

MARCHING BAND PARENT INFORMATION

2008-2009

The time has come to begin preparing for our 2008-2009 school year. If your child is between grades 7-12, they are eligible to be members of the **Bourbon County Marching Band**. *High school students are required to be members of the marching band, if they wish to be in the band program.

The success of the marching program is growing each year. This is due to the student's dedication and the parent's involvement. In 2007 we had an amazing season. We placed **2nd** at the KMEA(State) Championships, **1st** place at the Mid-States Championships, and **3rd** at the Bands of America Grand National Championships!

Each year, our goal is to improve from previous years. (Not just in trophies won, but in attitude, pride, and the financial needs of the program. We now have great attitudes, tons of pride, and are growing close to our goals of finance. This past year, the boosters raised enough money to purchase a larger trailer and a nice truck to haul our equipment all of the contests.

The cost for being a member of the 2008-2009 Marching Band is **\$400**. This covers all bussing, instructor fees, hotel rooms(for your child), and food at every contests. *****An additional **\$50** will be **deducted** from the fees if your child was selected for **District band!!!! Next year**, that will stay the same. However, if your child makes **All-State Band**, they will only need to **pay the hotel and food fee(\$100-\$150)!!!!**

All **fees** must be **paid** one week before school is out of session(**May 16**). One week after school is out(**June 1**), your child is obligated to fulfill their commitment, because the show designing will begin at that time.

***Designing the show takes a great deal of time, so if they decide **after(June 1)** to not participate, they will only get a **\$100 refund**(for food and hotel).

Here is a fee breakdown

Food	\$50	\$50
Hotel	\$50-\$100	\$50
Bussing	\$7500(approximately \$100 per student)	\$100
Instructors	\$12,000+(app \$160 per student)	\$160

Show Music	\$2500(app\$33 per student)	\$33
Show Props	\$3000(app \$40 per student)	\$40
Guard supplies	\$3000(app \$40 per student)	<u>\$40</u>
		\$473

As you can see, the fee that we pay is not as much as the cost. There are several other items that the boosters pay for that have not been listed: gas for trucks and trailers, new instruments, and instrument repairs.....

This is why we have fundraisers!!! Band truly costs more than some families can afford. The fundraisers help us to offset the cost. We currently are working **Bingo** every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **5:30-9:30** at the **Bingo Hall**. You can earn points by working(3 points per hour) **Points** are converted into **Fees**. This is the only fund raiser you will be able to work for before the Band fees are due.

For those of you who like to think ahead, **next year's** fund raising begins this summer. We will be **parking** cars at the **FAIR** and we might also have a **Yardsale**. This upcoming **fall** season we will be **selling concessions** at the football games, and we are thinking about **hosting a band contest**.

\$\$\$\$ For those interested in beginning Bingo contact: Barbara Rupard at 362-7064 or Tamara Johnson at 229-2658 or 223-2200 or Albert Elkins at 987-1749 or 707-6451

BAND CAMP DATES

JULY 7-11 GUARD and PERCUSSION 8:00-4:00

JULY 14-18 FULL BAND CAMP*

JULY 21-25 FULL BAND CAMP*

*Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:00- 5:00

*Tue, Thurs. 8:00-8:00

Students must attend all of the band camp dates to be a member of the band!!!

Lunch for all of the band camp dates will be from 12:00-1:00.

Students must bring their lunch or a note stating that they can go to McDonalds, Arbys, or Sonic(**no student will be allowed to cross the main highway to towards Walmart**).

No student will be able to ride with another student (to lunch) unless they ride with him or her to practice.

Dates for the Fall of 2008

Practice Schedule

The band will practice after school on **Mondays** until 6pm, **Tuesdays** until 7:15pm, **Thursdays** until 6pm, and **Fridays** until 7pm (if ballgame, we will practice until 5:30 and back in uniform at 7pm).

We will also play for all home football games and parents will sign up for concessions.

We will begin **competitions** the week after Labor Day and continue through November 8.