at the mall to be wrapped. You can bring in all your items from home and we'll wrap them for you.

Don't forget to fill out the attached mall waiver form if you are volunteering. We also need more tape and shirt boxes. If you can donate those, let Janet know.

SHIFTS:

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Shift 1: 9am-12pm
Shift 2: 12pm-3pm
Shift 3: 3pm-6pm
Shift 4: 6pm-9pm

Sunday, December 4, 2011

12pm-3pm
3pm-6pm
6pm-8pm



The gift wrapping station is right outside Old Navy.

Fundraising

Jan 9 at 6:30 in the LHS band room, we will have a Fundraising meeting (prior to the regular booster meeting). If you have any new ideas or would like some input on future fundraisers this is your time. I also have a couple new things in mind I would like to present for consideration. Please come and sit in. I value your opinion.

Thank you and Happy Holidays, Rejeanna Smith

THANK YOU!

This is being sent to you for all the things that you do.

Even if no one else recognizes you, please be aware that all of you are appreciated for your hard work and all that you share.

V is for the vigor that you bring
O is for the opportunity to know you
L is for your life you share
U is for the unconditional love you have
N is for the nurturing you give
T is for the time you don't have
E is for the excitement you bring
E is for the energy you have
R is for the reason you're a volunteer

Uniforms

Marching band uniforms will not be turned in until after the Florida trip. Please mark these turn-in dates on your calendars: Monday, April 30th 6-8pm, Tuesday, May 1 6-8pm, and Wednesday, May 2 6-8pm.

All "Band of Gold" uniforms **MUST** be dry-cleaned now that marching band season is over. **All students** (whether the student is going to Florida or not) need to turn in their dry-cleaning receipts to Mr. Pickenpaugh by Friday, December 9th.

Just a reminder.... All Concert and Symphonic Band students **MUST** purchase a wing-tipped tuxedo shirt to wear with their concert uniform. Tuxedo shirts can be purchased at Hobby Lobby and OP Gallo.

If there are any uniform questions, please contact Kathy Underwood (681-1731) or Debbi Hoagland (974-7909).

Thanks

**WATCH YOUR CHILD'S BAND ACCOUNT GROW
WHILE SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES!**

**KROGER WILL DONATE A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR GROCERY BILL TO THE
LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS**

**WE WILL APPLY YOUR PORTION OF THE PERCENTAGE
TO YOUR CHILD'S BAND ACCOUNT!**

1. Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program website www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your Kroger Plus Shoppers Card and request that your rewards go to the Lancaster Band Boosters. The NPO (non-profit organization) number assigned to the Lancaster Band Boosters is 80120. When you register your Plus card number with Kroger, you are required to include your e-mail address. Kroger will not accept more than one Plus card number to an e-mail address. Kroger also requires that you re-register every year. **Every** purchase should have

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at the bottom of your receipt. If this is not printed on the register receipt for each purchase you make, you are not properly registered with Kroger.

2. When you scan your Kroger Plus Card for all of your purchases at Kroger, except for alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted pharmacy expenses, postage stamps, Kroger gift cards, lottery and promotional tickets, and fuel and fuel center purchases, your total purchases are recorded and a check is issued to the Band Boosters at the end of each quarter. Effective May 1, 2009, the reward check is no longer a flat percentage of our group's spending as compared to the spending of all the other registered organizations. Kroger will award up to \$1,250,000 per quarter to the combined registered organizations.

3. Please provide Elaine Gillette with the Band Member's Name, the names of any relatives or friends that may be registered with Kroger, along with the numbers on the back of each Plus Card. This will guarantee that the rewards you earn are applied to the student's account. Without providing this information, the rewards will stay in the Band Boosters General Fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Gillette, who is handling the Kroger Community Rewards Program for the Lancaster Band Boosters, at 654-4159.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Dec 1st – Elementary Band Parents Meeting – LHS Auditorium – 7:30 pm**
- **Dec 8th – LHS Holiday Concert – LHS Auditorium – 7:30 pm**
- **Dec 10th – Heritage Candle Light Tour - Percussion Ensemble Performance - TBA**
- **Dec 14th – General Sherman Holiday Concert – GSJHS – 7:00 pm**
- **Dec 14th – Thomas Ewing Holiday Concert – TEJHS – 8:00 pm**
- **Dec 16th – Holiday Brass Lancaster City Schools Tour -**
- **Dec 17th – Holiday Brass Downtown Performance - TBA**
- **Dec 20th – Pep Band @ OSU v Lamar Basketball Game – 8:30 pm**