

Freedom High School Band Handbook 2017-2018



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WELCOME

Dear FHS Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Freedom High School Band Program! I would like to welcome back returning students and welcome our newest members! Freedom offers you the opportunity to perform with two Concert Bands, the Marching Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles. However you choose to participate, I am *thrilled* that you will be a part of our music making next year!

The Band Program strives to accomplish many goals, including:

- Improvement and cultivation of individual musicianship
- Continuously striving for musical excellence through individual and group performance and commitment
- Development of character, leadership, and professionalism through the maintenance of high moral standards
- Promotion of school spirit
- Providing entertainment for both school and community activities

The information in this Handbook explains: 1) how you can be a part of our band AND 2) what it means to be a member of the FHS Band Program. Please read this entire Handbook carefully. You are responsible for knowing its contents! In order to participate in the Marching Band, you must register for a band class *and* complete the “Marching Band Member Contract” found in the Forms section of this Handbook.

I look forward to working with you in 2017-2017. Please do not hesitate to email or call with questions or concerns. Remember to visit our website at www.fhsband.com for the latest information about our program.
Go Patriots!

Sincerely,

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Introduction

Band Program Membership

The Freedom High School Marching Patriots consist of both instrumentalists and color guard members. All instrumentalists are expected to participate the entire school year in both the marching and concert groups. Instrumentalists may also participate in jazz band. **Membership in the Marching Patriots and the band program is an opportunity and privilege.** Any student who fails to maintain adequate grades and good behavior is subject to removal from the program. As stated in the Freedom High School Curriculum Guide, selection of a band class requires the payment of a fee. The amount of this fee for each academic year is determined in the spring of the preceding year. Failure to pay this fee or work out an acceptable alternative by October 1st of an academic year is cause for removal from the band program. Because band is a co-curricular activity rather than an extra-curricular activity, failure to participate in after-school rehearsals and/or events or follow all guidelines in this Handbook will negatively affect students' band class grades.

Marching Patriots include:

- Drum Line: percussionists who play drums while marching
- Pit Ensemble: percussionists who play stationary instruments (marimba, gong, chimes, etc.) on the field
- Wind Instrumentalists
- Color Guard: a group that performs visual routines using flags, rifles, and/or dance moves choreographed to the band's music

Instrumental Ensembles include:

- Concert Band – all instrumentalists
 - Wind Ensemble – instrumentalists primarily in grades 10-12
 - Freshman Band – instrumentalists primarily in grade 9, along with upper classmen playing a second instrument
- Jazz Ensemble – instrumentalists in the Jazz Band class (includes percussion, keyboard, bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophones)
- Percussion Ensemble – percussionists only, all grades
- Full Orchestra – FHS Orchestra combined with select wind and percussion instrumentalists

Band Program Year

- Summer – Marching Band Camp
- August thru November – Marching Season
- November thru December – Holiday Concert Preparation
- January thru March – MPA Concert Season/Solo Season/All County/Jazz MPA
- March thru April – End of Year Concert Preparation
- April thru May – Graduation Preparation (All Band and Orchestra members in grades 9-11)

Marching Season

Activities

- Band Camp – Mandatory for all students! July 31 – August 4**
- After school practices, 2 times per week, Tues and Thurs, from 3:30-6 pm
- After school Drum Line practice, once a week, Mondays 2:30-4 pm
- Saturday practices, as posted (schedule will be provided at the end of Band Camp)
- Sectionals (instrument- or color guard-specific rehearsals), as posted in the Band Room
- Friday Football games, 3:30pm Student Report Time
- *All-State Honor Band
- Marching Festivals
- Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Competition
- *All-County Honor Band Auditions
- Parades (e.g., Ybor Holiday Parade in December, Ybor Knight Parade in February)

*Optional activities – for more information on these activities please watch for emails sent from info4freedomband@gmail.com, visit our website at www.fhsband.com, or speak with Mr. Stricsek

General Attendance Rules

1. **Students are graded on their participation in scheduled events.** In addition to the normal school day, all members of the FHS Marching Patriots are expected to attend after-school rehearsals, sectionals and performances.
2. Students and parents are notified at least two weeks in advance of these rehearsals, sectionals and performances. In the event something is scheduled with less than two weeks' notice, students will perform on a voluntary basis and possibly receive bonus points for their participation.
3. A student who is unable to attend a scheduled rehearsal, sectional or performance will not be able to receive those points toward his/her grade. During marching season, he/she may also need to do extra work to retain his/her spot in the show.
4. If a student misses more than one rehearsal in a week, it is understood that he/she may not be prepared to perform and will not perform until the director is satisfied he/she knows his/her part.
5. If a student misses the rehearsal immediately prior to a performance, that student may not perform but IS expected to attend that performance in full uniform.
6. When a student misses a rehearsal or sectional, that students' parent or guardian must submit a written explanation (email is sufficient) to the director or band secretary.
7. When a student misses a performance, that student's parent or guardian must submit a written explanation directly to the band director.

Top 4 BAD Excuses for missing practice

- I have to work
- I have a doctor/dentist/orthodontist appointment
- I have a paper/homework due tomorrow
- I didn't know (I forgot) we had practice tonight

Budget your time wisely!

General Patriot Etiquette

- As spectators, it is courteous to refrain from talking during any band's performance at either an indoor or outdoor event. Do not enter or exit the viewing stands or concert hall during a performance
- Comments about other bands'/color guards' performance must be positive. (It is impossible to know who may be sitting nearby!) All students work hard to represent their schools and we will applaud their efforts. Demonstrate good sportsmanship!
- While in your uniform or show shirt, use your BEST manners. You not only represent yourself, but the band and the school.
- Be courteous on your way to and from the concession stand.
- There should be no showing of physical affection between students while in uniform.
- Represent Freedom HS well through your behavior and music.

Football Game Guidelines

1. Practice and performance attendance follows the General Attendance Guidelines
2. Students are not permitted to leave the Freedom campus between school dismissal time and call time. Students should bring food for an early meal, arrange to have food delivered by a family members, or prepay for a pre-game meal provided by the Boosters. Typically, meals will cost \$5 and must be ordered from Mr. Stricsek and paid for no later than end of school the day before the game.
3. Call time will be announced prior to each game. Students must report at least 30 minutes prior to inspect their uniform and change.
4. Show shirts must be worn under the marching uniforms.
5. Students late for inspection will forfeit their 3rd quarter break for that game.
6. Band members play and cheer throughout the game. Keep an eye on the game and the drum majors.
7. While in the stands, band members must sit respectfully in a block with their section.
8. Band members are expected to hold onto their belongings (hat, instrument, stands, folders) while in the stands.
9. There must be no food, drink, candy or gum in the stands. This causes damage to the instruments as well as the uniforms. The only exception to this is water!
10. Be careful of other students' instruments in the stands during the 3rd quarter break.
11. During 3rd quarter break, band members are to stay in the area designated by the band director.
12. Band members must be in the stands in their sections by the end of the 3rd quarter.
13. Guests (other than former band members) are not permitted to sit in the band's section of the stands.

Pep Rally Guidelines

1. All band members and color guard members will wear their show shirt (tucked in) and blue jeans for performance in pep rallies.
2. Report directly to the band room when you are dismissed from class. This enables us to prepare for the pep rally in a quick and orderly manner.
3. The job of the band is to provide entertainment and support of the school at all pep rallies. Be ready to play at any time and stay with your section.
4. There is NEVER a time when it is appropriate to "boo" anyone. This is true for any performance the band attends.

Marching Season

Section Guidelines – Section Leaders are responsible for posting sectional rehearsal times in the Band Room with a minimum of 2 days' notice.

1. General Format
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Warm ups (10 min)
 - c. Suicide/Cadence/Stand Folder (25 min)
 - d. Show music/marching (25min)
2. Penalties for Tardiness
 - a. 1st Strike – pit movers/cleaning section in the band room/laps
 - b. 2nd Strike– Point deduction
3. Absences – A notice for an absence is mandatory and must be given before the beginning of the sectional. No notice or reason for the absence will result in the loss of 3rd quarter break.
4. Sports players who miss sectionals due to other practices must play memorization tests
5. NO talking.
6. NO gum chewing.
7. NO drinking (other than water).
8. Follow directions of the section leader.
9. Come prepared with instrument, music, and any other necessary materials.
10. If your instrument is broken, you have one week to have it repaired.
11. Discipline Problems: 1st –warning, 2nd - band captain intervention, 3rd – band director intervention

Marching Uniform

1. The marching uniform must be worn with pride and be properly maintained. Replacement cost for a damaged or lost uniform is \$400! Treat your uniform well. Do not clean your own uniform – it is professionally cleaned by a special dry cleaner. Uniforms are not to be taken home!
2. The marching uniform consists of the following items (the complete uniform must be worn)
 - a. Uniform jacket with snap-on sweat guard
 - b. Uniform pants (if your pants are too long, it is your responsibility to alert the uniform manager. Pants that are too long are damaged by being stepped on.)
 - c. Hat and plume
 - d. Gauntlets
 - e. Solid black socks that go above the ankle and black band shoes
 - f. White gloves
 - g. Show shirt and lightweight shorts
3. Students supply their own socks and shorts and order their own show shirts and shoes through the music program. Other uniform items are rented from the school.
4. Wear Deodorant – you are guaranteed to sweat and uniforms are NOT cleaned every week.

Marching Season

Marching Uniform Inspection

1. Inspection of your uniform and instrument is a vital part of the Marching Patriot program. This process demands focus and care.
2. All band members go through a formal inspection before each performance.
3. Band members will be inspected for appropriate playing condition of their instruments and appropriate condition of the uniform and its accessories.
4. Items to check that will help members pass inspection:
 - a. Appropriate clean shoes
 - b. NO jewelry worn while in uniform
 - c. Only clear nail polish
 - d. Hair in hat
 - e. Clean mouthpiece
 - f. All instrument slides working properly, no broken or cracked reeds
 - g. Clean white gloves
 - h. Solid black socks that go above the ankle
 - i. Show shirt worn
 - j. Deodorant

Football Game Schedule

August 25 – FHS vs Steinbrenner
September 1 – FHS vs Riverview (away)
September 8 – FHS vs. Spoto
September 15 – FHS vs Gaither (away)
September 22 – FHS vs Sickles
September 29 – FHS vs Wharton
October 6 – FHS vs King (away)
October 13 – FHS vs Wiregrass
October 20 – FHS vs Plant (away)

Marching Band Camp Is Mandatory

Send your reply form found near the back of this Handbook by the deadline July 31st!

This allows the field routine to be written before camp starts and guarantees that it includes YOU!

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND BAND CAMP MAY END UP AS ALTERNATES!

□ Schedule

- July 31 – August 4 from 9am – 5pm
 - 9am - 12pm – Marching basics
 - 12pm – 1pm – Lunch
 - 1 pm – 2:30pm – Small sectionals
 - 2:30pm – 3:30 pm – Large sectionals
 - 3:30pm – 5pm – Full band rehearsal

Friday August 4th: 4pm – 5pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting and Performance

□ Fees

- **Payment forms for fees are at the end of this handbook. Students who have difficulty making these payments must speak with Mr. Stricsek before they are due.**
- **\$80.00 Band Camp Fee due July 31st, the first day of camp. Make checks payable to: FHS Band Boosters.** Fee covers instructors, music, materials, and required band baseball cap.
- **\$42.80 Instrument Rental Fee due the first day of camp. Make checks payable to: Freedom High School.** This only applies to students who are renting a school instrument.
- **\$37.45 Uniform Rental Fee due the first day of camp. Make checks payable to: Freedom High School.**

□ What to bring and wear

- **Sneakers** – closed toe and heel (no sandals, flip-flops, or bare feet)
- **Shorts**
- **Light colored t-shirt**, no spaghetti straps or bathing suit tops. School dress code is observed at all rehearsals.
- **Case (24) of bottled water** – also bring water to WEAR (bottles, camel packs, etc.)
- **Marching Band baseball cap**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Lunch. Students are not allowed to leave campus.** This goes for everyone!
- Instrumentalists: Music (after you get it the first day)
- Good positive attitude
- **Band Camp Fee and Instrument Rental Fee** (if renting school instrument)
- **Signed Marching Patriot Member Contract**
- **Health Card** (for new students; returning students must return it by August 10, 2017)

□ Other things to remember

- Be sure to eat a good healthy breakfast and lunch
- Be sure to wear sunscreen and stay hydrated – drink lots of fluids the evenings before practice and during practice
- **“On time” means EARLY. You are to arrive 30 minutes before practice begins to organize your instrument, music and supplies.**

Summary of Marching Band Fees

Due July 11th and July 31st, 2017

****Submit forms in the back of this handbook with your payment!****

Payable to “Freedom High School”

Instrument Rental Fee (if renting school instrument)	\$42.80	Due July 31
Uniform Rental Fee	\$37.45	Due July 31

Payable to “FHS Band Boosters”

Marching Band Camp Fee	\$80.00	Due July 31
Marching Shoes (if needed)	\$30.00	Due July 31
Marching Band Participation Fee*	\$300.00	Due July 31

Notes:

- Pay attention to the due dates for all fees. Dates are also listed on the form at the end of this handbook.
- Any student who is unable to pay fees by their due date must speak with Mr. Stricsek no later than August 10th, 2017.
- The Marching Band Participation Fee covers clinicians (i.e., instruction specialists), music, drill, uniform cleaning, instrument repairs, busses and new equipment.
- Students may purchase black socks as needed for \$5 from the uniform manager. Cash only.
- Replacement gauntlets are \$10. Checks may be made payable to the FHS Band Boosters.
- Replacement gloves may be purchased for \$4 from the uniform manager. Cash only.
- Replacement show shirts are \$10, if available. Checks may be made payable to the FHS Band Boosters.
- Fees paid to the FHS Band Boosters are non-refundable after September 19th.
- Fees paid to Freedom High School (uniform and instrument rental) are non-refundable once paid. However, these fees are transferable if a student moves to another Hillsborough County public school.
- Students who use multiple school-owned instruments (such as a sousaphone and a tuba) must pay only one \$42.80 instrument rental fee per year.
- All percussionists must pay the \$42.80 instrument rental fee.

Concert Season

Concert Band

Activities

- After-school practice, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- Winter Concert (December)
- *Master Musician – test given twice a year, portfolios accepted twice a year
- *Honor Band Festivals (December) – Tri-State, UT Quad-County, USF Festival of Winds
- * FMEA (Florida Music Educators Association) All-State Honor Band (January)
- *Hillsborough All-County Honor Band (January)
- *FBA (Florida Bandmasters Association) Hillsborough County Solo and Ensemble (February)
- MPA (Music Performance Assessment) Pre-Festival (February)
- MPA Festival (March)
- *FBA State Solo and Ensemble (April)
- *Band Trip (2nd Semester) - tentative
- Spring Concert (April)
- Year-End Celebration (May)
- Graduation (May) – all underclassmen (9th-11th) perform at the FHS Graduation Ceremony

*Optional activities – for more information on these activities please watch for emails, visit our website at www.fhsband.com, or speak with Mr. Stricsek

Fees

- Concert Fee of \$35 due December 4th, 2017. Make checks payable to “FHS Band Boosters.”**
- These fees cover the cost of concert attire and cleaning, concert music and transportation.
- See payment form at the end of this handbook. Any student who has difficulty making this payment must speak with Mr. Stricsek before December 4th, 2017.

General Attendance Rules

- Same as for Marching Season

Attire - Gentlemen

- Black dress pants with black belt
- Black long sleeve dress shirt
- Plain black socks that go above the ankle and black shoes
- Bowtie/vest (provided by school)

Attire – Ladies

- Long dress (provided by school)
- Black, plain, closed-toe shoes – no strappy sandals.
- Black knee-highs or stockings (no bare legs!)
- You must inspect your dress once it is assigned and alert the uniform manager to any problems (e.g., popped seams, ripped hem, stains, broken zipper)

Jazz Season

Jazz Band

Activities

- After-school practice, as scheduled (Mr. Stricsek will distribute a schedule to all students)
- Winter Concert (December)
- MPA at King High School
- Special Performances (throughout year)
- Spring Concert (April)
- Year-end Celebration (May)

Fees

- Jazz Fee of \$35 due August 10, 2017. Make checks payable to “FHS Band Boosters.”**
- These fees cover the cost of the jazz attire and cleaning, and jazz music.
- See payment form at the end of this handbook. Any student who has difficulty making this payment must speak with Mr. Stricsek before August 10, 2017.

General Attendance Rules

- Same as for Marching Season

Attire – Gentlemen and Ladies

- Black dress pants with black belt
- Black button-down shirt
- White bow tie and suspenders
- Plain black socks that go above the ankle and black shoes

Daily Classroom Rehearsal Guidelines

- Items needed for rehearsal every day
 - 3-ring binder
 - Music
 - Scale sheets
 - Daily warm-ups
 - Fingering charts
 - Pencil
- Daily rules
 - Come into the classroom and get out instrument
 - Have music and other materials on hand at all times
 - Sit in assigned seat or section
 - Keep talking to a minimum
 - No cell phones!
 - Give 100% and play with a good sound at all times

Our class time is very limited and we always have something for which we are preparing!

We play every day to get better!

FHS Band Boosters

Purpose *We provide financial and logistical support to the FHS Band Program*

*Our Band Booster parent organization is a VITAL component of the band program. No matter what your talents or how pressed you are for time, there is always something you can do to help. Any and all time and energy is greatly appreciated. **Our students deserve a quality band experience, and that is only possible with active parent support.** Please consider helping out by volunteering. **Activities for YOU in the Band***

Booster Organization include:

- *Cheering and moral support... attend events!*
- *Road trip support... load/unload instruments and equipment, act as a chaperon.*
- *Fundraising... support an existing fundraiser or organize a NEW fundraiser*
- *Advocacy... promote music education as a necessary part of the curriculum*

Organization

The following Band Booster **Board of Director positions are elected annually:**

- **President:** Schedules and leads monthly Booster meetings, works directly with the Band Director on scheduling and activities. Appoints all committee chairpersons with the approval of the Board, is an ex-officio member of all committees, sets priorities and projects for committees. Oversees Booster budget.
- **Vice President:** Acts in place of the President when he or she is not available. Co-ordinates all fundraising activities and community service projects. Oversees communication and publicity.
- **Treasurer:** Receives all funds due to the Band Boosters, deposits funds in the designated account, pays all properly submitted and documented expenses in accordance with the approved budget or as authorized by the Board, files receipts and keeps an accounting of all expenditures, and presents a financial report at each Booster meeting.
- **Secretary:** Records the minutes of each Booster Board meeting and any/all general meetings, distributes minutes, assists with publicity and communication to parents.

The following **Committee Coordinators are selected annually by the Band Booster Board of Directors:**

- **Chaperon:** Coordinates volunteers for football games and other events and communicates start times and tasks to the volunteers via email and phone. Works in partnership with the Equipment Loading volunteers for each football game and all off-site events.
- **Fundraising:** Coordinates and oversees other fundraising activities including scheduling, volunteer communication, results tracking, reporting on funds raised, and additional opportunities.
- **Membership:** Recruits and maintains records of members, distributes Booster t-shirts.
- **Publicity:** Writes news releases for special events, band accomplishments or recognition, creates concert programs, and submits information for the website.
- **Communications:** Sends out email and text notifications to all parents and band members for all Booster meetings, updates the monthly schedule on the website, provides and maintains a master email list for the Booster Board.
- **Uniforms:** Works with the Band Uniform Manager to inspect all uniforms prior to marching season and concert season, submit items for repair, schedule cleaning of the uniforms, assemble order information for tuxedo shirts and assist in uniform review before concerts and competitions.

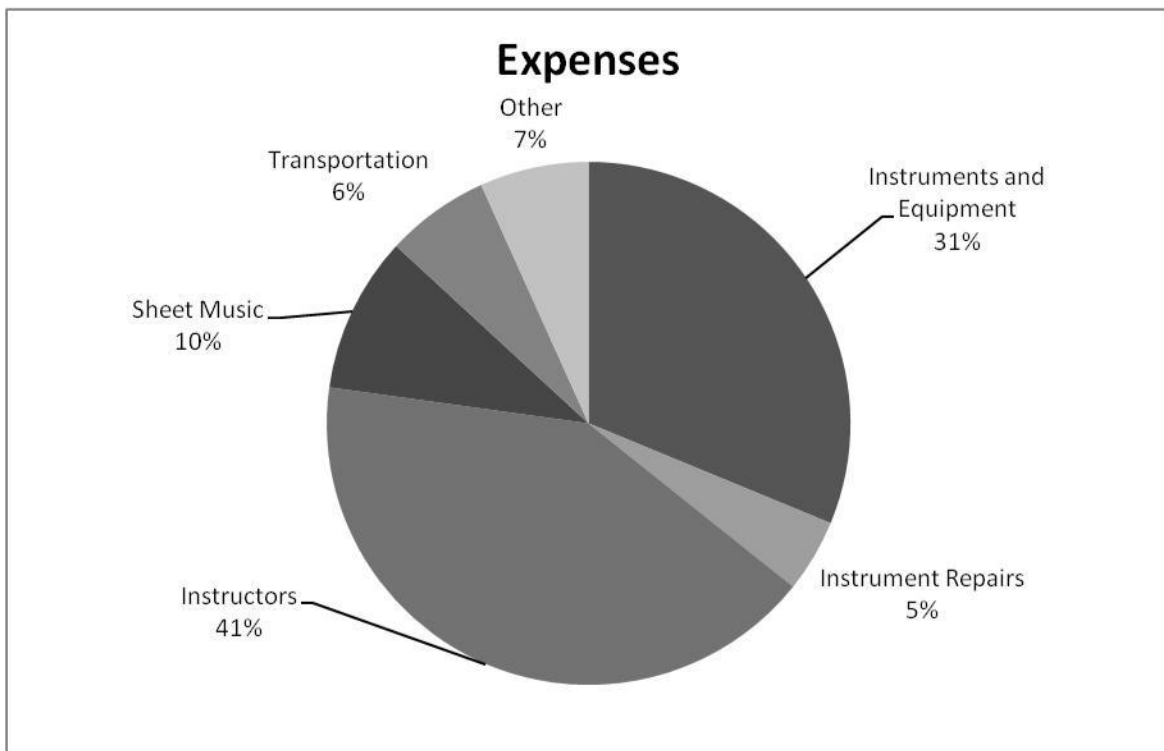
- **Volunteer/Special Events:** Maintains volunteer roster and coordinates Year-End Celebration, Halloween Party, etc. Purchases decorations, food, and all event supplies based on an assigned budget.

FHS Band Boosters

Fundraising Needs and Goals

1. What are the Band Program’s expenses? Where does the money go????

- Bus transportation for football games, competitions, etc.
- Music
- Writing of Marching Drill (field routine)
- Drill Instructors
- Instrument and equipment repair
- Instrument and equipment purchases
- Guest clinicians/instructors
- Uniforms purchases
- Uniform cleaning and repair
- Competition entrance fees
- End-of-Year Celebration and awards
- Office supplies



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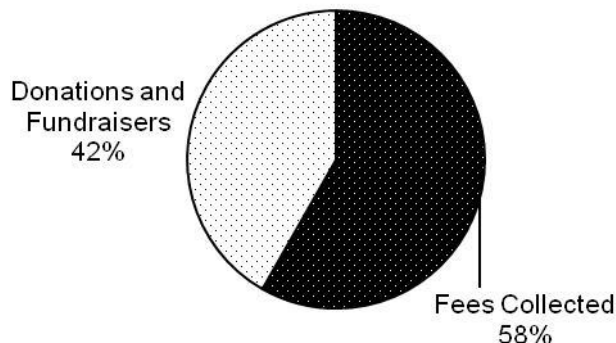
2. Who pays for the Band Program's expenses?

- Students (through Band Fees)
- FHS Band Booster Organization (through fundraising by PARENTS and STUDENTS)
- Hillsborough County School District

3. How does the Band Booster Organization raise money to keep student fees down?

- Solicit memberships from families
- Solicit donations and business sponsorships
- Conduct other fundraisers (e.g., Christmas wreath sales, raffles, restaurant nights)

Sources of Funds



4. How much money does the Band Booster Organization need to raise each year?

\$20,000

FHS Band Boosters

Band Parent Support Activities

Football Game and Marching Competition Equipment Roadies and Chaperones

Why volunteer to be an equipment roadie or a chaperon at football games?

- You get to see your child play in the band and watch the football game!
- You'll meet new people and have fun!
- The band can only be successful with your help!

- Sign-up at the meeting on July 11th or August 4th during parent meeting at the end of band camp OR send an email to the volunteer coordinator and specify for which game or event you are available.
- Make sure to provide your email address and cell phone number so we can email or call to remind you of the time and date.
- Report to the band room before the game at the specified time.

What else do I need to know?

- We need men and women! Some equipment is very light, some is heavy!
- New volunteers are paired with experienced volunteers.
- Volunteers are given ID badges on the day of the game. You do not have to pay to go to the game!

What do volunteers do? You can choose which activities are right for you!

- Equipment truck: help load and drive to away games
- Water and ice: load coolers, distribute to band members at start of 1st quarter
- Ropes and bleacher covers: place in stands before game and remove after game
- Sousaphone and drum stands: place in stands before game and remove after game
- First Aid Kit and emergency cards: carry on bus and to stands
- Pit equipment: assist with moving equipment on and off of field for performances
- Podiums: set-up podiums on field
- Plumes: place on and remove from hats
- Ride on busses (only some volunteers need to do this – others drive their own car or ride in another volunteer's car)
- General chaperoning: at the game and during break times, this is very minimal

Concerts

Volunteers are often needed to distribute programs; sell tickets, concert CDs, and raffle tickets; and move equipment.

Year-End Celebration

At the end of each year, the band has an awards ceremony and celebration. At the party, students are recognized for their achievements in the Band Program, and the theme of next year's marching show is announced. The Band Boosters organize the food, decorate and provide volunteers for setup, serving and cleanup. Volunteering for this event only requires a time commitment in the spring.

FHS Band Boosters

Spring Trip

Approximately every other year, the band goes on a Spring Trip for several days. Participation in the Spring Trip is optional. The cost of the trip is paid by each attending student and varies depending on the length and distance of the trip. Volunteers are needed to help organize the trip. In addition, some volunteers are needed as chaperons for the trip.

Halloween Party

Each year the band has a Halloween costume party after the last practice on or before Halloween. It is held in the band room and usually involves decorations, candy, pizza and a costume contest. A few volunteers are needed to organize and run this event in October.

Other

Throughout the year, many other support activities are required of the Band Boosters. The Committee Chairpersons usually coordinate these other activities, but additional volunteers are frequently needed. Watch for emails requesting volunteers for one-time events, especially fundraisers!

FHS Band Boosters

Membership and Sponsorship

“All parents of students and teachers at Freedom High School are eligible for active membership. Any person or persons other than parents of Freedom High School students who are interested in the music program of said school may be an active voting member upon paying dues.” – Article IV of the Constitution and By-laws of the Freedom High School Band Boosters Association.

Be a Member:

Basic Membership for \$15 includes:

- Member voting rights for 1 adult

Individual Membership Level for \$30 includes:

- Member voting rights for 1 adult
- Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for 1 individual
- ONE Booster T-Shirt

Family Membership Level for \$50 includes:

- Membership voting rights for 2 adults
- Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for the family (up to 4 individuals)
- TWO Booster T-Shirts

Be a Sponsor:

Patriot Sponsor for \$100 includes:

- Family Membership (see above, plus an additional Booster Tshirt!)

Business Sponsor for \$125

- Courtesy tickets to both the Holiday and Spring Concerts for up to 4 individuals
- Acknowledgement in concert programs and the End-of-the-Year Celebration

Be a Benefactor:

Donate to our FHS Band Booster Scholarship Fund

- This fund is used to assist students who would be unable to participate in the Marching Patriot program without financial support. Any amount is appreciated!

****Remember****

Parents = FHS Band Boosters

PARENTS (that's you!) ARE THE BAND BOOSTERS

Everyone's support is critical to the success of the program.

FORMS

2017-2018 FHS Music Booster Organization

Music Booster Parent Membership/Sponsorship

_____ \$15 Basic Membership (Voting Rights for 1 adult)

_____ \$30 Individual Membership (Voting Rights for 1 adult, Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for 1 individual and 1 Booster T-shirt)

Tshirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL CIRCLE ONE

_____ \$50 Family Membership (Voting rights for 2 adults, Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for up to 4 family members, and 2 Booster T-shirts)

Tshirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL CIRCLE ONE

Tshirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL CIRCLE ONE

_____ \$100 Patriot Sponsorship (Voting rights for 2 adults, Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for up to 4 family members, and 3 Booster T-shirts)

Tshirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL CIRCLE ONE

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Tshirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL CIRCLE ONE

_____ \$125 Business Sponsorship Your business name will be listed in all concert programs!

_____ **BENEFACTOR: Please also donate to the FHS Band Booster Scholarship Fund** AMOUNT: \$_____

***The FHS Band Booster Scholarship Fund supports students who would be unable to participate in the program without financial support. PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY - THANK YOU!!*

Volunteer Opportunities

_____ I am interested in being a Committee Chairperson. Area of Interest: _____

_____ I am interested in serving on a committee. Area of Interest: _____

_____ I have a special skill, idea or have support my business or employer is interested in offering. Please list:

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email (print legibly please) _____

2nd Email _____

Telephone Home: _____ Cell: _____

Student Name/Grade: _____ Band or Guard (Circle One)

2017-2018

Student & Parent Contract

As a member of the Marching Band, you are expected to be present and prepared at all rehearsals and performances. Unlike a sports team, there are no “second string” players, no “bench warmers” or “water boys”; everyone is a “starter”. **Our success depends on the commitment of each and every individual student.** It is likely that the Marching Band schedule will be more demanding than that of your other activities, but your dedication will be rewarded. *Note:* All dates and performance details are posted on our website (www.fhsband.com) and on the Patriot Pride board in the band room.

As a Marching Patriot, YOU AGREE TO:

1. Attend Summer Band Camp Rehearsals

- o July 31 – August 4 from 9am – 5pm
 - 9am - 12pm – Marching basics
 - 12pm – 1pm – Lunch
 - 1 pm – 2:30pm – Small sectionals
 - 2:30pm – 3:30 pm – Large sectionals
 - 3:30pm – 5pm – Full band rehearsal

Friday August 4th: 4pm – 5pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting and Performance

2. Attend After-school and Weekend Rehearsals

- a. Rehearsals are every *Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 6:00pm*. Rehearsals are held rain or shine either on the Practice Field or in the Auditorium.
- b. Saturday rehearsals will be required. Advance notice will be given.
- c. Section practices are required. Times vary and will be posted in advance.

3. Attend Scheduled Performances

- a. *Varsity Football Games:* We perform at all FHS home and away games. Mark every Friday night on your calendar from the first weekend of school to Nov 7th! Exact dates are listed on page 8. Report time for all games is *3:30pm in the band room unless otherwise specified*.
- b. *Fall Pep Rallies:* We perform at all pep rallies or special school day events as required.
- c. *Marching festivals and competitions TBA*
- d. *Florida Bandmasters Marching Band Competition:* Scheduled for Saturday, Nov 5th
- e. *Other Performances:* if any, will be announced as soon as information is available.

4. Abide by the Marching Band Attendance Policy

- a. Be present and prepared at all rehearsals and performances. If you have more than one unexcused absence from a rehearsal, you may be dismissed from the marching band. A single unexcused absence from a performance may result in a dismissal.
- b. For an excused absence, submit an absence notification, signed by a parent, to Mr. Stricsek at least one week prior to the conflict.
- c. For emergencies (documented illness, family tragedies, etc.), speak with Mr. Stricsek.
- d. Tardies are dealt with on an individual basis with Mr. Stricsek.

5. Abide by the Marching Patriots Member Code of Conduct

- a. Read, understand and follow the policies outlined in the Handbook.
- b. Exhibit the highest standards of personal conduct as a representative of the Marching Patriots and our school.
- c. Remember that participation in the Marching Patriots is a privilege. Failure to meet the requirements for practice, preparation, and payment of fees or the Code of Conduct could result in your removal from the program.

6. Pay fees and contribute in fundraising activities.

- d. Pay the \$80 Band Camp fee the first day of Band Camp (July 31), along with the \$42.80 instrument rental fee if you are using a school-owned instrument.
- e. Pay the \$300 Marching Band OR Color Guard Participation Fee by August 10th
- f. Musicians must also pay the \$37.45 Uniform Rental Fee and \$30 for new marching shoes (if needed) by July 31.
- g. All fees must be paid by their due dates OR students must speak with Mr. Stricsek BEFORE the due dates.
- h. Supply at least one case of water for the program.
- i. Participate in fundraiser to help in the financial burden of the program
- j. *Refer to the Fee Payment forms for information on fees. Some are paid to the FHS Band Boosters and others are paid directly to Freedom High School!*

As a Parent/Guardian, you agree to:

- 1. Read, understand and assist your student in following the policies outlined in the FHS Band OR Guard Handbook.
- 2. Realize Marching Patriots is not a spectator sport. The quality of the program is directly impacted by parent support and participation. Parental support, in the form of volunteering and performance attendance is strongly encouraged.
- 3. Pay fees in a timely manner or establish a payment arrangement with Mr. Stricsek. The payment of fees is a requirement for your student’s participation in the Marching Patriots.
- 4. Supply at least 1 case of bottled water for band camp AND 1 case during marching season.
- 5. Work ONE fundraising event. This is a REQUIREMENT.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!

Student’s Name

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name

Student’s Signature

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Student’s Email

Parent’s/Guardian’s Email

Student’s Phone

Parent’s/Guardian’s Phone

2017 Band Camp Agreement Form

This form must be in Mr. Stricsek's hands no later than Friday, August 1st

____ **Yes**, I will be at Band Camp July 31st – August 4th. I understand the \$80 Band Camp Fee, my instrument rental fee (if I am using a school-owned instrument), and my marching shoes fee (if needed) are due July 31st, the first day of Band Camp. I will bring my signed Marching Patriot Member Contract (if not already submitted this year) and a completed Health Card (if not already submitted this year). [See other details on the Marching Band Camp page of the Handbook].

_____ **No**, I will not be at band camp. I understand I may not have a marching spot. I also understand I may be required to play an instrument other than my first choice, if I am a musician.

Student's Name: _____

Check one: Guard _____ Musician _____ (marching instrument: _____)

Student T-shirt Size (Adult sizes only): S M L XL 2XL 3XL (circle one)

Mandatory Parent Meeting on August 4th at 4:00 pm in the auditorium!

On the final day of band camp, **all parents** are required to attend an informational meeting and preseason concert. I hope to be able to play the show music, pre-game music, a few stands tunes and possibly show a bit of the field routine. Important information and schedules for the fall will be discussed after the performance. This will be your chance to ask questions and meet other parents! Come support your students. – Mr. Stricsek

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Phone: _____