

# Silver Magic Band Boosters

*What are the Band Boosters and what do they do?*

The “Silver Magic Band Boosters” is the support organization of the band. The primary purpose is to help the band and to facilitate the needs of the band as determined by the director. They do this through fundraising, chaperoning trips, building and maintaining equipment, issuing and repairing uniforms, and anything else they can do to help the band. All parents and guardians of band members can be members of the boosters. Getting involved with the booster organization will help the program continue to be successful, and will show your child that you support and care about what he or she is doing.

## **General Functions of the Boosters:**

1. All decisions concerning the activities of the Boosters should be aimed at the welfare of the student, educationally and musically.
2. Support the decisions and philosophy of the Band Director; provide all the students with an enriching experience and develop their talents to the highest degree of proficiency.
3. Raise funds to supplement the band’s operating costs.
4. Assist in providing equipment for the program.
5. Assist in welcoming new parents to the program.

Below are some standard activities that the band boosters provide assistance with:

**Fundraising** – One of the main purposes is to raise funds for the band program. The extra money helps to provide funds for special events and trips, instruments, additional uniform cleaning, and other band related expenses that are above and beyond what the band’s budget can afford. Your son/daughter gets to participate in an outstanding program with opportunities that could not be offered without the support of the Band Boosters.

**Uniforms** – Participation in marching and concert events require students to be fitted for (and often altered) uniforms each year. These have to be assigned, maintained, and cleaned throughout the school year. Accommodating away events, the process also involves transportation and organization. “Uniform Moms” become the most beloved helpers to the band students.

**Uniform Room** – Storage room for uniforms, shakos (hats), gauntlets, gloves, t-shirts and polos, plumes, rain ponchos, equipment carts, and other band related items. Coordinators and volunteers keep it cleaned and stocked.

**Chaperones** – Required by the school district. Provide for the needs (water, first aid) of the band students during band events (home and away games). Chaperones are needed for competitions, marching festivals, parades, football games, and overnight trips. Chaperones are in charge of filling the water coolers, distributing ponchos, distributing and collecting plumes, and transporting equipment.

**Equipment and Field Crew** – Throughout the season there is a large amount of equipment that needs to be loaded on and off of buses and the field. Volunteer parents who can haul and set up equipment are greatly appreciated.

**Concession Stands** – Volunteers are needed to cook and sell food during all home football games and the POC

**Props** – help construct props for the marching show

## Board Members

**Booster President** – communication with and support of the Band Director, lead monthly parent meetings, publish newsletters

**Booster Vice President** – coordinate parent volunteers ; assumes the president's role in their absence.

**Booster Treasurer** – student accounts and general funds, collects dues and makes purchases as determined by the band director

**Booster Secretary** – records board and general meeting minutes

## Events and Activities

**Summer Marching Band Camp** – Parent volunteers needed for band camp. Parents will help with water, emergency care if needed, and assist as requested. ONLY STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD DURING REHEARSAL.

**Summer Marching Showcase** – First band performance of the season

**Middle School Night** – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to march and play with the band during a home football game

**FBA Marching Band MPA** – district ratings of marching bands

**Preview of Champions** – FMCB sanctioned marching band competition hosted by the SMMB Boosters; the band performs as an exhibition

**Senior Recognition Night** – recognition of senior band, football and cheerleaders with their parents during a football game

**5K Run** – Fundraiser hosted by the SMMB Boosters

**Winter Concert** – held in December, parents are needed to help with the concert program, stage set up and refreshments

**FMBC State Competition** – the final competition of the marching season, usually an overnight trip

**Car Show** – Car show fundraiser hosted by the SMMB Boosters.

**District and State Solo and Ensemble MPA** – students perform a solo or ensemble piece and are adjudicated. Held in February. If a student receives a superior rating on a grade 5 or higher solo, they will be able to perform at the State MPA.

**District and State Concert Band MPA** – Concert Band and Wind Ensemble perform for a panel of judges and are adjudicated. If the band receives a superior, they will continue on to perform for the State Concert Band MPA.

**Annual Band Banquet** – This event requires volunteers to coordinate the meal, decorations, video presentation, awards and printed program.

**Prism Concert** – Volunteers needed to coordinate ticket sales and distribution. Held in May.

**Other Fundraisers** – Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, Yankee Candles, Poinsettias, Wreaths