

A BIG BAND BOOSTER WELCOME FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012

Hello Band Parents! My name is Teresa Pool, and I have the privilege of serving as your Band Booster President this year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the BLANCHARD BAND EXPERIENCE 2011-2012.

You will find that the BAND EXPERIENCE is what you make of it! It is a wonderful place to really encourage and support our students. It is definitely a place where we can be active participants in our student's life! It is an awesome place to meet other adults and hang out in parking lots and drink sweet tea and lemonade! We have found that the kids actually like having us around - come on out and you will see. ☺ I encourage you to come and join us for tailgating before each home football game. Tailgating provides an opportunity for the kids to hang out and play games and eat a nice meal - and be on site early and ready to get suited up for the game. There are opportunities for parents to help with food and help with the uniforms and equipment. This takes a little time before and after the game - the more help we have, the less time it takes. We also need parents to do simple things like bring ice and fill and tote the water jugs.

Our competition days are really a blast. It is the perfect way to enjoy a beautiful fall day. We set up camp in the parking lot, which includes camp chairs, canopies, tables, palettes and pillows. We stay all day and provide snacks and drinks and meals. We pass out water bottles in the hot sun, and sometimes even get called upon to help get equipment on the field. We watch awesome marching programs and listen to really cool music.....And we bring home trophies!

Last year was the year for the BAND TRIP to Washington D.C.!!!! The Boosters would like to help get Band Trips on a scheduled rotation so that every band student will get to do at least one trip during their time with Blanchard Band. We really need help with ideas for programs and fundraisers that become a part of our yearly routine.

I would like to invite you to come to the Band Booster meetings so that you can stay informed and offer your input. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the HS band room. So mark those days on your calendar in advance and come whenever you can.

We look forward to seeing you soon----- and seeing you often!

Sincerely,

Teresa Pool

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Parent Support and Volunteering

Every year we have been impressed at how many of our parents help out in some way and do their fair share. Using these parents as inspiration, we are taking a new approach to organizing volunteers called Fair Share Volunteering, encouraging everyone to do what they can to be involved.

There are many different opportunities for you to simultaneously see your student excel, and to support his/her needs in the Blanchard Band program. We have our busy Fall filled with football games, parades, and contests, and our Spring consisting of concerts, more parades, performances, concert competitions, and the Band Banquet. A band of this caliber requires a tremendous amount of parental support. **We need each family to be involved in supporting the program.** Please examine the list below, choose a first and second choice from the committees to participate in, and fill out and return the Fair Share Volunteer form at the back of this packet. As a committee member you will not be expected to attend every event overseen by your committee. The coordinating Committee Chair or Band Booster Executive Board will call upon you to help at various times throughout the year depending on what you list as your strengths. We ask for two choices to make sure we get help where it is needed from people who feel comfortable helping in that area.

- **Fundraising Committee:** This committee will coordinate and execute our fundraisers. On the table so far is selling a spice kit before Christmas, a Silpada party (sterling silver jewelry), and August 26th kicks off our full band brochure fundraiser which is selling pizza and cookie dough.
- **Marching Band Committee:** This committee coordinates band social events, helps with equipment set-up/tear down during performances, organizes tailgating before home football games, provides water in the stands at all football games, helps load and unload the trailers at events, and staffs uniform checkout day. This committee is primarily busy in the fall, and there are a few parades in the spring.
- **Public Relations Committee:** This committee coordinates publications and programs, media public relations (newspaper and radio), and photography.
- **Concerts Committee:** This committee coordinates all functions related to concerts as well as the Band Banquet and is in charge of creating and distributing the concert cds and banquet dvds ordered at each event.

There will be several opportunities for you to sign up for your favorite activity within a committee, so please just indicate a general interest in one of the areas above. If you have a special talent that you think could benefit the band (carpentry, welding, sewing, cooking, etc.), please list it on the Fair Share Volunteer form on the back side of this page. **Please sign up for a committee even if you think you may only be able to help at one event this year!**



Fair Share Volunteer Form

Committee Registration

2011-2012

Please return this form no later than August 13th

Student's name _____ Section _____

Parent/Guardian's name _____



Committee name – First choice _____

Committee name – Second choice _____

List any extraordinary skills and talents you possess that might help the band!



Your dedication makes this band work! Every minute you donate is precious and we thank you greatly!