



KPS Music Programs and Kalkaska Music Boosters Information Sheet

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Booster Meeting Dates 2014/15: 7 pm at KHS Music Room

Sept. 9-Oct. 14-Nov. 11-Dec. 9-Jan. 13-Feb. 10-Mar. 10-Apr. 14-May 12-June 9

The purposes of the Kalkaska Music Boosters are:

- ❖ To provide support and assistance to the 6th through 12th grade music programs at Kalkaska Public Schools.
- ❖ To provide financial support for the enrichment of the music education programs at Kalkaska Public Schools.
- ❖ To promote a sense of community among the Kalkaska Public Schools music director, music students, their parents, and the community at large.
- ❖ To increase the participation levels of the parents and students in the music programs.
- ❖ To continue to improve the image and quality of the Kalkaska Public Schools music programs which will create a more desirable place for students, parents, and staff members.
- ❖ To obtain donations and perform fundraising activities to provide uniforms, equipment, instruction, and other necessities constructive to quality music programs and performances.

We hope that you will keep this information sheet in a safe place and reference it as needed. Communication is important and unfortunately, our children are generally not the best route for communicating information. This year, we are happy to be launching an email/text communication system. This will take a few weeks to be set up with music family info so please make sure to fill out the contact info on volunteer opportunity sheet and return as soon as possible. We look forward to this becoming a positive enhancement to our current communication tools of the district web site and our Facebook page (Kalkaska Music Boosters).

Below, you will find some of the most important information which will be needed to make your child's and your experiences with the KPS Music programs and Boosters beneficial to all. Let's get to it:

Instruments:

With the exception of very expensive instruments such as the sousaphone, students should own or rent to own instruments. A purchased instrument promotes care of the instrument, practice time, and responsibility. Marshall Music offers a rent to own program, along with direct purchase options. There are many other options via the internet such as Amazon and Craigslist. Mr. Chissus is happy to provide his professional recommendations prior to purchase.

Concerts & Other Performances:

KHS Marching/Symphonic Band- two concerts, one festival, 4 or 5 home football game and several home basketball game performances, one Trout Festival parade, graduation ceremony, and one exhibition performance.

KHS Jazz Band- will have several other local performances scheduled throughout the year. Optional are Honors Band and Solo & Ensemble Festival (S&E).

KMS 7/8 Grades Band- two concerts, one festival, one Trout Festival parade. 8th grade only- graduation ceremony. Optional are Honors Band and Solo & Ensemble Festival (S&E).

KMS 6th Grade Band- two concerts and one Trout Festival parade.

KHS Chorus- two concerts. There may be other performances scheduled throughout the year.

What Is A Festival?

A primary service of the MSBOA (Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association) is to organize various district and state wide festivals for member schools. These events allow middle and high school members to receive recognitions for their achievements in various musical ensembles.

Band and Orchestra Festival is an opportunity for ensembles from member schools to perform a program of three pieces for adjudication, one of which must be from MSBOA's required list.

Solo & Ensemble Festival (S & E) is an opportunity for individual students from member schools to perform a selection of their choice for adjudication.

KPS Band Students in grades 7 through 12 will participate in these festivals. Please consult the calendar of events for exact dates. Honors Band also falls under the umbrella of the MSBOA.

Uniforms:

There is a \$30 cleaning for high school students which covers both marching and concert uniforms. This fee is due before the last day of band camp. Students are expected to help maintain the appearance of their uniforms by hanging them properly after performances and making a uniform committee member aware of any sizing or repair issues.

KHS Marching- Full marching band uniforms are provided, **solid black shoes and socks are required.** Open-toe shoes/sandals are not uniform.

KHS Symphonic- Tuxedo pants, coats, and bow ties are provided for concert band. **Solid black shoes and socks are required, as is a tuxedo shirt or dickie.** Skirts, shorts, and open toed shoes/sandals are not uniform.

KHS Jazz- Solid black pants and button shirt, along with solid black shoes and socks are uniform. A jazz tie is provided.

Bandshoppe.com offers a variety of black marching shoes for under \$30 and tuxedo shirts. Locally, Captain's Quarters carries tux shirts.

KMS-7/8 grade Band- NEW this year- the sweaters are being replaced with parent purchased embroidered polo shirts to be worn for the holiday concert and festival. Information and an order form will be sent home in September. **Black pants, solid black shoes and socks are required.** For the Trout Festival parade and spring concert, the current year's band spirit shirt may be worn along with black pants, shoes and socks.

KMS-6 grade Band- For the holiday concert, students are to wear their "Sunday Best", no jeans or flip flops. For the Trout Festival parade and spring concert, the current year's band spirit shirt may be worn.

Sound Check (Chorus)- performance uniform to be determined prior to performance. Until Boosters is able to raise enough funds to purchase uniforms, usually the chorus wears black pants or skirts and either a solid red or white top.

Practice:

Practice makes perfect or, at least, helps get you closer to it. Even the most seasoned professional musicians practice their craft. Band students should practice a minimum of 20 minutes each day with more time devoted for leaning performance pieces for concerts, festivals, solos. Mr. Chissus offers a practice sheet which is available in the middle school music room or on the school district website, music department tab.

Smart Music:

Smart Music is a powerful online practice tool complete with accompaniment library. This subscription-based interactive practice software gives your child instant feedback while they practice at home – and a way to have fun while doing it! www.smartmusic.com

Music Lessons:

If your student takes private music lessons, the Boosters offer a scholarship to pay for each fourth lesson. The request form is available on the school district website or in both music rooms.

Summer Camp Programs:

Boosters offer scholarships to help with the costs of attending these summer camps: Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Interlochen Summer Arts Camp, Drum Major Camp and Color Guard Camp at CMU. The request form is available on the school district website or in both music rooms.

Field Trips/Overnight Trips:

Thirby Field-HS band students perform their half-time show. Boosters would like to invite all 7/8 grade band students to attend with Boosters paying transportation costs. More details available closer to date.

Ford Field- Grades 8-12, Michigan Competing Band Association Championship. This is an overnight, chaperoned trip. Boosters pay for transportation and up to four adult chaperones plus the director and his wife.

Chicago? NYC? Disney World? Yes, it's possible. Mr. Chissus has taken his high school band students to each of these places, more than once. Sometimes, the trip is to perform, other times, to expose our kids to the large world of music and its endless possibilities. Boosters contribute a large portion of funding for these trips with students and their families responsible for the balance.

Trip Fund Accounts:

Each music student has a trip fund account where deposits may be made from a variety of fundraisers or through a direct deposit of cash or check. One of the fundraisers to add to the account is through the Boosters' Can You Spare A Dollar campaign. Launching at the beginning of each school year, this fundraiser allows students to earn their current year Music Spirit Shirt for free and raise additional funds for their trip account. Parents can earn credits to be added to their students trip account through their volunteer activity. *See details on the volunteering opportunities portion of this sheet.

Music Spirit Gear:

Each year, there will be a t-shirt offered to promote togetherness and band/chorus spirit. T-shirts may be earned through the Can you Spare A Dollar campaign mentioned above or purchased outright. It is strongly suggested that all music program members earn or purchase their Spirit Shirt as they are to be worn at different functions throughout the school year. Boosters pay 100% of the costs for the sixth grade t-shirts and they are given as a reward to the students for sticking with the band for the first marking period. Parents and other band supporters may order the shirts for \$15. Along with shirts, hoodies, sweat pants, and/or shirts may be offered, as well as a variety of other spirit gear items.

Fundraising:

Boosters are responsible for many music program needs which the school district budget no longer allows for. We strive to meet those responsibilities through fundraising that appeals to our community and not asking band families for continuous contributions. Our largest fundraiser is selling popcorn at all high school and middle school sporting events. We may also sell items that appeal to all Kalkaska Blazers such as car magnets, vinyl decals, etc. This year will mark our second spring rummage sale. The success of this sale depends on the quality and quantity of items donated for us to sell. There will be monthly donation dates advertised to encourage community members and music families to give us their no longer needed items

Earn Student Trip Credit While Volunteering!

Boosters contribute a significant portion of funding for these trips but students' families are responsible for the rest. We have a devised a way for you, and your student, to earn additional money towards the costs associated with these trips. Certain volunteer opportunities, denoted by an asterisk on the list of volunteer opportunities, will earn \$5 towards trip costs and will be deposited into the student's trip account.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Many hands make light work. All music families need to share in the responsibilities even if only to choose one opportunity. Please check where you are willing to help. Those marked with * qualify for the \$5 Trip Account Credit. We'll contact you closer to the date to make sure you are still available. Please record these dates in your personal calendar or save the bottom portion of this form. Remember to return this form for the contact info even if you choose to not help at this time. Thanks you.

Please mail this form to Kalkaska Music Boosters, P.O. Box 531 or drop at the HS or MS offices by 9/5.

Every student turning in this form will earn their first \$5 of the school year AND will earn extra credit points from Mr. C!

Call or e-mail me whenever needed. If I can, I will.

Band Booster Board Member (2015-16)

Fundraising Committee

*Organize home football game dinners
(9/5- 12th gr, 9/12- 11th gr, 10/3- 10th gr, 10/24- 9th gr)

This includes contacting grade level high school band parents to contribute food or beverage items to the meal and help with set up and serving. Table service is provided by Boosters.

Contribute food/beverage items for home football game dinners (9/5, 9/12, 10/3, 10/24)

*Help with set up, serving, clean up for home football game dinners (9/5, 9/12, 10/3, 10/24)

*Help move equipment on and off field at home games

*Marching Band Uniform fittings during Band Camp- August 24-28, 2015

*Help with uniforms before and after football games (9/5, 9/12, 10/3, 10/24)

3-4 people are needed each time

*Concert Band Uniform fittings the week of Nov. 24, two days from 8-10 am

Make & serve hot cocoa &/or water @ home games (9/5, 9/12, 10/3, 10/24) we provide everything)

*Holiday Concert Decoration Committee at the Performing Arts Center (December 11)

Contribute cookies or other finger desserts for Holiday Concert

*Set up tables, make beverages, decorate tables for refreshments at Holiday Concert

(Boosters supply beverages) 2-3 people needed

Sit with 6th grade band during concert

Holiday Spring



**EXCITING
OPPORTUNITY**

BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISER

I'll help!!

The Music Boosters will once again welcome Bill Marsh Auto Group to our Back-to-School Blazer Bash with their Drive for Kids program! For every test drive by a licensed driver, they will PAY US \$20, up to \$5000! It's a super easy way to earn a chunk of FREE money! Please invite your friends and family. Everyone is welcome to test drive a new car and join us for fun at the Bash! This event happens each year, on the Thursday before we return to school, September 3, 2015, and we have to have Booster parents helping at this event to remind and encourage Bash participants to do their test drive.

Please- DO NOT TEAR THIS OFF, mail in the entire form and record the dates on your personal calendar.

So that we have contact information, please fill out this portion and return it even if you choose to not help.

Thank you very much for helping our kids have the best music education experience possible.

You may mail this to Kalkaska Music Boosters, P.O. Box 843 Kalkaska, MI 49646 or drop off at the high school office. Please do not have your child bring to school unless you know for sure they will turn it in to Mr. C. :-)

Your Name _____

Student's Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Primary Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Do you receive texts? Yes No

*Work a shift collecting for monthly Rummage Sale Donations

*Help with Rummage Sale Set up (Fri, April 17)

*Work 3 or 4 hour shift at Rummage Sale (Sat, April 18)

*Help with tear down after concerts

*Help set up before concerts

Pull trailer with equipment to concerts and festivals

Help with uniforms before and after Trout Fest parade-sort for cleaning (April 25)

*Walk with band during Trout Festival

___ 6th grade ___ 7/8th band ___ High school band

Help with uniforms after graduation-sort for cleaning (5/23/15 @ noon)

Photograph Band Performances/Activities

Video Record Band Performances/Activities

*Chaperone short or full day trips such as Festival, Thirby Field performance, field trips, etc

Chaperone overnight trips

Chaperone students prior to performances

Piano accompanist for students at Solo or Ensemble Festivals

Work two hour shift at 2015 Blazer Bash serving dinner, making beverages, set up, clean up, etc (9/3/15, 4:00 to 7 pm)

***POPCORN, please mark your preference & circle dates.**

*This is our biggest fundraiser! It is **incredibly important** that we have lots of people sign up for this! Only high school fall sports dates are available at this time. We will update as other schedules are released. All times are game start times. Poppers need to be at the venue 45 minutes prior for popper heating time and prep. **Schedule will be posted on district web site, www.kpschools.com***

Circle the date you are available:

Varsity Football-Football Field Concessions- 7 pm

9/5, 9/12, 10/3, 10/24

JV Football-Football Field Concessions- 6 pm

8/27, 9/18, 9/25

Varsity/JV Volleyball, KHS gym lobby- 5:30 pm

9/11, 9/13 late morning, 9/18, 9/23, 9/25, 10/7, 10/9, 10/23, 10/28

7/8th Football

7/8th Volleyball

Varsity Basketball Boys-Girls (Dec-Mar)

JV Basketball Boys-Girls (Dec-Mar)

7/8th Basketball Boys (Nov-Dec)

7/8th Basketball Girls (Feb-Mar)

Wrestling (Dec-Jan)

