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New Parent Packet

Martin Bands

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Getting Information about Band

Website: www.martinbands.com, take some time to explore the website, it is full of useful information. In particular check out these two features:

- Calendar - being in band can fill up a schedule. Keep up to date by subscribing to the calendar.
<https://martinbands.boosterhub.com/calendar/1625>
- Student Handbook - the resource all parents and students should look to, found on the website under Student Portal, Band Forms

Apps

- Band App: <https://band.us/n/a2a0b3EbF5f8H> (this link may expire- just ask if it doesn't work) Directors communicate with students and parents using Band App.
- Boosterhub: <https://martinbands.boosterhub.com/register/3000> Parent communication and volunteer information happens on BoosterHub.

Social Media

- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/martinbands>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/martinbands>
- TikTok: this is for fun! Look to Band App for the most official communication

Mission:

The mission of the James Martin High School Band Booster Club is to support and enhance the band program by providing resources, volunteers, and fundraising efforts that directly benefit the students. Our focus is on creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for families and students, fostering a sense of community within the band program, and promoting a love of music.

Vision:

Our vision is to be a leading band booster club that supports and enhances the band program by providing opportunities for students to develop their musical talents, leadership skills, and self-discipline. We strive to create an environment where students feel valued and supported, families feel welcome and engaged, and the community recognizes the impact and importance of our band programs. Our ultimate goal is to inspire a lifelong appreciation for music and the arts in our students, while helping them achieve their full potential.

Volunteering:

Congratulations – you're now part of the Warrior Band Family!

And not just your student, but you! As volunteers, we support our directors, our kids, our school and our families in any ways that we can. We have a variety of opportunities for you to be a part of the award-winning Martin Band Program – building props, serving meals, chaperoning bus rides, helping at football games, setting up for competitions, loading/unloading instruments, and much more! There truly is a job for everyone.

How to find Volunteer Opportunities: All volunteer opportunities will be posted to "Volunteer" section of BoosterHub. Clicking on each of the opportunities will show you a detailed description of the event (including time, location, etc.)

Volunteer Job descriptions

To get started, fill out a volunteer application through AISD here: <https://www.aisd.net/community/volunteer/>

You will be notified through email once you are approved. Once approved you can immediately start volunteering.

Order your Volunteer Polo: https://vitshirts.net/martin_hs_band/shop/home

Friday at School Volunteers

- Water crew - meet at the water spigot by the loading dock (2)
- Uniform assistance - meet around 4:30 to help kids get ready (2)
- Tailgate – setup, serve, and clean up meals (6)
- Loading Crew - load percussion (group A) and props (Group B) on the truck and trailer (10)

GAME DAY VOLUNTEERS

- Loading Crew - unload percussion and props at the stadium (10)
- Spirit wear – sell merchandise at the stadium through 3rd quarter (2)
- Bus riders - chaperone students to and from the high school (4)
- Props crew- assemble large rolling backdrops and front “cake” prop, move to staging area (12)
- Field crew - move drum major podiums, front ensemble onto and off the field and move back to truck (18)
- Snack volunteers - hand out snacks after half time show (4)

Post Game Volunteers - back at MHS (12)

- Unload large trailer with instruments
- Unload smaller trailer with props
- Move two podiums back into tower cage

Competition Day Volunteers (20)

Competition Days are similar in their order to the Game Days listed above, but they are ALL about the BAND! These events function SO much better with a FULL volunteer roster! We love to see as many volunteers as possible. Wear your Volunteer polo and show up with a flexible, positive spirit. You could be unloading items, building props, pushing equipment; you never know...but we promise it is worth it!

- Water crew – assist water crew lead with keeping students hydrated
- Uniform assistance - meet around 4:30 to help kids get ready (2)
- Tailgate – setup, serve, and clean up meals
- Loading Crew - load percussion and props on the truck (more physical job)
- Loading Crew - unload percussion and props at the stadium
- Bus riders - chaperone students to and from the high school
- Field crew - move drum major podiums, front ensemble onto and off the field and move back to truck

Special Event Volunteers

There are some special events throughout the year, and these volunteer opportunities will be posted on BoosterHub. Always check the Band app and Socials for more information.

Summer Band Volunteers

- Med Tent - Two to three volunteers needed to set up the med tent to provide a shaded location with water and first aid during summer band
- Parade Volunteers - help with instrument transport, and support the band during the parade

Long Term Volunteers

- Booster Leadership Team Board Members - Our Booster Leadership team is made up of over 25 dedicated volunteers that help keep the band running. If you would like to know how you can help, reach out to us! Every board member has contact information available <https://martinbands.boosterhub.com/teams/1645>
- Parent Section Leaders: Serve as a contact point for parents of kids in your section when they have quick questions. Help the section get organized for events, team building and fundraising efforts.

Finances

What are Band Fees?

Band fees cover a portion of the shared cost of competition entry, transportation, show design, props, and so much more. There are also items that need to be purchased your first year and are a required part of the band program. These items become yours and may be used in following years.

What if we can't afford it? No student is denied access to a music education due to a financial hardship. Please communicate with the directors about how we can assist. While it makes the accounting easier if families pay up front, we do allow families to pay in installments.

Tailgate vs Competition Meals

The Martin Band Boosters organize meals before games and competition. Meals during competitions are a mandatory purchase because the days are too busy for any other options. Meals before games are an optional purchase. If you do not purchase tailgate game meals, your student will be responsible for having their own food on game days.

Fundraising Opportunities:

- **Vertical Raise** - This kickoff fundraiser happens in July and is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is an online platform where each student enters 20 emails and 10 phone numbers for family, friends and supporters. Emails and texts are sent on kickoff day and we have 3 weeks to hit our total goal. Parents are encouraged to share their student's link to reach their individual goal.
- **Spirit Nights** - area restaurants donate a portion of the proceeds from a specific night to the band. Keep your eye on our social media for announcements.
- **Business Sponsorship** - Local businesses have an opportunity to advertise their company while supporting the band. There are different benefits based on the sponsorship level, which can be found on the Martin Bands website under "Sponsorships" tab. Parents and students are encouraged to reach out to local businesses to secure sponsorships.
- **Concert Programs:** Parents have the opportunity to purchase a well-wisher tribute for their students in the spring and winter concert programs. Local businesses who have purchased business sponsorships will also receive ads in the programs.
- **Holiday Wreath Sale** - Starting in October, supporters can purchase a festive holiday wreath online and a portion of the sales go toward Martin Bands. The wreaths are fresh evergreens and other items are available such as garlands, centerpieces and more. Items are delivered to the address of your choice...these make great gifts for out-of-town family!
- **Jazz Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction:** The award-winning jazz band performs a concert with dinner while attendees (and others virtually) can bid on silent auction items. You do not have to be present at the concert to bid or win! Winners announced at the end of the concert.
- **Mattress Sale:** Help publicize the mattress sale and bring in referrals.
- **March a Thon and Drum a Thon:** marathon events to support the band

Show Support while Giving Support:

- **Spirit Wear:** The Band Boosters have spirit wear on sale at events and football games. You can also see it online <https://martinbands.boosterhub.com/store/1628>
- **Vertical Raise spirit shop:** The Vertical Raise fundraising platform also offers spirit wear and the booster club receives a portion of each order. These items are shipped directly to you. <https://shop.verticalraise.com/shops/texas/arlington/martin-warrior-band>
- **Smug Mug Season Pass:** We have 2 photographers capturing memories for you! For \$50 you can get an all season pass to have access to all the digital downloads of photos. Or you can purchase each photo you want individually. Please note the season pass does not include official uniform photos or Jazz Holiday photos. <https://martinbbc.smugmug.com/>
- **Order your Volunteer Polo:** https://vitshirts.net/martin_hs_band/shop/home

Football games:

Tickets for games are all general admission, unassigned seating. Every spectator will need to buy a ticket excluding your band kid. You can get a season pass that will cover all five home games in 2025 at <https://gofan.co/season/121673> for visitor games you will need to purchase tickets a different way - check our social media for details.

All high school games now have a clear bag policy. Bleacher seats are allowed at most locations, but are not necessary for games held at Choctaw.

Band parents can sit wherever. You will often see a group near the band or sprinkled in around the 50 yard line. If you are volunteering and not sitting with other band parents expect to head down to the field during the second quarter.

Field crew volunteers get a front row view of our band's performance for each game!

Special football games:

- Homecoming game: Halftime at this game is usually taken up with Homecoming festivities. Some years, the band will perform their marching show during pregame on this day. Stay tuned for details on Band App and social media
- Junior High Night: Our friends from Boles, Young and ACA join us in the stands and on the field to get feel for what Marching Season will be like.
- Senior Night: one football game after marching contest season will be senior night where we recognize our Senior band members. Again more details to come.
- Playoff games: depending on the performance of the football team we may have additional football games in November and December. These games are not included in the season pass tickets even if we are the home team.

Marching Band Competitions:

There is typically a cost to attend the competitions as a spectator. Many of the competitions have a two stage process, where all the bands march in the first half of the day and then the top 15 or so bands march again in the afternoon/evening. A few of the competitions offer an online viewing experience of the contest for a fee.

UIL Region, Area, State - The scoring for these competitions is based on a 1 - 5 scale where: 1=superior; 2=excellent; 3=good; 4=fair; 5=poor. Region competition is NOT among the bands themselves but against a standard of excellence that has been established through the many decades of this competition. At area they also rank the bands to determine who qualifies to compete at UIL State competition.

Other Band competitions - these competitions may vary from year to year. Check the calendar and socials for more information on supporting and volunteering for these events.

Dean Corey Marching Extravaganza (not a contest)

HEB Marching Contest

Melissa Marching Contest

US Bands

Don Hanna Memorial Marching Band

Bands of America

Duncanville Marching Contest

Additional Performances:

Supporting ALL of the Bands at all of the competitions and performances

- **Color Guard / Winter Guard** - we have winter and spring indoor competitions. Martin typically hosts a competition and we will need support from the entire band to make this event a success. There are volunteer positions throughout the day for band students and parents. We also need donations of food for our judges.
- **Drumline** - Percussion will participate in a few competitions and gigs throughout the year. For these events, we will often need parents to drive students and/or percussion equipment to the event, as well as help push equipment to and from the performance. In the spring, the drumline usually performs at the Mr. MHS contest.
- **Jazz Band** - Jazz band participates in several competitions throughout the year. They also perform at the spring and winter band concerts and the Jazz Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction concert.
- **Solo & Ensemble** - Martin High School hosts our own solo and ensemble event in the spring. Students work with their private lesson instructors and each other to perform in front of a judge.
- **City, Region, Area & State UIL** - students prepare assigned music to perform in front of a panel of blind judges. Students will be ranked and may be qualified to join All City or All Region band. If a student makes All Region band they are eligible to audition for Area and may be eligible for State.
- **Full Orchestra** - Martin High School is fortunate to have two sections of Full Orchestra that includes brass, woodwinds, percussion and strings. This is an afterschool activity for Martin Band students and practices begin after marching competition season ends. This is typically a limited opportunity for juniors and seniors.
- **Martin Musical** - every year Martin Fine Arts Department puts on a spring musical, some years a small group of band members participate in the pit orchestra for the musical.

Band Banquet:

Late Spring many organizations and clubs host a banquet that often features dinner, dancing and awards for their students. Stay tuned to social media to learn more about how you can help and when tickets will go on sale.

Uniforms: See MWB Handbook

- Summer Uniform: Shorts and a shirt purchased individually from the band. Also worn under marching uniform.
- Pep Rally Attire: Summer Uniform unless otherwise instructed
- Marching Uniform: The uniform will stay on campus unless it is sent home for cleaning. At certain times during the year you will be instructed to clean the marching uniform. All garments are washable, unless otherwise stated. However, this does not mean that careful care and repair are not necessary. Follow instructions carefully, some items are hand wash only, some require other special attention.
- Concert Attire: Provided by the school. Those choosing the tux will need to provide their own black dress slacks.
- Uniform care instructions <https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1p6c91b8D6rcnT-Hx8cj5wWfnwvKDpUC-/mobilebasic>