

RHHS Marching Band Parent Information Meeting

August 25, 2023 7:00pm



RHHS Band Boosters

- RHHS Band Boosters is a volunteer organization and a component of RHHS Music Boosters, a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation that supports the music ensembles at River Hill
- Objectives:
 - Stimulate student, parent, and community interest and participation in the RHHS band program
 - To promote fundraisers and events for the continued operation of the RHHS band program
 - To promote mutual cooperation between the RHHS administration, its component groups, and the RHHS music programs (band, orchestra, chorus, and guitar).
- Meetings:
 - The RHHS Band Boosters meet the second Tuesday of every month. Please come join us!
- Website:
 - <http://www.riverhillmusic.org>, click on Band

Executive Board

- President: Radhika Wijetunge
- Vice-President: Cristi Stark
- Secretary: Alice Liu
- Treasurer: Xia Chen
- At-Large Members:
 - 9th grade rep: Michael King
 - 10th grade rep: Kalika Handa
 - 11th grade rep: Jen Fetterolf



Committee Chairs

- Marching Band
 - Uniforms:
Cristi Stark, Radhika Wijetunge
 - Meals:
Jen Fetterolf, Kathie Blackman
 - Equipment: OPEN
- Pep Band Coordinator: OPEN
- Spirit Wear: Guohui Wang, Yun Cai
- Photographer: Xiaoyan Zhang
- Audio/Visual Recording: OPEN
- Webmaster: Ying Zha
- Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
- Music Boosters Liaison:
Audrey Fernandes
- Hospitality: OPEN
- Senior Special Events: OPEN
- Senior Scholarship: Jen Fetterolf
- Nominating: OPEN
- Fundraising
 - General: OPEN
 - Restaurant Nights: OPEN
 - Make Music Happen:
Audrey Fernandes
 - Pie Sale - OPEN

Marching Band Performance Night Schedule

- 2:45 - 3:45 Rehearsal in stadium
- 3:45 - 4:45 Set up the band room, and down time
 - Students will technically be with Mr. Blackman for an after-school activity. Students will need a signed note from a parent to be able to leave the fine arts wing of the building
- 4:45 - 5:30 Dinner (bring or purchase from boosters)
 - Whether students purchase a booster meal or not, Mr. Blackman would like for them to eat dinner at school so that they are all together and ready to get dressed after dinner
- 5:30 - 6:00 Put on uniforms and get ready
- 6:00 - 6:20 Warmup
- 6:20 - 6:30 Line up in parade formation by the loading dock
- 6:30 March to stadium for pre-game show

Marching Band Performance Nights

- Students should wear marching band shirts to school on home game Fridays
- Students may not wear anything over the marching band uniform
 - Wear compression shorts and marching band shirts underneath in warm weather
 - Add thermal underwear and/or additional clothing when it gets cold
- Students may not bring anything other than instruments and equipment to the stadium
 - Phones must remain in the band room
- NO food is allowed while in uniform
- Students will be given bottles of water when they are seated in the stands after pre-game performance
- Students may pick up a snack after changing out of uniform after the game
- Boosters request donations of bottled water and individually wrapped nut-free snacks
 - Water and snacks are left over from families who donated to the MASCB fundraiser, and will update the volunteer signup as we need more.

Marching Band Meals

- Students may choose to purchase dinners provided by the band boosters on marching band performance days. The first week will be buffet style, and remaining weeks will be individual boxed meals. All meals will include lemonade and water, and individually packaged snacks.
 - 9/22 - Anthony's - pizza, salad, and dessert
 - 9/29 - Panera - sandwich, chips, pickle, and cookie
 - 10/6 - Qdoba - burrito, tortilla chips, salsa, and brownie
 - 10/27 - Pei Wei - Rice with chicken, steak, shrimp, or tofu dish with spring roll and Thai donuts
- Meals will need to be purchased through the Charms Online Store by the Friday prior to the meal date. Specific meals will be selected at the time of purchase
- Charms Store ordering instructions are on the [Band Booster Website](#) under "Charms Instructions"
- If there are any questions or any special dietary concerns, please contact [Kathie Blackman](#) or [Jen Fetterolf](#).




Marching Band Needs

- We need lots of parent help in order for our marching band performances to be successful
 - Equipment
 - Help move equipment to and from the field before and after the football game, and on and off the field before and after the pre-game and halftime show
 - Help distribute water bottles to the students during the game
 - Meals - Help set up, serve, and clean up marching band dinners
 - Uniforms
 - Help with uniforms before and after the game
 - Help with plumes after the halftime show
 - Concession stand
 - Help in the concession stand during the 1st and 2nd half (can watch the halftime show!)
 - Donations of bottled water and individually packaged snacks
- The link to the volunteer/donation signup is on the [Band Booster Website](#) under “Volunteer Opportunities”



Pep Band

- Student led group that attends away football games
 - 9/8 - Howard 9/15 - Centennial
 - 10/13 - Marriott's Ridge 10/20 - Glenelg
 - Play tunes in the stands
 - Play fight song when the football team scores
 - Students can sign up prior to each away football game
 - Students meet at RHHS band room to rehearse at 5:00
 - Parents and students provide transportation for students and equipment
 - Students get 2nd quarter free time to get food from snack bar and/or to socialize with other students
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- A photograph showing a group of students, likely members of a school band or marching band, standing behind a metal fence. They are wearing dark blue shirts and are holding various brass instruments, including saxophones and tubas. Some students are looking towards the camera, while others are looking down at their instruments. The background shows a clear sky and some distant structures.



Required Attire

- Provided to student
 - Marching Uniform
 - Marching Band T-shirt
 - provided by Band Boosters for new marchers
 - replacement shirts purchased by student
 - Pep Band Shirts
 - distributed to pep band participants each week, collected, and washed

*If there are any financial concerns, please contact Mr. Blackman or a member of the Band Boosters Board

If you have trouble finding dress black concert attire, try searching for “school concert attire”. We have used Cousin’s and Stage Accents in the past.

- Purchased by student through band boosters
 - Marching Shoes - \$48
 - Marching Gloves - \$7
- Purchased by student on own
 - Compression shorts for under marching uniform - needed by 9/22
 - Black marching socks (high enough to cover calf) - needed by 9/22
 - Black shorts for casual uniform
 - Thermal underwear (optional) or other warm clothing to wear under marching uniform - needed for cold weather performances
 - Dress black for formal concerts: solid black blouse or long-sleeved button down shirt with solid black dress pants OR solid black gown at least knee-length; black dress socks and black dress shoes- needed by 11/4

Jackets/Pride Wear

- Band Jackets (optional)
 - Zip-up windbreaker type jackets personalized with the student's name, instrument, and year of graduation
 - Jacket cost is \$79 (sold at cost)
 - A minimum of 12 jackets is required for us to place an order
 - The jacket can be ordered through a [Google Form](#) by September 12 (form has picture of the front and back of jacket). If we receive at least 12 orders we will send out payment instructions on September 16
- Pride Wear
 - Pride Wear can be purchased through the Charms Online Store
 - Directions to access the Charms Online Store are in the Charms Instructions on the [Band Booster Website](#)
 - Items will be sold at band concerts and events
- Email rhhs.band.pridewear@gmail.com with any questions.



Fundraisers

- Make Music Happen
 - A direct donation program to help support band activities and enhance the music education of our children
 - A tax receipt is issued for all donations received
 - Online donation and forms are available tonight and on the [Band Booster Website](#)
 - Donations can be submitted by PayPal through online donation or by check made out to “RHHS Music Boosters - Band”
- Restaurant Fundraisers
- Pie Sale (or alternate Music Booster fundraiser)
 - Music Booster Pie Sale In October/November.
 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year!
- A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped to make our MASCB meal fundraiser successful. We raised over \$800 for the RHHS band program which gives us a good start for the year!
- A BIG THANK YOU to Cristi Stark for arranging the Chipotle Fundraiser and student meal distribution on Wednesday night!



Fundraising: Scrip



- Scrip is currently the only fundraiser students can use to raise money in their individual student accounts
- Two ways to do it:
 - Purchase physical gift cards - orders will be placed a few times per school year
 - Purchase electronic gift cards - can purchase any time!
 - directly from bank account for a \$0.29 per transaction fee
 - with a credit card for a 2.6% fee
- Each purchase will provide a percentage refund (typically 4-8% but can be over 10%) back to the student's account
- Student account money belongs to the student and can be used to pay for band activities (spring trip, spirit wear, marching band meals, marching band shoes and gloves, etc.)
- Instructions to get started can be found in the Fundraising section on the band booster website (or click here [Scrip Instructions](#))
- Contact Alice Liu at rhhs.band.board@gmail.com with any questions.

How To Pay for the Spring Trip*... with Scrip!

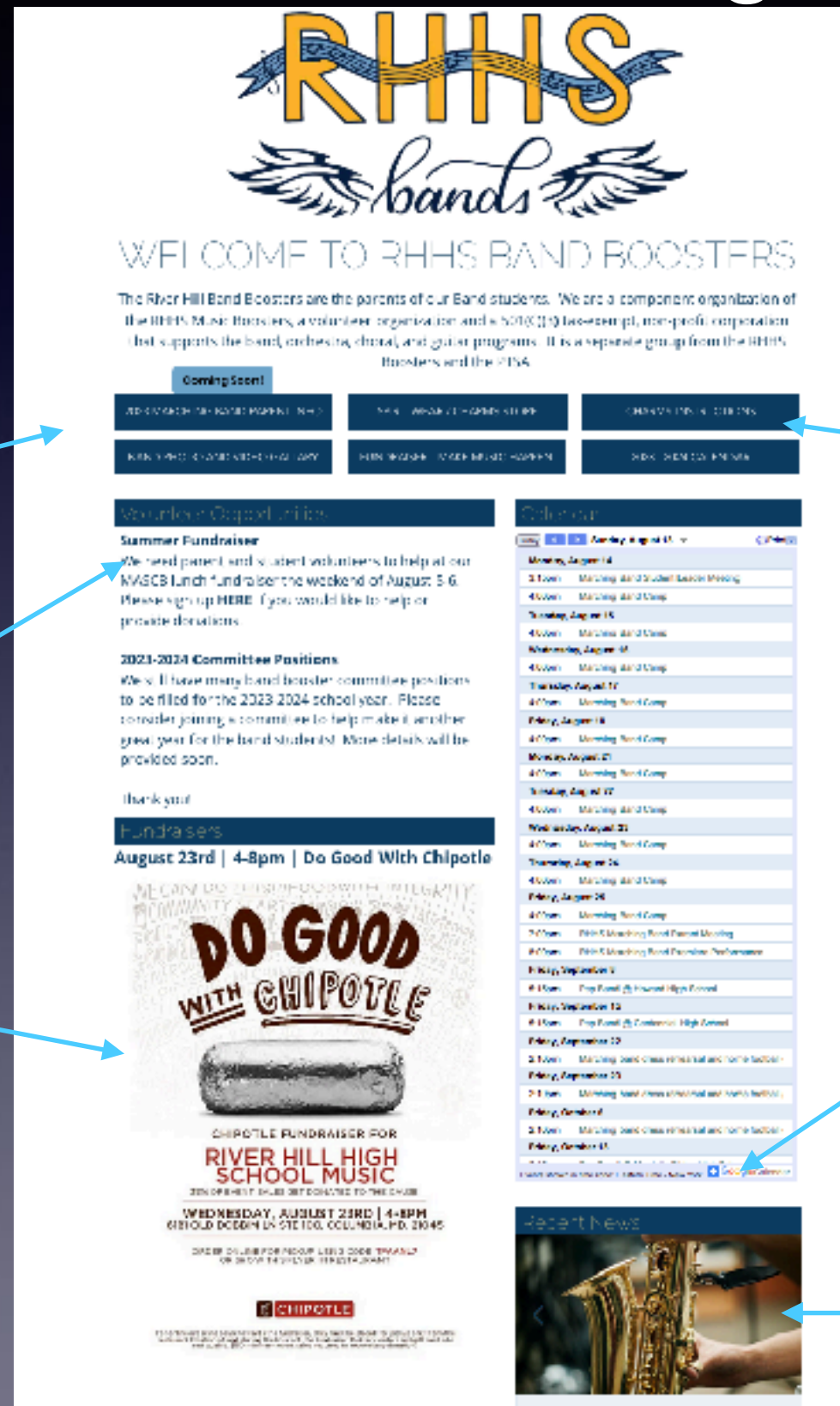
Groceries at Giant or Safeway \$120/week at 4% x 36 weeks = \$172.80
Starbucks Latte once per week: \$6 at 4.5% x 36 weeks = \$9.72
Honey Baked Ham or Turkey twice per year: \$60 at 12% x 2 weeks = \$14.40
Shell Gas one tank per week: \$30 at 1.5% x 36 weeks = \$16.20
Cold Stone Creamery for two once per month: \$10 at 11% x 9 months = \$9.90
Pet Food at Pet Smart once per month: \$100 at 5% x 9 months = \$45
Dinner at Maggiano's for two once per month \$60 at 11% x 9 months = \$59.40
AMC Movie for two once per month: \$30 at 8% x 9 months = \$21.60
Chipotle once per month for a family of 4: \$40 at 10% x 9 months = \$36
Old Navy Shopping Spree \$200 at 14% = \$28
New refrigerator, stove, or dishwasher - Home Depot \$500 at 4% = \$20
Barnes & Noble books or textbooks for older siblings: \$300 at 8% = \$24
Sport supplies at Dick's: \$200 at 8% = \$16
Art/scrapbook/holiday decoration supplies at Michael's: \$200 at 4% = \$8
Drug store supplies at CVS: \$200 at 6% = \$12
Xbox Games: \$100 at 6% = \$6

~\$500 in 9 months!

*A band spring trip to Orlando is in the planning stage

RHHS Band Booster Website

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Volunteer Needs

Fundraising Info

Thank you to Ying Zha for our new and improved website home page!

Charms Instructions

Click on + sign to download to your Google calendar

Band News

Join a Committee!

- Marching Band
 - Meals - select and order meals; coordinate set up, serving, and clean up
 - Equipment - work with Mr. Blackman on equipment needs; coordinate moving equipment on and off the field, and to and from the band room
 - Uniforms - assign and maintain uniforms; coordinate uniform distribution and storage
- Restaurant Fundraisers: Contact restaurant to set up a fundraiser
- Pie Sale Fundraiser -October/November
 - Coordinate orders and distribution of pies with music boosters
- Senior Scholarship Committee
 - Review scholarship applications, meet with committee and determine awards
- Hospitality Committee
 - 8th grade auditions - sign in students and answer questions
 - Band Banquet - coordinate and help set up
 - Ice Cream Social after Multigenerational Concert concert - coordinate, set up, serve ice cream, and clean up
- Nominating Committee
 - Nominate next year's board members

Sign up to Help!

- Committee Signup

- Focus on a specific need that will allow the band students to achieve success and have fun
- A great way to meet and get to know other band parents
- Upcoming needs for the fall are marching band committees, audio/visual recording, pep band coordinator, volunteer coordinator, and fundraising
- Needs for the spring are hospitality committee, senior scholarship committee, and fundraising

- Volunteer Signup

- Specific time slots
- All families that do not hold a board or committee position are asked to please sign up for a couple slots through the year!
- Will be updated through the year as needs arise

Thanks for attending!

We hope to see you at our next
booster meeting on September 12
at 7:30 pm!

