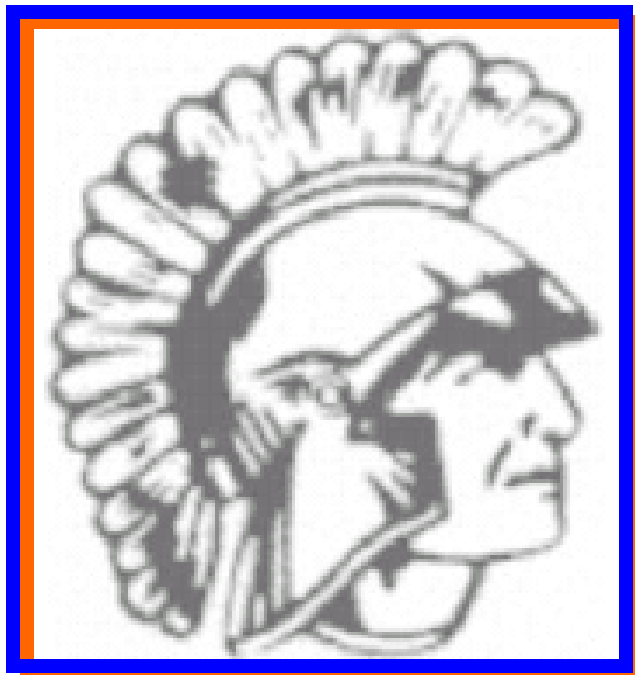


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Parent Guide Book

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Romeoville High School Band Boosters is to develop partnerships with parents and the community that promote and support the RHS Band Program to ensure student growth in musicianship, leadership, citizenship, and self-discipline.

Introduction

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Romeoville High School Band Boosters. We are looking forward to a great 2010 - 2011 season with the band. If you are not already aware, I should tell you that the band program has developed a reputation in recent years as one of the area's premier programs.

With your help, the boosters will continue to support the students in the band program so that they are free to concentrate on their music, marching and performances. This handbook will give you important information related to the program and the boosters.

If you have a question that you can't find an answer for in this handbook, please make sure to contact a member of the Board. We are all here to help you in any way we can.

All of us at one point were new to this program and to the band. Without exception, we can all tell you that our experience here has been rewarding on many levels. We encourage you to join us, and become active in your support of the kids. In fact, to be successful we need your involvement.

There is frankly, a lot of work involved in the various things we do to support the band. But, whether it is moving equipment, sewing uniforms, working in the concession stand, chaperoning or any of the other tasks there are, we always have a good time doing it. I think I speak the truth when I say it is impossible to have too many parents involved.

Thanks again for whatever help and assistances you can give to THE KIDS!!!!

Sincerely,

John Jurca

President - RHS Band Boosters

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Who Should I Contact With Questions?

Contacting the Boosters

Any board member should be able to answer questions regarding the general operation of events and projects of our group and any business of the organization. P.O. Box 7248, Romeoville, IL 60446.

General band and color guard questions related to your student's participation in classes and confidential information should be directed to the band director.

Mr. Anderson can be reached at the Band Office: 815-407-5129,
andersoncm@365u.will.k12.il.us or andersoncm@vvsd.org

Romeoville High School
100 N. Independence Blvd.
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(Attn: Mr. Anderson, Director of Bands)

Band Booster Meetings:

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless announced differently. Meetings are held in the band room and begin at 7:00p.m. The meetings generally end by 9:00pm at which time we get to visit with each other.

Web Site

www.spartanband.com

Committee Descriptions

Chaperone:

This committee recruits and trains chaperones for band camp, field shows, parades, competitions and football games.

Concessions:

This committee runs the concession stands at the RHS home football games and other sporting events. This committee works with the Athletic Boosters.

Equipment/Transportation:

This committee transports the instruments to all performances, repairs equipment and props as needed and gets the pit on and off the field at football games and competitions.

Membership:

This is the welcome committee. The committee member has the duty to promote the Association by encouraging new membership, by holding a membership drive and encouraging participation by parents in the Band's activities.

Publicity:

This committee works with local newspapers to insure the community is informed of the Bands upcoming events and accomplishments.

Uniforms:

This committee is responsible for the fitting and alterations of band uniforms. They are equipped to make emergency repairs of uniforms on location at performances. They are responsible for recommending purchases for band uniforms.

Ways and Means:

This committee is responsible for coordinating all special fund raising projects and to keep a record of each student's participation.

Did You Know That?

As a first year parent, or even second, third or fourth, there are a lot of "little things" that may come as a surprise to you during the year. Here is a list of interesting, but important, facts to help you along.

- Rehearsal times indicate when a student needs to be on the field ready to play and, when rehearsal is over clean up/help put away equipment, collect their belongings and then go home.
- Mr. Anderson enjoys meeting parents. Give him a call to set up an appointment. He is more than happy to meet with you when he does not have 150-200 students waiting for his attention.
- Don't plan on sitting with your son/daughter in the stands during a football game. Band students sit in their assigned area with chaperones. Do plan on enjoying their performance at halftime and CHEER for them!
- At Band competitions, be supportive of all performing groups (applause!) everyone works hard! Once a performance has begun remain seated, you just may block the view of a parent whose child is performing. Do not talk or move around while another group is performing. Do not make negative comments about another group. It is very possible that a performer's friends or family members may be seated very close to you and any negative comments heard from any members of our group reflect very poorly on the entire RHS Band program. Further, if you have left your seat for the snack bar or restroom, please wait until the performers on the field have finished before returning to your seat. When awards are announced, all band members and chaperones stand for first place winners - a good lesson in respect for our kids.
- At any time if you see a band student doing something they shouldn't be doing, let a leader know. Our job is to support, not discipline.
- Have a great time supporting our kids! They work HARD and it shows. However you are able to support your kids and the band program you will be richly rewarded with once-in-a-lifetime memories you can share with your son/daughter for many years to come, as well as new friendships with other booster members.

Uniform Information

Your Band/Color Guard uniform will be assigned the week before band camp. At this time you will receive 2 contracts. One you will read, sign (by both student and parent) and turn in. The other you will keep.

THE GARMENT BAG - You will receive a garment bag with your name and assigned uniform ID numbers on it. The back has a pocket for your shoes, socks or any personal items (i.e.; deodorant, hair items, etc...) keep your uniform on the heavy suit hanger. A wire hanger will not support it properly. If your hanger is lost or broken, ask for a new one.

THE SHOES - The Marching Spartans wear black "Drillmaster" shoes. They are a rolled heel shoe that makes marching and turns smooth. There will be order forms for one bulk order the week of uniform fittings. You may also purchase the shoes at Bandmans, 1302 Enterprise Drive in Romeoville.

THE HAT - Your hat is to be stored in its box when it is not being worn. Plumes are to be returned to chaperones after a parade or competition so they may be put in the plume bag. Hats are to be returned to the uniform room and placed on the correct shelf in numerical order at the end of the day.

THE GLOVES - All band members will wear black gloves with the exception of some percussion. Color Guard will wear black gloves. They may be purchased at fittings and any other performances for \$4.00.

THE SOCKS - Black socks must be worn when in uniform. Any band member who does not have on black socks will be required to purchase them before a performance for \$4.00.

Uniform Information - Continued

THE UNIFORM - Band members should wear shorts and a white t-shirt under their uniform. This is so they can change on the busses. No jewelry or visible nail polish is to be worn and hair is to be worn up under the hat. After each performance it is your responsibility to take your uniform home, hang it properly, and air it out. In the event that it gets wet from rain, hang it out uncovered so it will dry. After 2-3 performances (depending on conditions) you will need to have it professionally dry cleaned. This is your responsibility. It is important for us to look our best..

If your uniform requires any repairs or buttons sewn on, contact the uniform chairperson. Also contact the uniform chairperson if you need to be resized.

At the end of marching season turn in your uniform by the specified date.

Please maintain and care for your uniform and wear it with PRIDE.

In the event that you should loose or damage (beyond repair) your uniform listed below are the replacement costs.

Band Jacket	\$90.00
Band Trouser	\$52.00
Vest	\$25.00
Band Hat	\$34.00
Plume	\$13.00
Hat Box	\$10.00
Gauntlets	\$13.00

Fundraising

Fundraising for the band program is necessary to support the program needs. Prior to our participation in any fundraising program careful consideration is given to the activity and the capacity of the activity to generate funding. All fundraising money stays directly within the band program. There are no refunds given for fundraising. Many enrichment opportunities are provided such as, instructors, uniforms, instruments, competition costs, new music and bus transportation.

We believe it is the total commitment of all band members and their families that enables our members to experience an exemplary program.

General fundraisers

Support the general budget's operational costs.

Student Account Fundraisers

Provide the opportunity for students to earn money directly into their student accounts. All profits after costs are entered into the student accounts for those who participate.

Percentage Split Fundraisers

Divide the profits earned between the general budget and individual student accounts for those participating in the activity.

Band Fees and Band Requirements

The required fees for the band year are as follows:

Band Camp

Band camp is a **requirement** for all marching band students. It is the foundation of the entire band program for the whole year. This is when the majority of the field show is learned and it gets everyone off to a great start!

Band Camp Payment Options (payable to the RHS Band Boosters)

\$165 Early Bird Payment if postmarked by June 11th or

\$185 Regular Payment if postmarked by July 14th or

\$205 Late Payment if postmarked by July 26th

Forms and other information are available on-line or in the band room. Please be aware there are several forms required for band camp. We need these filled out before your student goes on the trip. Please submit all forms and payment to the RHS Band Boosters **Blue Box** in the band room or PO Box 7248, Romeoville, IL 60446

School Fees (Mail to: 100 N. Independence Blvd, Romeoville, IL 60446)

Band Uniform Fee (includes end of year cleaning) \$30* payable to District 365u

Band Equipment Rental Fee (if using a school instrument) \$50* payable to District 365u

Band Booster Membership Fee (Mail to: PO Box 7248, Romeoville, IL 60446)

Annual Membership Fee (due by October 1st and required to vote or chaperone)
\$30* payable to the RHS Band Boosters (\$20* volunteer rebate)

***All fees are subject to change**

Check Acceptance Policy

Make all checks payable to RHS Band Boosters.

All checks must include:

- Students Name
- Purpose of check written
- The signer's phone number

Any payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 7248, Romeoville, IL 60446, or placed in the **Blue Box** in the band room.

This includes all checks that your student may collect for fundraisers. Any check turned in must be placed in an envelope, sealed with the students name on the outside and what it is for.

There is a \$25 fee on all returned checks, regardless of the amount of the check. If a subsequent check is returned for non-sufficient funds, all future transactions with RHS Band must be paid in cash or by money order.

Chaperone Guidelines

Who can be a Chaperone?

Any parent or guardian of a band member who is willing to follow the rules and regulations of the Band may participate as a chaperone. Chaperones must be in good health, able to stand and walk long distances while still maintaining the ability to supervise the students. Chaperones must also be a Band Booster Member in good standing.

How do I become a Chaperone?

If you are interested in becoming a chaperone, you must contact the Chaperone Chairperson or the band office and leave a message that you are interested in chaperoning. We do have to limit the number of chaperones, but we do have some parents who sign up and then are unable to fulfill the commitment, so we are always looking for people to fill these vacancies. Please let us know if you are interested and we will do our best to see that everyone gets a chance. Those wishing to chaperone will be required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the first event.

How are the number of chaperones determined?

The number of chaperones for an event is based on a ratio of 1 chaperone to every 10 students. The number for the football games is approximately 10. If you wish to chaperone, please contact the Chaperone Chairperson or any board member. Their contact information is available on the web site, www.spartanband.com

How will chaperones be assigned?

The Chaperone Chairperson will review the sign up sheets and assignments will be confirmed by phone. If a chaperone is unable to fulfill his/her duties for a particular event, they are expected to call the Chaperone Chairperson as soon as possible so a replacement may be found.

Chaperone Guidelines Continued

Do chaperones pay admission at competitions?

Most events allow chaperones to enter the competition free of charge if performing chaperone duties. However, there may be a few instances in which you may have to pay the regular admission fee. Therefore, chaperones must come prepared to pay the admission fee. If you neglect your chaperoning duties, you will be removed from the chaperone list and will not be called upon for future events. (Remember, the free admission applies to the chaperone only, other family members are expected to pay their own way.)

Duties of a Chaperone

The chaperones assist in preparing students for performance and will provide general supervision.

The following are examples of various duties:

- Adjustment of uniforms (band and color guard)
- Touch-up work (shoe polish, buttons, hems, minor sewing repairs, etc.)
- MINOR hair adjustments. (Making sure all hair is tucked up under hat)
- Placing/retrieving plumes on hats at competitions
- Giving water to students when instructed to do so
- Assisting ill or injured students
- General supervision/stand-in supervision following a performance

Confirming of Chaperone Assignments

Once your chaperoning assignment has been confirmed, the Band will be counting on you to fulfill your duty. If for some reason you are unable to fulfill that duty, it is your responsibility to contact the Chaperone Chairperson so that your assignment may be covered.