

THS Band & Orchestra Booster Meeting

7:00 p.m., Sept. 8, 2025 in the Band Room



Attendees

Kim Pepper, Vice President; Tammy Trapp, Treasurer; Heather Robbins, Secretary; Amy Reyes, Social Media; Seth Brandt, Craft Fair Chair; James Irving, Band Director; Kati McKee, Assistant Band Director; Kevin Coons, Fowler Band Director

Absent

Crystal Gard, President

Band/Orchestra and Family members - full house!

Welcome

Welcome to the THS Band & Orchestra community! Mr. Irving and Ms. McKee are the leaders of the THS music program. If you have any questions, please ask.

There are a lot of new students this year, Freshmen. Kids have a printed schedule and it's posted in Canvas. They have the class testing schedule. They should practice every day.

Boosters

We encourage everyone to sign up to help with fundraising and other activities. We need help with the pep games - getting the pizzas, handing out the food and snacks, moving the water bottles, etc. We will make signup sheets for each event.

Meetings are monthly, the first Monday of the month.

Fundraisers

We have fundraisers for the general fund and personal funds for students. General fundraisers help purchase instruments, maintain uniforms, repair instruments, etc. Personal fundraisers can pay for band/orchestra related expenses, for example, the biannual Disney trip, jackets, instrument supplies (reeds, etc.).

Can Drive - held bimonthly, volunteers sign up and attend on a Saturday to help sort cans. General fundraiser. There is one this Saturday, 10am-2pm, 9/13/25.

We also have blue bags with bar codes so you can just drop your cans off at Bottle Drop.

Craft Fair - held on the first Saturday in December. This year's Craft Fair is Dec. 6. Proceeds from vendor fees, raffle, and concessions go to the general fund. This is a

big Fundraiser for us. Seth Brandt is the chair this year. Adults and students are asked to volunteer to help the event run smoothly. We will need help with setup/cleanup, running the raffle, selling food and distributing wreaths for the fundraiser.

RhythmFest - held in February. This is a color guard competition and our largest fundraiser for the general fund. Adults and students are asked to volunteer to help the event run smoothly.

Wreath Sales - held annually with sales starting in October. Wreaths are delivered the day of the Craft Fair, which will be Dec. 6 this year. This is an individual fundraiser with proceeds going to the student's personal account.

Balloon Festival - held annually in the summer. We help run the Balloon Festival by directing foot traffic, providing attendees with information and other duties. Students and their family members earn funds for their individual band accounts based on the number of hours volunteered.

Performances

Concerts

We have three scheduled concerts during the school year:

- 7 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025 - Fowler Band will join us
- March 2025
- May 2025

There will be a couple of afterschool practices prior to each concert.

Pep Performances

Members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble participate in the Pep Performances. Performances will be at our home football games and some home basketball games. Players wear black pep polo shirts and either black pants or jeans. To prepare, students should learn the National Anthem. Eventually they will learn the other songs as they continue to play at the games.

Games usually end at 9 p.m. The game on Friday ending so late was an anomaly. Boosters will provide pizza before the games this year and snacks during the game. Students should bring a water bottle to the game.

Swag

Jackets

Jackets can be ordered via a Google form that will be emailed out. Prices pending. Orders due by 10/1. Purchasing a jacket is optional.

Disney Trip

Going over Spring Break. Everyone is encouraged to go. Orchestra is going this year too. Tentatively Friday, 3/20-Tuesday, 3/24. Total three days in the park with clinic. Working on prices. Probably going on Alaska Airlines. Cost approx. \$950. Boosters will subsidize the trip because it will be closer to \$1300. This includes flights, ground transportation, hotel and admission to the parks. More info and payment schedule on: THSBandtrip.blogspot.com

Employer Matching Programs

Some companies, like Intel, donate money based on their employees' volunteer hours. Please ask your employer whether there's a program like this at your company. It's a great way to make your volunteer hours go further.

Next Meeting

The Executive Board will meet 6:15 p.m., Monday, 10/6/25, in the THS Music Cave, followed by Boosters meeting at 7 p.m, also in the THS Music Cave.

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