



Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association

New Board 2026-27 School Year

Board Members

Board Role	2026-27 Board Officers
 Co-Presidents	Larry Mello y Nate Godsey president@prideofthewildcats.com
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 Comms & Social Media Chair	Rebecca Capel media@prideofthewildcats.com
 Arena Coordinator	Lynda Mello arena@prideofthewildcats.com

OPEN Volunteer Opportunities

Props Team – Help build, move, and manage props throughout the season. (*Join the Props WhatsApp group*)

Band Banquet Chair – Lead the planning and coordination of our year-end banquet.

Winter Trip Committee Chair – Work with the Board to help coordinate our overnight trip.

Truck Drivers – We will have two trucks this season and are looking for qualified drivers.

Printing Support – We always appreciate your help producing flyers and other printed materials.

Photographers – We're looking for volunteer photographers to help capture performances, events, and memories throughout the season. Student volunteers can earn service hours.



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If you are interested, please email bandparent@prideofthewildcats.com.

Section Parents

- **Flutes:** Julia (Yanella) & Ailette (Chelsea)
- **Clarinets:** Anne (Mia) & Kati (Penelope)
- **Saxophones:** Lynda (LJ) & Kelly (Elizabeth)
- **High Brass:** Omar & Maya (Cole)
- **Low Brass:** Elizabeth (Olivia) & **OPEN**
- **Percussion:** Lauren (Josh) & **OPEN**
- **Color Guard:** Jessica (Angie), Melissa (Meadow), & Valerie (Cheyenne)

How to Volunteer with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

Level 1 Clearance

To volunteer with BCPS at any school event you must apply for Level 1 Clearance every year. [Learn more, and apply here!](#) When you are prompted for what you are applying to assist with, please select "Field Trip", "Auditorium", "Student Clubs/Activities."

Level 2 Clearance

Parents interested in chaperoning overnight trips must obtain Level 2 Clearance, which is granted by invitation only. To be considered, please indicate your interest on the Parent Information Form. Once notified, we will provide your information to the school, which will contact you directly with the next steps in the clearance process.

Level 2 Clearance is valid for five years from the date of approval. If you are already cleared, please watch for renewal emails from the school to ensure your clearance remains current.

Marching Season: Practices

Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule: Marching band rehearsals are typically held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school until 7:30 PM (dismissal times are subject to change) through November 13.

If a regularly scheduled rehearsal is canceled during the week, a Saturday makeup rehearsal may be scheduled on short notice at the discretion of the Band Director.

Mandatory Saturday Rehearsal: Saturday, October 17. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled throughout the season as deemed necessary by the Band Director



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Attendance: Regular attendance is essential to ensure students are prepared for performances, football games, and competitions throughout the season. **Students and families should monitor communications closely for any schedule changes, additional rehearsals, or updated dismissal times.**

Marching Season: Home Games

Football games typically begin at 7:00 PM. Band students rehearse after school, have dinner before the game, and are dismissed following the game.

In the event of inclement weather, students may occasionally be dismissed before the game concludes. Please monitor the Band WhatsApp groups for important updates and dismissal information.



Game Schedule

Day	Date	Event
Thu	Aug 13	 Game (vs. Stranahan) Season Opener, no Band participation
Fri	Aug 21	 Game (vs. St Thomas Aquinas) Relocated, no band participation
Fri	Aug 28	 Game (vs. Pine Creek)
Thu	Sept 10	 Game (vs. West Broward)
Fri	Oct 16	 Game (vs. Piper) Homecoming
Fri	Oct 23	 Game (vs. Goleman)
Fri	Oct 30	 Game (vs. Mcarthur) Senior Night



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Marching Season: Competitions

Competitions are all-day events. Students are typically dropped off between 7-8 am and spend the morning rehearsing before traveling to the competition.

Students are dismissed only after returning to Western and helping unload and properly store all instruments, uniforms, and equipment. Please plan for a late evening return and watch for updates regarding estimated arrival and dismissal times.



Competition Schedule

Day	Date	Event
Sat	Oct 3	Falcon Sound Invitational @ Flanagan High School
Sat	Oct 10	Annual Lancer Band Jamboree @John I. Leonard High School
Sat	Oct 24	Marching Band MPA @ Cypress Bay High School
Sat	Nov 7	Striking Cobra Invitational @ Park Vista High School
Sat	Nov 14	FMBA State Championships (Prelims in Miami) @ Pitbull Stadium, FIU, Miami



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(Tentative) Concert Schedule

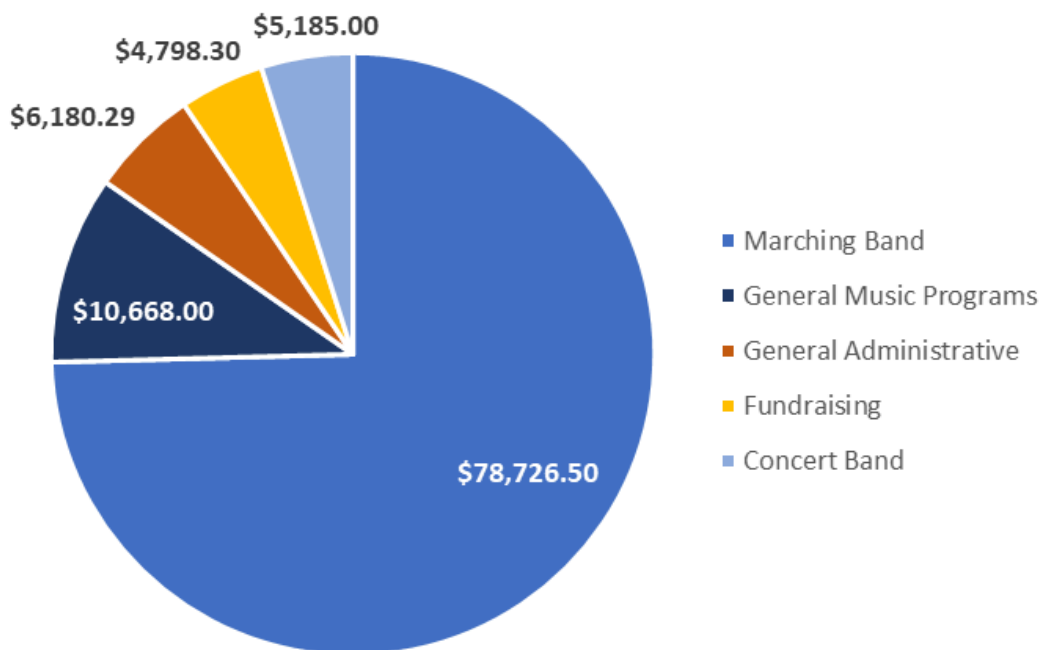
Day	Date	Event
Sat	Sept 19	FBA All State Auditions @ Ramblewood M.S. in Coral Springs
Tues/Wed	Nov 4 – 5	All County Auditions, <i>Tentative, TBD</i>
	Dec 9 or 10	Winter Band, Guard & Chorus Concert (subject to change)
Wed – Sat	Jan 13 – 16	FMEA Professional Development Conference (Tampa)
Wed	Jan 28	TBD All County Band Audition Day Rehearsal & Performance
TBD	Jan	Performance and Field Trip – Universal Studios (Orlando)
Fr/Sat	Feb 21-22	District Solo & Ensemble, TBD
Th/Fri	Mar 5 & 6	District Concert Band MPA (Tentative Flanagan)
TBD	March	State Solo & Ensemble MPA (Usually Spring Break)
TBD	April	State Concert MPA (TBD)
TBD	TBD	Spring Band, Guard, & Chorus Concert
Sat	May 22	Band Banquet (Subject to Change based on Senior Activities)
TBD	June ?	Graduation (Band performs throughout ceremony)



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2026-2027 Annual Operating Budget

Each summer, Mr. Tracey, Eric, the prior year's Board, and the incoming Board meet to review expenses from the prior year, and set an operations budget for the new year. This year's budget totals \$105,559 USD and covers the marching and concert season, general music program, and administrative and fundraising costs. For returning band parents - you may note this is higher than last year! That is because we budgeted more aspects of the program ahead of time. The band may do additional trips or events that need to be budgeted and fundraised for or paid for separately, such as a trip to Orlando, or winter percussion and winter guard competitions.





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2026-27 Annual Operating Budget

Ensemble	COA	Sum of Line totals
Marching Band	5100 - Instructional staff	\$ 24,412.50
	5200 - Show Design	\$ 7,000.00
	5250 - Show Mats & Licensing	\$ 2,500.00
	5300 - Travel & Transport	\$ 13,225.00
	5500 - Equipment & Uniforms	\$ 22,989.00
	5550 - Props	\$ 4,000.00
	5600 - Registration & Entry Fees	\$ 4,600.00
Marching Band Total		\$ 78,726.50
General Music Programs	5300 - Travel & Transport	\$ 2,400.00
	5400 - Event Logistics	\$ 750.00
	5500 - Equipment & Uniforms	\$ 6,088.00
	6200 - Ops & Admin	\$ 1,430.00
General Music Programs Total		\$ 10,668.00
General Administrative	6200 - Ops & Admin	\$ 6,180.29
General Administrative Total		\$ 6,180.29
Fundraising	6100 - Fundraising Direct Costs	\$ 4,798.30
Fundraising Total*		\$ 4,798.30
Concert Band	5100 - Instructional staff	\$ 1,550.00
	5250 - Show Mats & Licensing	\$ 700.00
	5300 - Travel & Transport	\$ 1,150.00
	5600 - Registration & Entry Fees	\$ 1,785.00
Concert Band Total		\$ 5,185.00
Grand Total		\$ 105,558.09

*Not used to calculate Fair Share Contributions



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Fair Share

Our goal is to give every student an amazing musical experience. To make that happen, our parent booster club (BWBBBA) funds almost the entire program, including specialized staff, show designs, uniforms, and travel costs.

Families can contribute their Fair Share in two ways:

- 1. By paying (either a lump sum or in installments) directly**
- 2. By raising funds towards their Fair Share contribution**

The Fair Share contribution is used to pay for, but not limited to, instructor compensation, drill design, music purchase, arrangements, choreography, show props and accessories, competition registration, transportation, and general operating expenses (tax filing, accounting services, web hosting, etc.). **Other fees may be asked to cover Winter Percussion and Winter Guard seasons, as well as special field trips for the band.**

1. What is "Fair Share"?

Fair Share is the actual cost to run the band divided by the number of students. In line with Broward County Public Schools' rules, all financial contributions are strictly voluntary. No student will ever be left out or graded down if a family cannot pay or fundraise.

However, because the BWBBBA has no outside funding, we rely completely on our families to reach these voluntary program goals to keep our season running.

2. How did we calculate this?

Our board members carefully reviewed what the band spent last year, what's leftover, and reviewed plans for the 2026-2027 season with Mr. Tracey and the band staff. Then, our Treasurer entered line-item details, and coded each to a Chart of Accounts, so that we can prepare our budget, and then compare actuals as the year progresses.

- **Total Budget: \$105,558.09.** This includes all projected Marching Band, Concert Band, Music Programs, Fundraising, and General Administration Program Costs. This does NOT include Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, the annual Overnight Trip, or the Banquet, as those have historically been budgeted separately, with separate fees or fair share contributions
- **Total Fair Share Budget: \$100,759.79.** This includes General Music, Marching, Concert, and Admin costs, but *excludes* fundraising, since those expenses will be offset by the funds raised.



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Projected Fair Share Contribution amounts:

- **Marching Band: \$1,105 per student.** This is adjusted from \$1200 per student after applying 50% of the unrestricted reserves from last year. Each year, the board will apply a proportion of reserves towards bringing the total Fair Share amount down. Marching Band Fair Share **includes** Football AND Concert Band.
- **Football Only: \$170 per student** who doesn't participate in the marching competitions, but does perform stand tunes for football games. This includes the general music program and general admin costs.
- **Concert Season Only: \$240 per student.** This includes concert season, general music program, and general admin costs.
- *Note: Winter Guard and Winter Percussion will have separate budgets, and separate Fair Share contributions.*

3. How to meet your Family's Contribution Goal

We want to help every family reach these goals! You can pay directly, or meet these goals through FUNDRAISING:

- **Pay directly** in our online store. Your payment contributes to general operating funds for a non-profit program, and is tax-deductible!
- **Fundraising Activities:** If you participate in the fundraisers where we can track your students goals (**Snap! Raise, Chocolate Sales, and Arena Volunteering**), all of the funds you raise will go towards your Fair Share until you meet your Fair Share contribution..

4. Raise more funds after meeting your Family's Contribution Goal

We want to help every family reach these goals! This means that if we can fundraise more, it helps the Fair Share AND other band expenses go DOWN! You can earn specific savings and credits through our approved discount programs:

- **Arena Volunteering:** For every full volunteer shift you or an adult family member works at Arena Fundraising events, BWBBA will take **\$50 off** approved items in the online store inside Booster Hub *after you have reached your Fair Share fundraising and contribution goal.*
- **Fundraising Store Rewards:** For every \$100 your student raises over and above *your Fair Share Fundraising and contribution goal* during our **Chocolate Sale** or **Snap Raise** campaigns; they will earn a **\$10 digital gift card** to use for official merchandise in our online band store *after you have reached your Fair Share fundraising and contribution goal.*



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- To access these incentives (we call them Booster Credits), you **MUST** have signed up for BoosterHub! If you have questions about this, contact Aimee Mato. (secretary@prideofthewildcats.com) or Kati LeTourneau (treasurer@prideofthewildcats.com)

5. Important to Keep in Mind

This process **replaces** the way that Booster Credits have been applied in the past, for a few reasons. Because BWBBA is a registered 501(c)(3) charity AND a booster association subject to the Broward County Public Schools' Guidelines, the IRS, and the School District both set strict rules on how we handle money.

- **No Cash Payouts:** All earned credits and discounts apply directly to your account statements inside Booster Hub to lower your goals or buy gear. **We cannot legally give out actual cash, physical refunds, or checks to individuals.**
- **Credits Do Not Transfer:** Earned credits are tied directly to your family's account. They cannot be given to other families or carried over to future calendar years.
- **Leaving the Program:** If a student leaves the Pride of the Wildcats program, any unapplied volunteer or fundraising discounts are immediately canceled, and the funds stay in the general band account to support the remaining students.
- **No student will be turned away for inability to pay or fundraise their Fair Share contribution.** Each family is asked to review these procedures, and to sign and return their acknowledgment. Families have the choice to **pay/donate** their Fair Share, **fundraise** their Fair Share, or ask for specific considerations.



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How to make your Fair Share Contributions

Visit the [BWBBBA Store](#)

First, select the appropriate Fair Share amount - based on whether or not your student is Marching

- ☐ Marching Fair Share (first payment due **September 15th**)
- ☐ Football Only Fair Share (due **September 15th**)
- ☐ Concert Fair Share (due **November 15th**)

Then, make your payment selections:

- ★ If you prefer the convenience of paying in the store (preferred, since this syncs directly with our accounting software)

- ☐ Select "Pay in Full or Payment Plan" in the store, and be sure to enter the same email address you used in the parent form and to register for Booster Hub
- ☐ Select ACH transfer or Credit Card and enter your information

If you have selected a payment plan of multiple installments, then your chosen payment method will be automatically used on the next payment dates, and you won't have to do anything at all!

- ★ If you prefer to pay outside of the store, whether with check, Zelle, cash, then you still start IN THE STORE!

- ☐ Select "Pay Later" in the store, be sure to enter the same email address you used in the parent form and to register for Booster Hub
- ☐ Cash or Check to made out to Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association - give to Kati (Treasurer) or Mr. Tracey
- ☐ Zelle to treasurer@prideofthewildcats.com
- ☐ Credit Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay to any Board Executive Committee member: Larry, Kati, Nate, Aimee, or Eric (which also incurs transaction fees)

- ★ The Treasurer will automatically apply eligible fundraising amounts to your Fair Share!

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FAIR SHARE AGREEMENT FORM BY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19!**

We need to begin ordering uniforms as soon as possible to ensure they arrive in time for our first competition. Your prompt submission helps us meet critical ordering deadlines and keep the season on track.



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Fundraising

Fundraising is one of the most important ways that the Board and Booster Association can help pay for the various expenses associated with a high-quality marching band program. There are several ways that fundraising may reduce the Fair Share contributions or the costs of:

- If there is a surplus from funds raised in one year, then the Board considers whether to apply that surplus to the annual operating budget, thus reducing the fair share calculations, and/or to apply that to needed purchases outside of the operating budget, such as purchasing needed equipment or instruments.
- Families who participate in fundraising may earn booster credits, which can be used to pay for their Fair Share in the online store, as booster credits reflect funds already raised.
- The Band may organize fundraisers for specific events, such as an out-of-town field trip and performance, which will reduce the eventual costs to students for participating.

Key Fundraisers

The Board organizes a number of important fundraisers that require Booster Association and student participation to be a success! They start immediately, and you can participate in any and all of them!

 **Dave & Buster Power Cards:** On Saturday, August 8, we officially kicked off our first fundraiser with an in-person band mixer and the launch of our online sales campaign. Online sales will continue through August 31.

 **\$2 World's Finest Chocolate:** We will begin distributing chocolate during the week of August 17 for your band or guard student to sell.

As each box is sold, your student may turn in the money collected (or you may submit payment by purchasing a box through the online store). Once payment is received, your student will be eligible to receive another box to sell.

Booster Credit Incentive: For each box sold, your student will earn **X Booster Credits**, which can be used toward purchases in the online store.

 **Car Wash Fundraiser - September 5!** Mark your calendars for our Car Wash Fundraiser on September 5 at Taco Bell (2250 S University Dr, Davie, FL 33324). We will need parent and student volunteers. Please keep an eye on BoosterHub for volunteer sign-ups and additional event details.



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SNAP! Raise Peer-to-peer fundraiser: We'll be working with the students to set up their information September 8-15, and the fundraiser will be live from **September 22 through October 21**. This is a big fundraiser for the band. For every \$10 your family raises, you earn 8 Booster Credits!

 **Football Game Concessions (Date to be Announced):** Every year the Booster Association has the opportunity to work the concession stand at a home football game. We will need volunteers to help! This is a good way to meet new band parents and a great way to raise money for the Band Program. Please keep an eye on BoosterHub for volunteer sign-ups and additional event details.

Other fundraisers: The Booster Association is also coordinating other fundraisers, such as restaurant family nights, Pay-for-tips at local grocery stores, etc. Please keep an eye on BoosterHub for volunteer sign-ups and additional events.

Business Sponsorships: In our online store, you'll find a series of sponsorship levels. If you know of a local business or individual who is interested in sponsoring the band, share that store with them!



Amerant Bank Arena Concessions

The Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise presents an opportunity for groups to raise funds to help their programs. The BWBBA has participated for several years running, raising as much as **\$40,000** for the band.

How does it work? Volunteer at concession stands during Florida Panthers games and other events at Amerant Bank Arena. Our organization earns **10% of concession sales, 80% of tips collected**, and benefits from a **guaranteed minimum payout**.

When you work the Arena, you can apply the equivalent to 80% of that number towards your Fair Share! Volunteers can earn between \$100 and \$150 per volunteer shift, which will be applied towards Fair Share. **After your Fair Share** obligation is met, you earn 50 Booster Credits per shift, which can be used towards items in the online store.

What is required?

- You must be 18 years or older. Any older sibling, family member (and some Seniors!) can volunteer.
- You must complete a free online training on alcohol and food service.
- Shifts at Arena events typically run 5-6 hours. Start and end times vary per event.
- It is requested that volunteers do a minimum of 3 dates



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How many volunteers do we need?

Each stand needs a minimum of 11-14 volunteers to be successful.

More volunteers = more concession dates = more \$\$ for the band program.

To keep our operations running smoothly, we need a pool of at least 45 volunteers to ensure flexibility and coverage for all events.

To join our Arena Crew contact **Lynda Mello**, our Arena Coordinator, or email arena@prideofthewildcats.com for more information.

Get the Latest Updates

BoosterHub

This is the central hub for band and guard information throughout the year. You can access news and announcements, view the program calendar, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and stay informed about important dates and upcoming events.

BoosterHub has a convenient mobile app. Through the BoosterHub app, you will receive real-time notifications about schedule changes, event updates, and important announcements. You can view volunteer opportunities and assignments, and access important details about competitions and performances.

Set up your BoosterHub account and install the Mobile App as soon as possible!!

If you have filled out the [Parent Information form](#), you will receive an invitation to BoosterHub within a few days.

The email will come from team@boosterhub.com, and the subject will be "*Pride of the Wildcats Band Boosters - Let's help you get started with BusterHub!*" Simply follow those instructions, and you'll be in! For questions or changes, please contact our Board Secretary, Aimee Mato at secretary@prideofthewildcats.com.



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1 HOW to Volunteer On the WEBSITE
On the Calendar
Click on any event



Click on View Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up!

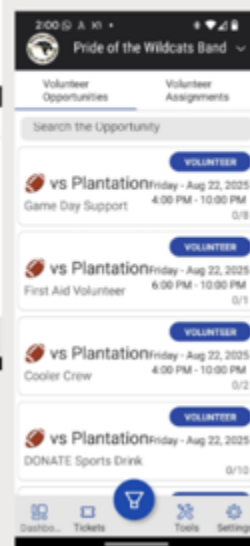
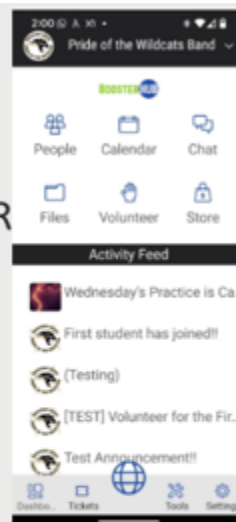


2 HOW to Volunteer on the APP
Click on VOLUNTEER

View the Volunteer Opportunities

Select your event and what you'd like to volunteer for

SIGN UP!





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WhatsApp

We aren't fully abandoning WhatsApp - this is still the best place for parents and supporters to ask questions, connect with one another and help us all support the band. In our WhatsApp Community, we have several channels:

- ★ Announcements: Only admins can post announcements. This is where you will see the most up-to-date announcements that we have.
- ★ Parent chat: Where parents can ask questions and connect with one another.
- ★ Section Parents: Groups for the parents of each section, to organize any section goodie bags, and stay up to date on section-specific updates
- ★ Pictures upload: Add any pictures from games, competitions, and performances here!





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Important Links



BWBBA Website



BWBBA Calendar



BWBBA Store



Amazon Wishlist



Parent Form



Student Form



WhatsApp



Level 1 Clearance
Application

Band Parent Key Action Items:

- ☐ Turn in your Fair Share Agreement Form **by Wednesday, Aug 19th**
- ☐ Fill out the [Parent Information Form!!](#)
- ☐ Tell your student to fill out the [Student Information Form!](#)
- ☐ When the BoosterHub invite comes, accept it, set up your profile, and INSTALL THE APP! Add team@boosterhub.com to your safe senders list in your email.
- ☐ Make your Fair Share contribution in the [STORE by September 15th!](#)
- ☐ Sign up to volunteer at upcoming events on BoosterHub or on the CALENDAR!
- ☐ Subscribe to our [CALENDAR!!!](#)