

Band Boosters Inc.

LINGANORE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear First Semester Students & Families,

Welcome to our incoming 2017-18 first semester students and their families! Most of you are veterans of our program with students in grades 10-12, while others are new to the program. In either case, please read this letter thoroughly.

The LHS Band Boosters is the supporting organization for instrumental music in our school. Our booster members are great resources of information and are always willing to share their experiences and insights with you. The LHS Band Boosters meet at 7PM on the second Tuesday of each month in the LHS Media Center, and we hope you will join us. Keep in mind that ALL Linganore Band students are eligible for our optional spring trip if they raise their share of the operating expenses and the trip costs. We will be performing in the Walt Disney World Parade in March 2018.

The boosters supply the funds for everything in our program that FCPS doesn't cover. This includes salaries for many of the Marching Band staff, show rights, drill, transportation, uniforms, many of our large instruments, maintenance of our website, etc. As funds from the county for our music department have decreased over 40% in the past few years, our boosters are covering more of our sheet music, equipment and accessories purchases than ever. The boosters also supplement Mr. Lloyd's extracurricular stipend for time it does not cover, including Marching Band competitions, extended band camp, and weekly after school Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble rehearsals throughout the winter and spring, providing year long opportunities for all of our students. Finally, we believe that "a rising tide raises all boats," in that when any musicians improve, the quality of the program is better for everyone.

Quota (you'll hear this a lot) is the term we use to refer to money. It covers a student's share of the band program's operating costs. Our total operating costs are divided by the number of students in the program each year, and that amount becomes your share of the operating budget for the school year. **We will approve our final budget no later than the September Booster meeting. Based on recent years the operating costs for first semester students is expected to be under \$450 for returning students and \$400 for first year students.** In addition, all students who wear a uniform issued by the uniform room are required to pay a uniform fee to cover the upkeep of these items. **The full year uniform fee is \$90 plus personal items (shoes, gloves, t-shirt, and concert shirt).** A **Uniform Fee Form** will be sent home during band camp with a detailed breakdown for each student.

Operating expenses and uniform fees will be due according to the following schedule and must be up to date to be eligible for the spring trip. \$50 non-refundable commitment deposit is due with commitment form by June 6th, uniform fees by August 22nd, then remaining balance divided into 2 payments due October 3rd and December 7th.

	non-refundable commitment deposit 6/6/17	Uniform Fees 8/22/17 (first day of regular practice)	1 st half balance 10/3/17	2 nd half balance 12/7/17 (Holiday concert)
Returning students	\$50	\$90 + pieces	\$200 based on \$450	\$200 based on \$450
First year students	\$50	\$90 + pieces (under \$190)	\$175 based on \$400	\$175 based on \$400

The **optional** Spring Trip payment schedule TBD. For questions regarding fees, please contact our Booster Treasurer, Billie Jo Kahler at LHSBandTreasurer2015@yahoo.com. If you have any other Booster-related questions you can contact Joanne Doyle at jdoyle@turnkey-technology.com.

Thanks for your continued support of instrumental music programs at Linganore High School.

Sincerely,

Joanne Doyle
President, LHS Band Boosters

Kevin Lloyd
Director of Bands

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