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PARENT HANDBOOK

BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION

The Southgate Band Booster organization is a volunteer group whose primary purpose is to raise funds to help support the Southgate Music Program. The funds raised by the Boosters benefit all Southgate Bands (Gerisch, Davidson and Anderson). Membership is comprised mainly, but not limited to, present band student's parents (we highly encourage more parent participation from our Gerisch and Davidson parents). Although the primary goal of the group is fundraising, providing physical and emotional support for the bands is an equally important component.

Examples of fundraising by the organization include Membership Grand Raffle Tickets, Concert On the Lawn Raffle, Lottery Calendar Sale, Candy Sale, Christmas Wreath Sale, Band-A-Rama, Scrip Sales, Annual Bottle Drive, and Spaghetti Dinner. Money raised by the group is used to help the Southgate bands in various ways, i.e. instrument/equipment purchases, purchasing music for concerts, instructor fees for marching competitions, Solo and Ensemble accompaniment fees, supplies for marching band props, as well as allowing students to earn funds for band camp fees, trip fees, instrument purchases, music lessons, etc.

Examples of physical support would include chaperoning busses to marching competitions, home football games and band festival, helping place equipment on field during competitions (pit crew), building props, selling competition tickets, uniform committee, etc. Emotional support to the bands is given by the interest and commitment that the students see as the parents turn out to help them participate in a quality program.

Any person who would like to join The Southgate Band Boosters may do so by signing up at the monthly membership meetings or by contacting any booster officer. Membership in the group costs \$1.00 per family and benefits include voting privileges in booster related activities and decisions, opportunities to meet other band parents and access to band information. Last, but certainly not least, participation provides an avenue to spend time with your band student and share in a very important part of their school experience.

COMMITTEES

Below is a list of outstanding committees needed in the booster organization:

Grand Raffle Ticket Sales (Sept.-Dec.)	Ford Field (Fall/Football Season)
Scrip (Year Round)	Uniforms (Dist-August, Collection-March)
Band-A-Rama (Nov.-Dec.)	Newsletter (Quarterly)
Show Shirts (Marching Season)	Chaperones (Home Games, Competitions, Band Festival)
Pre-Sale Competition Tickets (Marching Season)	Publicity
Bottle Drive (Spring)	Lottery Calendar (Can be up to 3 Times Per Yr)
Booster Meeting 50/50 Sale (Monthly)	Band Camp Applications (May-August)
Pit Crew (Marching Season)	Heritage Days Booth (May)
Student Credit (Ongoing)	Wreath Sale (November/Dec)
Spaghetti Dinner (February)	

Please remember this organization is run and operated by volunteers. We need every parent's help! ! Do you often wish you could be involved in the Band and/or Boosters but have limited time? Do you have a special talent? We are always looking for parents who possess "special" or unique gifts that we can utilize at one time or another. This could include anything from welding, sewing to basket weaving. We never know what skills might be needed from season to season. And, what better place to find it, than within our own band family. So again, if you specialize in something you would like to share with the band, even if it is on a limited basis, please contact any Booster Member. We will make a list of these "special talents" and call you when/if the need arises.

Nominating Chairperson

Include from Band Booster By-Laws

Grand Raffle Ticket Sales Chairperson

The Grand Raffle is one of the largest fundraisers for our band. Each student will be required to sell one packet of 30 tickets for \$1.00 each. The chairperson for this fundraiser will be required to coordinate printing and distributing the tickets among the students, with the help of the committee. Student credit will not be given for their first, required packet of tickets.

Scrip Chairperson

Scrip is probably our band's easiest fundraiser. Scrip is gift certificates for grocery stores, clothing/department stores, restaurants, fast food places, gas stations, etc. There are no extra costs involved in purchasing scrip, and you lose no money. The store donates a portion of their profit to us through scrip. What you spend is what you receive in the form of gift certificates, so you shop with them instead of your cash. For example, if you

purchase \$100 in Meijer Scrip, you will receive \$100 in gift certificates. Meijer gives the band 5% of that money, or \$5.00. Then, 75% of that \$5.00 (or \$3.75), would go into your student's credit account and the other 25% (or \$1.25) would go to the band. It's that simple! The best part is both the band and student benefit.

The scrip chairperson is responsible for maintaining a supply of scrip certificates, distributing them upon request, receiving payments, recording profits and student credit.

Band-A-Rama Chairperson / Committee

There are many opportunities to help with Band-A-Rama such as set-up, tear down, ticket sales, hall monitors, flower sales, concessions and program ad sales, to name a few.

Show Shirt Chairperson

This chairperson is responsible for working with the director and a t-shirt manufacturing/printing company for designing and creating the annual show shirts. They are also in charge of coordinating the effort to sell the shirts to students and parents, as well as to the general public during band sponsored events. Each family is encouraged to purchase show shirts and to wear them at band performances, which shows students our support.

Pre-Sale Ticket Chairperson

Each competition that the marching band enters requires an entrance fee, which the band boosters pay for. In an effort to recoup some of these fees, the hosting school sends us pre-sale tickets for competition, which we sell to parents. These tickets are sold by the Pre-Sale Ticket Committee before and after practices prior to the competition.

Bottle Drive Chairperson/Committee

A bottle drive is held each year the weekend after Memorial Day. This fundraiser has no overhead and all money from bottles/cans collected is 100% profit. All band students are encouraged to be a part of this fundraiser. Approximately 2 weeks before the bottle drive date, students pick up and distribute flyers in a designated neighborhood. Then, volunteer parents with vans or pick-up trucks help collect the cans/bottles on the bottle drive date in the designated neighborhood. A group of parents and/or students are also needed to sort and bag the bottles/cans in the school parking lot. Parents of 6th, 7th & 8th grade students are encouraged to come out for this event. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other band booster parents and get involved with the organization!

50/50 Raffle Chairperson

50/50 raffle tickets are sold at all band booster meetings and other band functions. This chairperson is responsible for maintaining ticket supply, selling tickets, counting the money and drawing the winning ticket. The winning ticket is drawn midway into the monthly booster meeting, usually at the break. These tickets are also normally sold during concert performances and Band-A-Rama.

Pit Crew

The “Pit Crew” assists the marching band in the proper placement of band equipment on the field. We are a “low stress” group whose primary purpose is to allow the band maximum performance time on the field during competition. There are no qualifications to meet, just a willingness to assist in field set-up and exit.

Each marching band performing at a competition has fifteen (15) minutes of performance time. These fifteen (15) minutes start the moment the starter allows the pit crew onto the field, and ends when the last member of either the marching band or the pit crew has exited the field. In order to maximize the band’s actual performance time, it is essential for the pit crew to set equipment onto the field as quickly as possible. This includes any “props” the band may be using in the show. So, how much time are we talking about? It varies from year to year, but usually about two (2) minutes to set up and one and a half (1 ½) minutes to clear the field.

Side benefits of being a “Pit” member include:

- Guaranteed unobstructed front row viewing of each performance
- Performance commentary from the Music Director
- A chance to meet other band parents
- Tailgate parties

Participation in the pit crew is open to anyone, whether you have a child in the marching band or not. Although most pit crew members are band boosters, booster membership is not a requirement. One year we recruited two “Band Alumni”, two parents of band alumni, and a student from the Wyandotte Marching Band.

Student Credit Chairperson & Student Credit

Please see Band Booster By-Laws for approved student credit uses.

Fundraising / Student Credit

As soon as your child joins the Southgate Band Program (as early as 6th grade), they are given a credit account, which is maintained by the student credit chairperson. Each time a student participates in a fundraiser or purchases scrip, their account is credited with the amount earned. You may call the student credit chairperson to inquire about the available

amount for your student. When your child reaches his/her freshman year, they have the opportunity to participate in the marching band. There are many costs associated with this opportunity, such as maintaining a working instrument, music lessons, band camp, uniform costs (excluding deposit) and band trips. The Band Booster Organization provides many opportunities to acquire student credit in order to help parents offset out-of-pocket expenses. Not only does the student/parent benefit from fundraising, but all Southgate Bands also benefit.

Spaghetti Dinner / Committee

This person is responsible for **coordinating** workers for the Spaghetti Dinner, which is usually held on a Saturday in February. Cooks, servers, **hostesses**, crowd control, ticket takers, clean up workers, etc. are needed. Each grade will perform at a specified time. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to eat spaghetti and watch their student perform. A ticket for the event must be purchased **by** each person entering the **building**, whether they eat or not, as this is a fundraiser for the band. **Students are asked to donate a dozen cupcakes for this event.** All parents are encouraged to work during times when other grades are performing so each parent has the opportunity to watch and enjoy their child perform.

Ford Field Volunteers

The Band Boosters have secured a concession stand at Ford Field in Detroit. We are responsible for operating the booth for 10 events (8 Lions football games and two other events), throughout the football season. Our band earns **10%** of all **food/pop** sales and **8%** of all beer sales. This is an EXCELLENT fundraising opportunity for our band, usually raising between \$800 and \$1200 each event. However, we need a lot of parent/student involvement in order to keep this wonderful opportunity. We need 25-30 people each event to run the stand effectively. The more people we have, the better. Each person working will earn \$10 in student credit and will be posted to the account of the student of their choice. The group meets at a specified location approximately 4 hours prior to the event and drives downtown together. This allows time for set up, inventory and opening two hours prior to game time. Parking is free. Black slacks and black shoes must be worn. Lions' hats and shirts will be provided (you get to keep the hat, but not the shirt). Please, if you can help, it **would be appreciated**. Please call Carol LaPointe to get added to the available call list.

Uniform Chairperson / Committee

The uniform committee is responsible for fitting all new members, re-fitting existing members, distributing, collecting and inventorying uniforms as well as refunding uniform deposits. They are also responsible for ordering shoes for incoming freshman, attending

competitions and assisting students with missing items such as gloves, shakos, etc. This committee would also be responsible for distributing plumes and retrieving them before and after competitions.

Uniforms Wearing and Care

The uniform symbolizes the pride of the individual in the organization. When the uniform is worn correctly it will project unity, dignity, pride and authority. It is everyone's responsibility to see that all members respect and care for the uniform and that it is worn properly.

Uniforms are issued to all marching band students, **and a** deposit is required (student credit may not be used for this deposit). When the student is no longer a member of the marching band and has returned a clean, complete uniform, all parts intact, with a current dry cleaning bill, the **deposit** will be refunded.

Band members are to handle and care for their own uniforms. Problems frequently develop from others "putting things away". Please instruct your student that should part of their uniform be missing when they go to put it on, **DO NOT** take some else's. Report the problem to the person in charge of uniforms for reissue. Your child is responsible for the uniform and will be charged a replacement cost if the missing part(s) are not found. Most "missing items" result from not making sure all the uniform parts are together after a performance. The uniform must be transported in a garment bag and should be hung up carefully after each and every performance. However, **DO NOT** store the uniform in the bag once you are home, as they could mildew.

GENERAL

1. No visible jewelry, earrings, etc., are to be worn during a performance
2. No colored nail polish is to be worn where visible
3. Facial makeup is to be used lightly. **NO HEAVY MAKEUP!!**
4. Color Guard makeup and hairstyle will be determined by the instructor
5. Those players without a complete uniform **WILL NOT** march
6. Uniform is to be dry cleaned periodically by the member at their own expense. **DO NOT** put the uniform in the washer, as it will be permanently damaged. Also, do not spray any type of household cleaners on uniforms. **DRY CLEAN ONLY.** (Clean Rite Cleaners on Northline/Devoe will clean the complete uniform for \$5.50)
7. Be sure uniform pants are hemmed properly. Any damage to the bottom of the pants that have to be repaired, will be at the student's expense
8. Please refer to the Uniform Maintenance Instructions given to your student

Newsletter Committee

The Band Boosters publish a quarterly newsletter to inform parents of upcoming events in the band program. The Chairperson is responsible for collecting articles and publishing the newsletter. The Committee helps put the newsletter together, collate and prepare for mailing. Any news item may be sent via email to ?? for publishing.

Chaperone Chairperson

This chairperson coordinates chaperones to supervise the bus trips for competitions and any other band related trip involving the transportation of the band students. This involves recruiting booster members for chaperones, organizing effective chaperoning for each event and providing the chaperones with any and all resources they need to effectively supervise band students in transport.

Lottery Calendar Raffle Chairperson / Committee

This is our band's largest fundraiser. We encourage ALL band parents to purchase at least one ticket and sell as many as they can. These tickets are usually sold 1-2 months prior to the month the raffle is effective. The chairperson is responsible for getting the tickets printed, coordinating stuffing into envelopes, distribution of tickets and issuing checks to the winners.

Band Camp Application Chairperson / Committee

Any student that wishes to participate in the marching band will be REQUIRED to attend band camp in August. The applications for band camp are usually mailed/delivered to each band member's home in January. Beginning this payment process in March allows parents to make monthly installments on the band registration fee and allows the committee enough time to collect all pertinent information for the camp. The band application committee proofreads the application form, copies, collates, staples and then mails/delivers them to the parents. The committee is also responsible for collecting completed forms and payments.

Heritage Days Chairperson / Committee

This chairperson is responsible for registering our dime toss booth at the Heritage Days Festival. They are also responsible for recruiting people to work in the booth during the Memorial Day weekend. The committee will collect donations of prizes and cups/glasses to give away during the weekend. The committee will also be responsible for set up and tear down of booth.

Wreath Sale Committee

Holiday wreaths and greens are sold for the holidays. This committee would be responsible for working with local florist on arrangement offerings and pricing. They would also make and distribute fliers, collect money and distribute product when it arrives.

MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCES

We have various types of performances with the Anderson Marching Band. These performances are: marching band competitions, parades, football games, and Band-A-Rama. The following is a capsulated view of the four types of performances

Competitions

Competitions are a very special part of the marching band experience at Anderson. We have a history of excellence and are highly regarded by our competitors. The success of the Anderson Marching Band is the result of many hard hours of work, by hundreds of Southgate band members through the years. We have a responsibility to maintain and expand the high standards of competitive excellence that so many have worked so hard to establish.

Competition season begins with practices throughout the summer before marching season and can run until late October and early November. Students who wish to participate in the marching band **MUST** learn their assigned Music, attend band camp in August, and attend Practices. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays for the entire marching band (subject to change each year) and are mandatory. Saturday morning rehearsals may be held before competitions. The Band Director chooses rehearsal times. Competitions are usually held on Saturday afternoons or evenings. However, plan on your child being gone the entire day.

In addition to full band practice, your student will more than likely be encouraged to attend sectional practices. These practices are critical to each sections performance and improvement. It also helps promote teamwork and cohesion within each section of the band.

The competition experience carries with it a tremendous amount of emotion. Because of the amount of time, work and discipline that are necessary to produce a top-level competitive band, we become very close to one another. We share discomfort, at times seemingly unending tedium, fatigue, oppressive heat, chilling cold, rain soaked rehearsal fields, long bus rides, joy and many successes. Through all this, we endure and are always better for it. This program encourages camaraderie, self-discipline, self-confidence, pride in yourself and in your school, personal growth in yourself and in the program, exercise and excitement!

Don't let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

Band-A-Rama

Band-A-Rama is traditionally the concluding performance of the fall band season and normally takes place in December. The students perform before family, friends, teachers and peers for three nights in the Anderson Gym. During these nights, the program includes the competition show music, color guard presentations, **7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band & Jazz Band performances**, dance numbers and many other entertaining acts. Band-A-Rama is truly a highlight in the band program. ALL students in the Southgate Music Program will perform sometime during Band-A-Rama – ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. A schedule will be sent home with your student.

Symphonic/Concert/Jazz Band Performances

Symphonic and Concert band performances may include the Christmas Concert, Spring Pre-Festival Concert, Band Festival Concert, and Solo & Ensemble Festival. These performances encompass students in grades 6 through 12.

Parades

The marching band usually marches in the Homecoming Parade in October and the Southgate Memorial Day Parade in May. Full uniform dress is required at the Homecoming Parade. Attire for the Memorial Day Parade will be determined by the Band Director and relayed to the student prior to the parade.

Football Games

The marching band will play during half time at home football games. While **the game** is going on, the band will be seated in bleachers at the end zone, and must be ready to play the fight song each time our team scores. Students will be required to remain seated in the bleachers until the game is over. Only a few students at a time will be allowed to leave the field to use the restroom or go to the concession stand AFTER halftime. This will be up to chaperones' discretion. Uniforms **MUST** be left on during the entire game. If the jacket is dropped on the track surrounding the field, it will be damaged by the dye in the red asphalt.

BAND CAMP

Each marching band member, including color guard **MUST** attend band camp. This is where the show is learned and comes together. Students are expected to have music memorized and be able to play it before attending band camp. **The director hires instructional staff members who will attend camp and teach/instruct the students in the specific marching sets and each section with their music.** Each day is filled with practice

either in sectionals or with the entire band (usually practice 8-9 hours per day). Activities are planned for the whole band in the evenings. For example: karaoke, DJ & dance, skit night, senior night, etc. Each marching band member is expected to have a band polo shirt, white shorts, **white socks** and white shoes, which are worn on the last day (Saturday) at their performance for parents and family.

COST ESTIMATES:

Below is a list of typical costs that will be incurred by each marching band member (not exclusive) each year:

Band Camp	\$285 - \$300 yearly
Band Shirt	\$15 - \$20 (initial year / yearly as necessary)
Band Shoes	\$25 - \$30 (initial year / yearly as necessary)
Gloves	\$4 - \$6 (initial year / as needed)
Uniform Deposit	\$36.00 (1 st yr-returned senior year/if student leaves band)
Dry Cleaning	\$10 - \$15 (after every two performances or as needed)
Band Hoodie or Jacket	\$25 - \$30 (optional)
White Shorts	\$10 - \$20 (initial year / as needed)
White Shoes	\$20 - \$30 (initial year / as needed)
Band Trip	Cost varies but usually in the \$300- \$700 range (optional)
Concessions at competitions	As needed