

# Sparkman Marching Band

## Goals

The mission of the Sparkman High School Band is to foster character development in students using music through performance as the tool to build honorable and productive citizens.

The objective of the Marching Band is to perform/entertain at events/football games and prepare students to compete in the marching arts.

## Calendar

### **Color Guard Auditions:**

April 27 - May 1, 2015

### **Percussion Technique Classes/Auditions:**

April 20, May 4, May 11

### **Band Camp for Freshman (Rookies):**

July 25, 2015 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Band Camp Registration (Sparkman 9GS)

\*July 27 - July 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

July 31 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Parent Preview Performance

**School Starts:** August 3, 2015

### **Average Marching Band Week:**

2nd block - Daily Class

Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. after school rehearsal

Friday Night football games

Saturday Marching Competitions are not required for freshman

## Grades

Grades for the marching band class are determined by class/rehearsal participation and performance attendance. Student attendance is the number one factor that will ensure the success of the marching band. Students participating with other school activities such as official school sports should contact the directors to coordinate a shared schedule. A copy of the band syllabus can be found on our website:

<http://sparkman-band.info/index.php/downloads/documents>

## Percussion and Color Guard

Percussion and Color Guard participation are by audition only. These students will attend additional rehearsals and may participate with the Competition Band.

## Contact Information

Director of Bands - David Raney [draney@madison.k12.al.us](mailto:draney@madison.k12.al.us)

Director of Percussion - Jack Albert [jalbert@madison.k12.al.us](mailto:jalbert@madison.k12.al.us)

Website - <http://sparkmanband.com>

Twitter - @SparkmanHSband

*\*Times subject to change*

## Booster Fees for 2015-2016 School Year

### Fees:

**Booster Fee: \$300** per year. This is for all students in grades: 9-12. This covers most costs associated with Marching Band and Concert Band Seasons

**Competition Band Fee: \$100:** 10-12 Graders in addition to **ALL** Percussion Grades, and **ALL** Color Guard 9-12 Grades.

Band Camp Fee: **\$50** per student

Instrument Rental Fee: **\$75**-Currently however, this is under review for possible increase

Percussion Fee: \$ **TBD**

### Fee Payment Procedures:

ALL fees are paid in full on Fees, Forms and Fitting Day, or F3 Day. Returning Students/Parents with Volunteer Hours from the current 2014- 2015 school year will have their Volunteer Service Credit Hours applied to their 2015-2016 school year fees.

### Volunteer Service Credit:

Earned throughout the year by volunteering. For each volunteer hour served a **\$2** credit can be applied toward a reduction in Booster Fees, for up to a maximum of **\$100**. These Service Hours will be credited at the beginning of the **NEXT** school year. **Please note: Volunteer Credits are applied against the total balance due and are per family, not per child.**

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Example:

One Student in Competition Band: \$300 Booster Fees. \$100 Competition Band Fees. \$50 Band Camp Fee Maximum Volunteered Credit Applied: \$100.00 Total Booster Fees Due: \$350.00

### Percussion and Color Guard Additional Fees:

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## Student Information Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents Phone Number:  
(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Primary Email Address (1):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Students Email Address (2):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which is the best method of reaching you? Email or Phone

Are you available and willing to volunteer during Band Camp in July?

Yes    No    (Please circle one)

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### **Points of Contact:**

Mr. David Raney-Director of Band: [Draney@madison.k12.al.us](mailto:Draney@madison.k12.al.us)

Mr. Jack Albert-Asst. Director of Bands: [jalbert@madison.k12.al.us](mailto:jalbert@madison.k12.al.us)

Mr. David Weis-SHS Band Booster President: [daveweis63@gmail.com](mailto:daveweis63@gmail.com)

Ms. Charity Wright Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> VP: [wright.charity@gmail.com](mailto:wright.charity@gmail.com)

Band Website: [www.sparkmanband.com](http://www.sparkmanband.com)

# **Incoming Freshmen**

# **SHS Band and SHS Band Booster**

## **Orientation**

**Mr. David Raney-Director of Bands**

**Mr. Jack Albert-Assst. Director of Bands/S9GS**

**Mr. Dave Weis-Booster President**

## **Booster Mission**

The SHS Band Boosters exist to lend all possible support, moral and financial, to the Sparkman High School and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Programs and to the Directors. The Boosters promote all activities of the Sparkman High School Band(s), to include any organization that falls under the SHS Band programs.

### **Purpose**

The Boosters serve in an advisory capacity to the Band Director(s), and the administration, as it pertains to funds allocated, Fund Raisers and general support. The Booster have custodial responsibility over the care and maintenance of uniforms and other assets which are purchased by and using the Booster Funds.

The Band Boosters have **NO** authority or control over the management of the band program in areas such as student discipline, academic requirements, grades, end of year awards and the scheduling of band specific activities to include, but not limited to: competition dates, concert dates, type, length and cost of spring trips, etc.

# **Booster Organization**

## **SHS Band Booster Executive Board:**

President

1<sup>st</sup> VP

2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Co-3<sup>rd</sup> VP-Fundraising/Sponsorship

Co-Treasurers

Secretary

Percussion Representative and Color Guard Representative

## **Committee Chair Positions:**

Chaperon/In-stand Support

Concession Stand

Uniforms

Pit Crew

Band Banquet

Fruit Sales

**YOU! The Band Parent**

## What can I do to Help/

### How do the Band Boosters Operate?

Our Band Parents are the BEST parents in the world! They willingly give of their time, talent and energy to support our Band, Sparkman HS and the communities of Harvest/Monrovia and Toney.

- As a band parent there is much you can do to help with the band: Concessions, Pit Crew, Chaperon/In-stand support, Band Camp, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night Fruit Sales, F3 Day, End of Camp BBQ, Uniforms, Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion, the list goes on...

- There is never a shortage of something that can be done and we give back to you for your time in credit off of your Booster Fees.

**Bottom Line...WE NEED YOUR HELP!** This is your organization. We don't mandate parental participation like other organizations do...we rely on your willingness and desire to help out. We want you to be a part of this organization. We want you to have FUN!



## **How we are Funded**

### **Booster Fees**

#### **Background:**

The SHS Booster Fees are designed to help off-set **ALL** costs necessary to support the Band to include: Transportation (busses, Truck Rentals etc), Utilities and maintenance for Concession Stand/Practice Field, Non-MCBOE Instructors and employees of the band (Color Guard and Percussion Instructors, Band Nurse, etc), Uniform maintenance, Instrument purchases, office supplies to name a few.

We receive absolutely **NO** Funding from the Madison County School System (MCSS) or the Board of Education (BOE). We are considered a private organization, and while our funds are controlled by the school accountants, the boosters determine how the funds are spent, in consultation with the Directors.

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Two students in Competition Band: \$300 Booster Fees 1<sup>st</sup> Student, \$250 Booster Fees-2<sup>nd</sup> Student. \$200 Competition Band Fees. \$100 Band Camp Fee: Total Booster Fees: \$850 Maximum Volunteered Credit Applied: \$100.00 Total Booster Fees Due: \$750.00

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## **Fund Raising Activities-Fruit Sales/Car Show Fundraiser/Concessions:**

Fundraising at the high school level is far different than at the middle school level. The fundraisers need to be meaningful and generate thousands of dollars, not several hundreds. Car Washes, Candy Sales etc., are good fundraisers but don't generate the kind of money we need. Our expenses are significantly higher than at the middle school level. We are also limited in the total number of fundraisers we can do, so that is why they need to be meaningful.

- **Annual Citrus Fruit Sales:** This Fundraiser generally runs from 1 Oct to 31 Oct. 100% of the proceeds from the Fruit Sales can be applied to off-set other expenses incurred throughout the course of the year. These funds can be used to offset Trip Costs, Winter Guard or Sparkman Indoor Percussion Fees, or escrowed and used to off-set the next years Booster Fees.
- **Car Show Fundraiser:** This is a new Fund Raiser effort started this year. We intend to do 2 Car Shows per year, early Fall and late Spring Semesters. Funds raised will go into the General Booster Funds.

- **Concession Stand:**

The Band has had responsibility to run and maintain the Concession Stand for the football season at all Varsity, JV and Freshman Football Games. Prior to the start of the Football Season, the Band Booster Board will identify a specific need and funds from the Concession Stand will be targeted for that purpose.

## **Additional Information**

### **Concert Dress/Tux Costs:**

Freshmen may be required to purchase a Tux Shirt if they don't have the correct one. Sophomores are required to purchase Individual Tuxes and Dresses which are maintained by the individual parent/student.

### **Uniforms:**

One pair Gloves, one Band T-Shirt will be provided to each student. Parents are encouraged to order and purchase additional T-Shirt and gloves. Shoes will continue to be purchased by the parent/student.

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