



Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters

Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania

May 26, 2017

Dear Band Parent:

On June 5th at 7:00 pm, Marching Band sign-ups will take place at PHS East. I would like to welcome, or welcome back, your student to the Pennsbury Instrumental Music program. *At the end of this letter is a check list which should be brought with you to sign up night to assist you in completing the necessary sign-up steps.

The Pennsbury Instrumental Music Program maintains a great tradition of developing students, not only in their musical and performance skills, but also in their personal and social development. This is done through a disciplined approach to music education and performance, as well as through a sense of community. Parents are an important part of this community and we ask that you get involved by becoming members of the Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters.

The Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters supports all the instrumental music groups which include: the 9th grade band, 10th-12th grade Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Jazz Band, Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra and the Community Band.

Our role as boosters is to boost! We support the program by assisting at musical functions, fundraising to provide materials, training, and other resources, holding social events for instrumental music members and their families, supporting major trips, and, in many other ways, making your child's high school musical experience a positive lifelong memory.

We ask each parent to support this special community by:

1. *Becoming a Booster* – Your small booster fee of \$10 per family will help offset the cost of boosting. It also allows you to participate in booster meetings, take part in fundraising opportunities to help meet benchmarks, and vote on key booster initiatives. A benchmark is the yearly student requirement specified and approved by the membership. It helps cover the boosters' budgeted expenses for the school year. Each family has until the end of March to fundraise or donate the specified benchmark. This year's benchmark for Marching Band is \$150.00. Currently there is no benchmark set for Jazz Band or Orchestra members.
2. *Actively Participating in Booster Meetings* – Held one Monday a month, these meetings keep members up-to-date on the bands' schedules and Boosters' financial status as well

as the monthly fundraising opportunities. Member also vote on important matters related to the various ensembles.

3. *Donating Your Time* – There are several committees that support the booster efforts (fundraising, chaperones, uniforms, spirit wear, etc.). Find two or three that look interesting to you and sign-up! Some are one-time events and others require little bits of time all year, but all are opportunities for you to become more involved.
4. *Helping with Fundraising* – Through funds raised by the Booster programs, many needed items and special activities and awards are made possible for all the Pennsbury Music Ensembles. Specific ways to get involved in fundraising include:
 - a. Sale of fundraising items – be it candy, flowers, or pizza, there is something for everyone. Sell to your friends, relatives, co-works, or just buy for your own family. A little goes a long way.
 - b. Make a donation – if you prefer not to sell fundraising items you can still financially support the bands through a donation. Please make checks payable to the Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters or PIMB.
 - c. Help with Band Festival & Other Special Events – we ask each band family to help with our largest fundraising activity of the year, the Band Festival in November. Details and sign-ups will be available closer to the date. You will be notified of other special events where volunteer efforts are needed.

Parents who are active in the boosters are an important part of the instrumental music community. This is a wonderful opportunity to share an activity with your child that he or she truly enjoys and meet fun, interesting, and dedicated people in the process. We function best through 100% parent participation. Please help in as many ways as you can as we look forward to another successful musical year.

Sincerely,

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