

THS Band & Orchestra Booster Meeting

7:00 p.m., September 8, 2026 in the Library



Attendees

Kim Pepper, Vice President; Tammy Trapp, Treasurer; Amy Reyes, Social Media; Kati McKee, Assistant Band Director; Michael Sorensen, Secretary; Jim Irving, Band Director; Michelle Beck, Pepband Coordinator; Danielle Bodmer, Can Drive Coordinator; Sarah Eastlund, Social Media Coordinator

Band/Orchestra students and incoming freshmen and family members

Absent: Crystal Gard, President

Opening/Updates (Jim Irving)

Jim opened the meeting and welcomed all guests including the incoming freshmen and families. He also provided a quick update on the following:

- Expectations for class and volunteering - All assignments are due on the established due dates and all kiddos and parents are encouraged to volunteer for the events throughout the school year.
- Uniforms - Collared shirts and proper band attire must be worn.
- Communications will be made through: Parent Square, Emails, the calendar summary, and Canvas. Parents and kids are encouraged to check these frequently to stay up to date.

McKee's Update (Kati McKee)

Kati provided updates as well.

- Winter Guard & Drumline may be doable this winter
- The next Disney trip is during spring break 2028
- She also reminded the group of her McKee's Fabulous Forum website that contains a wealth of information and dates of band and orchestra activities.

Welcome to the Boosters (Kim Pepper)

Kim provided the group an overview of “who we are” and “what we do” and asked parents to step up and get involved during the course of the year. She also introduced the 2026-27 leadership team and informed parents that 2 of our officers will be stepping off the board due to graduating seniors. We will need to replace them. If parents are interested in job shadowing the rolls, it would be welcome.

Treasurer's Update (Tammy Trapp)

Tammy updated the group of the following:

- 2025-26 fundraising totals, and
- What the student account is and what it can be used for. Student funds can be used to offset the cost of reeds, instrument repairs, sheet music, lessons, and other music related expenses.

Pep Band & Homecoming (Michelle/Kim)

Michelle and Kim updated the group on pep band football game dates and Homecoming. Snacks will be provided and parents should volunteer to support the kids. The orchestra kids have the option to ride on a truck/float during the homecoming parade. A signup will be going out soon.

September Can & Bottle Drive (Danielle)

Danille updated the group on the purpose of the drive and how parents and students can get involved to help out during this fundraising opportunity. The next drive is September 12th from 10 am to 2 pm by the band gate.

Save the Date: Fundraisers 2026-27 (Kim)

Kim provided a table of the fundraising events for this school year.

- Can & Bottle Drives - September 12, November 14th, January 9th, March 13th, May 8th, and July 10th
- Wreath Sale - The ordering period is October - November
- Craft Fair - December 5th (Dec 4th is setup)
- RythemFest - February 20th (Feb 19th is setup)
- PSO Auction - April
- Tigard Festival of Balloons - Summer TBD)

More details to follow. We recommend adding these to your calendars now so we all can get involved and support the band and orchestra kids.

Other Items Discussed:

- **Personalized jackets** - We are taking orders for personalized jackets. These are optional and the ordering deadline is September 16th.
- **Open leadership positions** - We have two open positions to fill for the next school year. They are the President Elect and Treasurer positions. If any parents are interested in learning more about these opportunities, they should talk to Crystal Gard.
- **Skills Survey** - A skills survey is available if any parents want to share their skills or connections with the Boosters. We need to fill the open positions and are always looking for extra hands. Examples of skills - Accounting, photography, grant writing, business connections, etc.

Next Booster Meeting

The next booster meeting is October 5th at 7 pm in the library.

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