

IMPORTANT BAND INFORMATION

MAY 2019

- **BAND FAIR SHARE ***\$150***** (Your band T-shirt is included is paid for by your fair share. Hopefully this will be of help and encourage you to pay part or all of your fair share at band camp.)

BAND FAIR SHARE IS ONLY \$125 IF PAID OR RAISED BY LABOR DAY! The band fair share is usually paid by students during band camp. **CHECKS FOR FAIR SHARE ARE MADE TO BULLDOG BAND BACKERS.** This year the band will have a special “59 minute sale” during band camp. Any money raised will go toward each student’s band fair share first (if it has not already been paid), then marching band shoes (if those are needed), and then the spring band trip. I have included a “prospect sheet” for each student in this letter. Each student should have at least 25 prospects. Please begin thinking about people that you can call to support you in band **AND GET A GREAT PRODUCT TOO!!** We will call each of these prospects during the 59 minutes. The product that we are offering for support of the band is cookie dough through the company Great American. Please come to band camp with your prospect list filled out.

*****Please do not ever let any concerns about payment issues keep your child from participating in band. (Mr. Heller is a parent too. He understands.) This is exactly why the fundraising efforts are arranged by the Band Backers. We can do this together!**

- **MARCHING BAND SHOES***\$40***** due Sept. 3.

We use a marching shoe called Super Drillmasters. During camp we will size students for these shoes. The Super Drillmasters will protect your feet and make it safer for your to march. Guard shoes are the same price but a different style and brand. If you already have a pair of marching shoes you do not need to buy new ones.

CHECKS FOR THE BAND SHOES ARE MADE TO PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL.

- **SPRING BAND TRIP***\$700*****

The band has tentative plans to travel to Orlando, FL via charter bus on March 26-29, 2020. The band will participate in the Heritage Music Festival with performances on Friday and awards ceremony on Saturday at Universal Studios. The tentative cost of this trip is \$700 per student or adult chaperone. Students in either semester of band may participate in the trip. This includes the festival, hotel, a 2-day hopper pass to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, several

meals, and a charter bus. That number is a tentative estimate and will depend greatly on the cost of the charter bus. The trip will not be more than that per student and could be less depending on group fundraising efforts and the final cost of the charter bus. We will raise money for this trip throughout the year. The final payment will be due in January 2019. The payment schedule is as follows:

September 3: \$150 due

October 1: \$150 due

November 1: \$150 due

December 2: \$150 due

January 15: \$100 due

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The band trips that we take are highly educational. The students always learn a great deal about themselves, working with a group to reach a common goal, and the world at large. Yes, it is expensive- but every student who has participated in one of these trips will tell you that it is WELL WORTH IT. The Bulldog Band Backers parent organization is very involved in the planning of these trips and the fundraising efforts behind them.

Parents - WHEW! I realize that is a lot of information. I too am a parent and realize that school costs go up every year. However, I think that those of you who have been in band before realize the the costs have been kept as reasonable and as low as possible for band at PHS. Please **NEVER** let these costs keep your child from participating in band. You can always contact me and we can work out what is best for every student.

Students - I will see each of you at band camp! **PLEASE BRING A CASE OF BOTTLED WATER.** Please also bring a hat, sunscreen, a pencil, and your band instrument. **WEAR TENNIS SHOES!!!!WITH SOCKS!!!!** - no sandals or barefeet, etc!!! (Actually we will only be outside about an hour to 90 minutes a day during camp as weather permits.)

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