

General Board Meeting – April 17th, 2024

Attendance

Jen
Lori
Andrea
Aimee
Terri
Dalene
April
Ilene
Johnson & Johnson
Renee
Kristen
Venera
The Williams
Maya's mom
Carol
Alice
Linda

Daytona Tickets

- Please fill out form by end of week if you will donate your tickets or get a credit of \$75 for next.

Banquet

- We have a few people who have bought tickets.
- New location is at the Ramada by Wyndham Jacksonville.
- \$35 each, students need to pay along with family members.
- Band dues must be paid in full
- Last day to purchase tickets is May 1st
- Pay via Paypal but can pay a different way contact board member.

Spring Spectacle

- Will have different ensembles play, solos, trios etc.
- We will have snacks for the children before rehearsal and the show.
- 5:45 students report
- 6pm performance starts.
- Less students performing but will be 1 – 1.5 hours long.

Rising Panthers Night

- 2 nights for 8th grade parents and students to learn about band.
- Parent meeting in auditorium, students will be with their sections and learn music.
- Students will perform after the meeting.

- New dates are Monday and Wednesday, not the original dates.
- Students will sign up by sections so we have everyone represented and will get service hours.
- Need parent volunteers to talk about their experience.

Summer Band Camp

- A little different this year, there will be 1 week that will be for leadership working with 1st and 2nd years to work on skills.
- All students will attend the 2nd and 3rd week of band camp.
- Fridays schools are closed so we cannot meet at school
- Fridays will be fun workshops/team building instead of half day rehearsals.
- Last week of Band camp will end the week before school starts.
- Percussion 1st and 2nd years will attend the first week of band camp.

2024-2025 Budget

- Estimated \$168,867 Budget cost for the 2024/2025 season.
- Mr. Oyster presents the budget, see budget link to review finalized budget.
- Pirate show needs to be careful - Sometimes they might be rated ARRRRR
- Need to advertise more to get people to our band concession stand.
 - o Advertise the funnel cakes, fried oreos, and other special things.
 - o Directional signs to band concessions
 - o Better signage that says NEASE BAND Concessions
 - o Mr. Oyster will announce during the game about band concessions.
- We will be hosting S&E again this year but budgeting the price this year.
- The budget was passed with a majority vote.

By-Law Updates

- Changing that board members hold a 2 year, if you do something wrong, cannot perform the duties, or have a student graduating they will not hold the position for 2 years.
- Vice President duties were very broad, we have included sponsorships, tracking banquet quest, coordinate travel accommodations, provide a financial check for the treasure.
- Treasurer – adding including overseeing student account funds Changing to Host Event Coordinator
- Hospitality Manager will now be changed to Student Food Budget and removed.
- Fundraising Manager – we are removing the TPC coordinator and remove a gofund me working.
- Volunteer Coordinator – removing manager food and fundraising.
 - o Added sign-up genius for volunteers.
 - o Sending volunteer letters
 - o Keeping track of parent and student volunteer hours
- Removed Corporate Fundraiser.
- Removed the organization chart.

- Change FCCC coordinator to Host Coordinator

2024-2025 Budget

The Band Booster Board presented the new budget. Mr. Oyster went over line by line, show old and new costs. He answered any question throughout the presentation. The general board approved the budget.

You can download the budget and review where our expenses are for the upcoming band and color guard year.

Dues cost

Marching Band and Color Guard Dues: \$1,350 per student

The 2024-2025 dues cover the following:

- Uniforms, except for dinkles (shoes)
- New Show shirts
- Food, drinks, and snacks before football games/competitions
- Transportation to and from away games and competitions
- Team building events such as trivia, ice cream social, etc.
- Overnight transportation, lodging, food for State Competition
- Fun dinner/event for overnight State Competition
- Daytona 500 tickets and transportation for students
- Music and choreography of show
- Staff salaries
- Equipment maintenance
- MPA transportation
- Rental Truck for equipment to competitions
- AND MORE!

Band Ensemble dues: \$125 per student.

- Covers transportation to and from MPAs, music, clinics, etc.
- Additional \$50 for new students who need uniforms.
- Additional \$ for multiple classes

Due to additional staff and the change of location for BOA we went over budget this year. The goal is to be in the black this year and then we can lower the dues down as a whole and still offer the incentives too.

New Fundraising Opportunities to Help Pay Dues

The Band Booster Board has developed 3 ways to help pay for student band and color guard dues. There are volunteer and fundraising opportunities that all families can participate in. It is up to each family as to how much they earn towards their dues. Our Goal is that we can be in

the black this year, then we can lower the dues as a whole, and still offer the fundraising options to help offset the costs.

Dues Incentives – \$250

Parents have the opportunity to receive \$250 towards the student band account that will help pay for dues. Parents will need to volunteer their time at 5 events and meet the following criteria:

- **You MUST volunteer at ONE of the mulch drives.** We hold a Fall Mulch Drive in Sept/Oct., and a Spring Mulch Drive in Mulch. You will help drive students around delivering mulch starting at 8am and usually ending around 12/1pm.
- **You MUST volunteer at the band concession stand at one of our home football games.** Our Concession Stand offers a variety of food to patrons, and we need parents to cook food, sell food, be a runner, help refill the drinks and clean up at the end of the night. We start at 5:30pm and run to the end of the football game.
- **You MUST volunteer to help with props at a football game/competition.** Without these volunteers our show cannot happen. We need parents to help load and unload trucks at competitions, as well as move the equipment on/off the field at competitions and football games.
- **You MUST volunteer at 2 additional volunteer opportunities** such as are chaperoning, feeding the students, concessions, props, mulch. The choice is yours.
 - *Board members and managers will automatically get the dues incentive of \$250 due to all the volunteer time they perform with their positions.*

Band Bucks – Referral Program

Certain fundraisers such as football squares, duck race sales, corporate sponsors and raffles will earn you 10% of YOUR personal referral sales as BAND BUCKS.

- **You MUST have the students name on any of the forms/sales for your family to receive the 10% credit.**
- If a student name is NOT included on the form, there will be no commission awarded and the band fund will receive all monies.
- Band Bucks are good for a marching band and color guard calendar year.
- Band Bucks can be used towards unpaid band dues, merchandise, band banquet, etc.
- NO REFUNDS will be given. Any unused band bucks will be donated to the bands general fund.

General Band Fund

Certain fundraising events such as Spirit nights, merchandise sales, zumbathon, etc. will go directly to the band.

Band Booster Board 2024 - 2025

Our new board for the 2024-2023 school year was announced at our last General Booster Meeting on April 17th. Thank you to April Brenes and Alice Fasula for volunteering for 2 empty

positions. We want to also thank Jennifer Schmutz and Aimee Mercer for continuing to offer the time and talents to support the band this new season by holding the same positions.

President: Jennifer Schmutz - Neasebandboosters@gmail.com

Vice President: April Brenes - neasebandboostersvp@gmail.com

Treasurer: Alice Fasula - adneasebandtreasurer@gmail.com

Communications Secretary: Aimee Mercer - neasebandcommunications@gmail.com

Thank You Volunteers

Thank you, Lori Aliprando, who volunteered as our VP and the Concession Manager...Concessions was a HUGE success this past year with many different food options...making it one of our biggest fundraisers!

Thank you, Andrea Murphy, who volunteered as our Treasurer and worked hard throughout the year to budget the books and helped create the new 2023-2024 budget with Mr. Oyster.

We also want to thank all our other parent volunteers who took on manager/liaison rolls, and to the parents who always showed up to lend a helping hand last year. Thank you again for all the many hours and hard work you have dedicated to the band. Without your dedication to the band, we would not have been as successful as we were this past year.

Manager Positions for New Band Season

- Would like an underclassman assistant for the following positions.
 - o Uniform Managers
 - o Student Food Managers – Ilene Bomsar volunteered.
 - o Equipment Manager – Matt Cox
 - o Volunteer Coordinator -
- We have the following open manager positions.
 - o Student Accounts Manager – Vanera will train new person.
 - o Fundraising Manager -
 - o Middle School Coordinator – Ilene Bomsar volunteered.
 - o Color Guard Liaison -

Underclassman Assistants will also get the \$250 dues incentive.

As you know, it takes a tribe to run a marching band and color guard. This past year we had over 80 students who count on the parent volunteers for many different things. This year we are anticipating at least 80 students, and we want to add some additional fun activities as well as fundraising events. We are looking for some additional parents to fill some empty Manager Positions:

- **Fundraising Managers**

The board has already developed many fundraising opportunities for the next season. The band and color guard need a couple parents to manage these events throughout the year. Remember the more fundraising we have, the lower our dues can be.

- **Color Guard Liaison**

We are looking for a color guard parent to be a liaison between the color guard staff/members and the band booster board.

If you are interested in student accounts, fundraising, or color guard liaison please contact [Jennifer Schmutz](#).

Underclassman Assistant to the Band Manager for New Band Season

A few of our managers have been volunteers for the past 2/3 years. Their students may be seniors next year and/or will transition out of their role in a year. We need a few underclassman volunteers to work alongside these managers to learn the ropes and support them throughout the year. The underclassman assistants will step into the manager role for the 2025/2026 band season.

- **Uniform Underclassman Assistants**

Melissa and Trish Johnson have graciously volunteered their time for the past few years as our Uniform Managers. They will be holding the same position this year, but are looking for 2 people to help out as they will transition out of this roll in April of 2025 preparing for their son to graduate. Our Uniform volunteers manage all the pieces of the marching band uniform. Some of the things they do are measure each student in the summer and coordinate the sizing for the band uniform. They help the students get their plumes before games and gather them after games. They fix broken shakos and replace lost gloves. They gather all cleaned uniforms at the end of the year and take inventory.

- **Equipment Underclassman Assistants**

David Yake has dedicated many hours to the band as our equipment and field guru volunteer. Some of the things David manages, with other parent volunteers, is the equipment and props – getting to the football field before games, on and off the field for halftime quickly, and back to storage after the game. David also is our tetris genius who can load the equipment into the truck securely for away games and competition. He also paints the yard lines on our practice field a few times in the summer, so the students can learn their correct positions. David would love to have someone learn what he does so that they are prepared to take over next April, and to give him the opportunity to see his son play during halftime from the stands instead of behind a prop or off to side.

- **Volunteer Coordinator**

Carol Diachun has dedicated many hours to the band as our Volunteer Coordinator and has graciously volunteered for another year. However, her son will be a Senior next year so we need to have an underclassman assistant help her this year. She will go over the systems she has in place to keep track of student volunteer hours, how she preps the student volunteer letters, how she set-ups the sign-up genius. Carol took on tracking the

parent volunteer hours this year for the dues incentive and will continue to do that this year. The underclassman assistant will help monitor parent volunteers and work with the board to make sure everyone is receiving their volunteer credits.

If you would like to help our uniform or equipment managers this year, learn all they do, and support the band next year please contact [Jennifer Schmutz](#).