



Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters

Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania

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Dear Band Parent(s):

The Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters have supported the ninth grade band, concert band, symphonic winds, marching band, jazz lab band, and the concert jazz band for many years. The Boosters assist at musical functions, fund raise to provide materials, training and other resources, hold social events for band members and their families, support major trips and help in many other ways to make your child's musical experience a lifelong memory.

The Boosters continue to evolve with the instrumental music program. Our hope and mission is to have parental participation from every instrumental program participant. Parents/Guardians who are active in the Boosters are an important part of the instrumental music community and this is an opportunity to share with your child in an activity that he/she truly enjoys.

The Pennsbury bands maintain 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 and marching/concert performance. Just as importantly, the Pennsbury bands truly are a community to the students and parents involved in these programs.

We ask each parent/guardian to further this community spirit and get involved by:

1. Becoming a Band Booster – When your student joins the band program, your small booster membership fee of \$10 per family allows you to participate in Booster meetings and vote on key band Booster initiatives. ***This can be collected this evening or by mail at Pennsbury Band Boosters, PO Box 146, Fairless Hills, PA 19030.***

A \$250 benchmark is expected of each Marching Band student and covers the booster approved annual budget which provides support to the organization and the High School Instrumental Music Department. All other instrumental students have an expected \$50 benchmark. Ample opportunity is provided to generate these funds or you may make direct contributions as explained below.

2. Actively Participating in Band Booster Meetings – Held the 3rd Monday of the month. These meetings keep you up-to-date on the bands' schedules, the financial status of the Booster organization, and as indicated above, votes on important matters related to the bands.
3. Donating Your Time – There are several committees the Boosters maintain to support the bands efforts (i.e. fund raising, chaperones, uniforms, gate). Find one or two that you are interested in and sign-up.

4. Fund Raise - A percentage of fund raised money goes to pay for or offset your student's benchmark requirements. Many needed items, special activities and awards are made possible for all the Pennsbury High School Bands through these efforts. Specific ways to get involved in fund raising include:
 - a. Sale of fund raising items – Be it candy, flowers, or pizza (and so much more). Sell to your friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors, or just buy for your own family. A little goes a long way.
 - b. Make a donation – If you prefer not to sell fund raising items you can still meet your benchmark obligation and support the bands through a donation. Please make checks payable to the Pennsbury Band Boosters.
 - c. Help with Band Festival, Golf Outing & Other Special Events – We ask each band family to help with our largest fund raising activities of the year; the Band Festival in November and the Golf Outing in May. More details will follow on how you can get involved in these important activities. These general fund raising events allow us to do the extraordinary

Attached is a Pennsbury Instrumental Music Booster registration form. We encourage you to complete the form and volunteer for one or more Booster committees. Submission instructions are provided.

On behalf of the Booster organization, we look forward to your participation. The Pennsbury Bands are rewarding activities for your student – we ask you to also get involved and become a part of this great community.

We look forward to welcoming you,

Shelly Puchatz
President
Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters