

Midlothian High School Band Boosters

Membership Information



The Band Boosters provide support for the band program of Midlothian High School through our generosity with time, talents and fundraising activities. Every member has a dedication to the excellence for which our band stands. In order to ensure the progress and success of the program, the members join in fellowship with the band director, staff, students and their families, as volunteers committed to quality music education.

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Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 Band season! There is a great year in store for our kids and I'm looking forward to the Boosters helping them succeed.

The Band Boosters is a membership organization of parents and friends of students in the Midlothian High School band program. We provide moral and financial support to the band program through volunteering, attending events and fundraising. I encourage all parents and grandparents of students in the Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Color Guard, Dance Team and the Percussion Ensemble to join.

There are many facets to the Booster program and we need everyone to chip in. I feel strongly that we have a place for you and your interests through the various committees and events we support. Having come to know the parents and events over the years, I know you'll have fun, too! Best of all, you have an opportunity to participate in something that is important to your teenager and helps you get to know his/her friends at the same time. Isn't that something all parents want?

Joining the Boosters is not expensive and ALL money raised through membership dues and fundraisers goes straight to the program. We have monthly meetings in the band room (every third Monday of the month) where we discuss upcoming needs and vote on important issues.

I look forward to this year and seeing how the Boosters can help support our kids in their quest for State Honor Band!

Sincerely,

Paul Bickford
President, Midlothian Band Boosters
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Key Dates

(Complete Band Calendar found at www.MidloBand.org)

Key Fundraisers:

- Tag Day Sat., Sep 10th
 - Showcase of Bands Sat., Oct 1st
- (PLEASE make every effort to volunteer on these two dates – see details on pages 9 – 10)

Marching Band Competitions / Exhibitions:

- Princess Anne HS Sat., Sep 17th
- County Band Night Mon., Oct 3rd (Monacan HS 6:30 PM)
- Deep Run HS Sat., Oct 8th
- Midlothian Day Parade Sat., Oct 15th
- (TBD) Sat., Oct 15th (originally scheduled for Oct 22nd)
- **VBODA (Warhill HS) Sat., Oct 29th**
- Lee Davis HS Sat., Oct 29th (after VBODA performance)

(Mark your calendar; come out and support your band!)

Football Games:

- Fri., Sep 16th
- Fri., Sep 23rd
- Fri., Sep 30th
- Fri., Oct 7th (James River HS)
- Fri., Oct 21st (homecoming)
- Fri., Nov 4th
- Fri., Nov 11th

Band Booster Meetings: (All Boosters are invited to General Meetings held in the MHS Band Room)

General Membership Meetings	Board Meetings
• Mon., Aug 22 nd	• Mon., Aug 8 th
• Mon., Sep 19 th	• Mon., Sep 12 th
• Mon., Oct 17 th	• Mon., Oct 10 th
• Mon., Nov 21 st	• Mon., Nov 14 th
• Mon., Mar 19 th	• Mon., Mar 12 th
• Mon., Apr 16 th	• Mon., Apr 9 th
• Mon., May 21 st	• Mon., May 14 th

Information Sources;

- Become a Booster NOW to receive Band News & Updates via email.
- www.MidloBand.org; the best place to find information, schedules, documents and pictures.
- Contact a Booster Board or Chair Member.

2011 - 2012 Band Booster Officers & Committee Chairs

Position	Name	email	Phone
President	Paul Bickford	epbickford@verizon.net	378-8297
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MHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of parents, grandparents and interested persons working together to provide financial support through fundraising for expenses not covered by registration fees or Chesterfield County; including but not limited to uniforms, instruments, additional musical instruction, competitions and travel.

100% of funds support the following bands and auxiliary groups:

- Marching Trojans (Marching Band and Color Guard)
- Trojanettes (Dance Team)
- Concert & Symphonic Bands and any other band or group under the purview of the MHS Band Director

Annual Membership Form

Name(s): _____
_____ Parent(s) _____ Grandparent(s) _____ Friend(s)
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Student Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____
Mom's Cell Phone: _____ cell carrier:* _____
Dad's Cell Phone: _____ cell carrier:* _____
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: \$ _____
Eighth Note: \$12.50 (individual; one vote membership only) Quarter Note: \$25.00
Half Note: \$50.00 Whole Note: \$100.00

*Enter cell carrier if you would like to receive text messages in the event of an emergency or important situation.

Please give generously! Your donation is tax-deductible.

Does your company have corporate matching funds for donation? Yes_____ No_____

Midlothian High School Band Booster - Volunteer Sign Up Sheet

We need lots of parent help to run the Marching Band. Please indicate which activities are of interest to you by writing your name(s) next to each item. Parents may help in more than one area, and no area requires a constant, year-long commitment.

Band Camp Chaperone: _____

Attend some of Band Camp to assist where needed. (Help serve lunch, keeping water coolers filled, minor first aid, etc.)

Band Uniform Helper: _____

Help with fitting, handing out, and collecting uniforms for games and competitions.

Color Guard Helper: _____

Help with sewing flags, and handing out and collecting uniforms for games and competitions.

Pit Crew: _____

Loading and unloading equipment and moving on and off the field during games and marching events. Also may be called to help move chairs and stands during indoor concerts.

Chaperone: _____

Assist when needed at football games, marching competitions, or other times the band travels.

Hospitality: _____

Help with setting up, serving, and clean up for the Preview Dinner, Senior Dinner, Band Banquet, or After-Concert Receptions.

50/50 Raffle: _____

Sell raffle tickets in the stands at home football games.

Tag Day: Driver _____ **Tabulator** _____

Tag Day is our annual fundraising event. Drivers will shuttle students to various neighborhoods for collection of monetary donations. Tag Day is the first or second Saturday in September.

Showcase of Bands:

Chairman in Training: *Learn how to run the event in the future* _____

Planning: *Invite bands and judges, help coordinate volunteers* _____

Tickets: *Sell or collect tickets at the gate* _____

Band Guide: *Get them where they need to be on time* _____

Concessions: *Plan, stock, or sell concessions* _____

Video: *Film the competing bands as they perform* _____

Photography: *Assist Paul Bickford in taking photos of bands on and off the field* _____

Traffic Control: *Help with parking buses* _____

Hospitality: *Stock the directors' area/make sure judges have everything they need* _____

Starting Gate: *Control traffic through the gate where bands enter and exit* _____

Booster Positions and Committees

The following is a description of the Booster Officer positions and the standing committees that support the band throughout the year. As you will see, there are many ways that a parent can become involved. Some positions take a few hours a month to only an hour a week. Please consider volunteering to help.

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall have authority to act for the organization in making emergency decisions.

Vice President: The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President shall also act as Ways and Means chairperson.

Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep the records, minutes and attendance of all meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for handling incoming and outgoing correspondence. This includes meeting notices, newsletters and other mailings. The Corresponding Secretary will record minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the organization's funds and shall make disbursements for items approved by the organization or by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall maintain adequate records and keep a balanced account in the name of the organization. He/she shall make a year-to-date report to the organization and all funds received and expended at each general meeting and a full report once a year. He/she shall keep full and accurate books of the accounts which shall be the property of the organization.

Sergeant At Arms: The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for the compliance with the constitution, bylaws and standing rules of the Band Booster organization. He/she will be the final arbiter in discussions regarding the legality or interpretation of the constitution, the bylaws and standing rules as they affect the business of the Boosters. The Sergeant At Arms shall be authorized to appoint and assistant to act in his/her absence.

Pit Crew: Loading and unloading equipment and moving it on and off the field during games and marching events. Coordinate truck rental and may also may be called to help move chairs and stands during indoor concerts.

50/50 Raffle: The committee chairperson is responsible for coordinating the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets at all home football games during the fall season. He/she are also responsible for selling tickets at the Showcase of Bands.

Membership: The committee chairperson is responsible for coordinating membership drive in the fall and maintaining membership records.

Chaperones: The committee chairperson ensures that there are parents to chaperone all away football games, competitions and any other event that requires the band to travel away from Midlothian high School.

Hospitality: The chairperson is responsible for hosting the Band Camp Dinner, End of Year Dinner and the Last Concert Reception.

Uniforms: The chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the band looks its best when it performs in uniform. They are responsible for fitting uniforms during band camp, cleaning uniforms in the fall and making sure all uniforms are stored during the off season. They are also responsible for ensuring all uniform fees are received. They also arrange for tuxedos for the boys and concert dresses for the girls.

Historian: The chairperson catalogs the year of the music program in video and pictures.

Finance: The finance committee meets in January and March and when necessary. The finance committee reviews the budget and makes suggestions for ensuring our budget remains balanced.

Dance Sponsor: The chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the needs of the Dance Team are met.

Guard Sponsor: The chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the needs of the Guard are met.

Percussion Sponsor: The chairperson is responsible for ensuring that the needs of the Percussion Ensemble are met. The chairperson is also responsible for Project Percussion.

Band Camp Concessions: The chairperson is responsible for concessions during band camp.

Spirit Wear: The chair person is responsible for arranging for tee shirts, sweat shirts, water bottles, etc. are available for sale throughout the year.

Publicity: The chairperson is responsible for making sure all events of the band are made known to the public. The chairperson is also responsible for the publicity of the Showcase of Bands and the program for the event.

Tag Day: The chairperson is responsible for ensuring there are drivers for the event, enough materials to be distributed, routes are covered and totals tallied.

Showcase of Bands: The chairperson is responsible for all aspect of the competition.

Tag Day Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **When is Tag Day?**
Saturday, September 10th, 2011.
- **What is Tag Day?**
Tag Day is THE major fundraiser for Midlothian Band Booster activities. It occurs annually every fall. In 2010, Tag Day generated over \$11,000 to help fund activities for all Midlothian bands, color guard, and dance team.
- **How does Tag Day work?**
Members of the Midlothian bands, color guard, and dance team, wearing their respective uniforms, go door-to-door in neighborhoods served by Midlothian High School. Midlothian High School serves approximately 36 neighborhoods. It takes **EVERYONE** to donate his or her time on Tag Day to make it successful! We need parent volunteers to drive, help tabulate collections, coordinate lunch, or other activities that arise. In order to have enough teams to cover all the neighborhoods, we need all students to participate.

A Tag Day team has four students and one parent driver. Veteran students are paired with freshmen. Students walk in pairs, knock on doors, and tell residents about the virtues of the Midlothian High School music programs. The students collect donations from the residents. For residents who are not home, students leave a doorknob hanger containing a letter and return mail envelope. Approximately 10% of Tag Day funds come from doorknob mailers!

The Tag Day Committee prepares all driver packets, which includes neighborhood maps, doorknob bags, Tag Day Letters and envelopes.
- **What do I have to do on Saturday, September 10th?**
Drivers and students arrive at MHS by 8:15AM. Students change into uniforms while drivers receive their neighborhood packets and instructions. Drivers are united with their student teams and deployed to their neighborhood routes from 8:30AM to 9:15AM.

Two driver teams will be assigned to each neighborhood. We found this successfully allowed teams to complete all morning routes and return to MHS between 11AM and Noon.
Teams will be served pizza lunch upon returning from the morning routes. They have 30-45 minutes to eat, and get their driver packets for afternoon routes.

Route assignments for morning and afternoon routes will be determined by the Tag Day Committee once a full roster of drivers and students is completed by the end of Band Camp.
- **How do I volunteer to drive?**
Please write your name, cell phone number, and email address on the Driver Sign-up Sheet at the first Band Booster meeting. You can also contact Gordon Rawls at Gordon.rawls@ccpsnet.net.
- **Who do I contact with questions?**
The Tag Day Committee includes:
Paul Bickford – epbickford@verizon.net - 804.387.3867
Shawn Walker - 4.walkers@verizon.net - 804.794.2337
Bob Yerly – ryerly@verizon.net - 804.744.2644

SHOWCASE OF BANDS

The Showcase of Bands (**Saturday, October 1, 2011**) is the annual marching band competition that Midlothian High School hosts. Marching Bands from around the state are invited to come to Midlothian High School and perform their field show in competition; generally 10+ participate. Midlothian High School Marching Trojans will perform their field show in exhibition. After all schools have performed, all the bands will be asked to enter the field in review. Midlothian will play the National Anthem and then trophies will be awarded.

We hope to have a college band play in exhibition after Midlothian High School performs.

Naturally any event this size needs lots of help. The following is a list of the different jobs and responsibilities.

Chairman – Coordinates the volunteers and runs the day.

Admissions – Sell and collect tickets to the event.

Concessions – Determines menu for the day, arranges food purchases and manages the concession stands.

Hospitality – Ensures that band directors and their staff along with visiting bus drivers have a place to view the event and food and beverages.

Pit Crew – Arranges to have ATV / Pickup Trucks with trailers available for visiting schools to move their equipment from their trucks to the field and back.

Greeters and Guides – meets the bands as they arrive, escorts visiting band members around the property, ensures band directors are keeping to the schedule, makes sure the bands line up for the Review at the end of the evening.

Tabulators – Totals all the scores so trophies can be awarded to the winners.

Trophy – Arranges for purchase of trophies. Obtains sponsors for the trophies.

Clean Up – ensures the property is as clean as we found it.

Invitation Committee – Prints and mails invitations to the schools around the state. Keeps database current.

Promotion – Ensures the competition is publicized to the public.

Program – obtains all information about bands along with selling advertising space.

Donations – Solicits donations from area business.

Raffle – Raffles off prizes to audience members.

50/50 – Sell 50/50 raffle tickets at door and in the stands.

- **Who do I contact to volunteer or answer questions?**
Bob Yerly – byerly@verizon.net - 804.744.2644

2011-2012 Band Booster Budget Summary

