

Dear West Lafayette Band Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Band Boosters! We proudly support the continued growth and excellence of the West Lafayette Bands.

Your student is a member of one of the **“Best Communities for Music Education”** in the country. Each year more students are participating in our band programs, and they earn many accolades across the state performing as individuals, ensembles, and bands. Our directors provide the opportunity for your student to play in a variety of venues and formats as well as experiment with new instruments and types of music. We are proud of the opportunities our program provides to 5th – 12th grade students and as a parent of a student in the West Lafayette band program, you become part of the family.

The West Lafayette Band Boosters collect **no fees** as a booster organization, instead we support the bands through volunteer efforts and fundraising. We are a parent-run organization with a not-for-profit/tax exempt 501(c)3 status. The Band Boosters support **all** of the WL bands: Happy Hollow Beginning and Intermediate, 7th and 8th Grade, Symphonic, Wind Ensemble, Pep, Jazz, Percussion Ensemble, and Marching Band. Our fundraising efforts are used to help pay for school-owned instruments and their maintenance and repair, student awards, marching band uniforms, maintenance of the equipment trailer, and other special needs not covered by the annual WLSC budget.

We are currently in an exciting period of exceptional growth for our programs. In just the past 4 years, the 5th – 12th grade bands have increased from 250 students to nearly 400 students. The Marching Band will have 92 members this Fall, up from 67 last year. This growth coupled with the band’s successes mean that we need to **grow** our booster organization.

“Strive for perfection, settle for excellence.”

We are extremely proud of the growth and accomplishments of the program. To continue on the path to perfection, we need your help. If you are able, please volunteer your time.

A vital part of any music program is the funds that allow for growth. To continue striving for perfection, students must be challenged by the music. However, music selection is limited by the instruments in the ensemble. Funds raised will be used to provide the complete range of concert instruments so your students will have the opportunity to perform the highest level, most challenging compositions.

Another amazing opportunity afforded to WL music students is the chance to travel. The high school band (students in grade 9 – 12) takes spring break trips every other year (typically New York City and DisneyWorld). Each trip costs \$1,000 - \$1,200 however students are provided several opportunities to raise money. In fact, a portion of the funds that the students raise will be deposited into an account in their names and held within the school. These funds may be used for items such as band trips, private lessons, new instruments, instrument repair, band supplies, summer band and marching band fees. Fundraising helps both the student and the band program. You can start building your account today!

The Band Boosters can not be successful without your help. All booster meetings are open to any band parent/guardian. Dates and times are listed on the webpage (www.wlbands.com). Below lists a few ways **you can be involved.**

Thank you!

West Lafayette Band Boosters

Band Boosters Team

President - Emily Ohland (*president@wlbands.com*)

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Band Office Assistant – Debbie Givan

Photo Gallery Manager – Elizabeth Lincourt

Newsletter Editor – Suzanne Birkhimer and Tracy Grimm

Website: www.wlbands.com

2016 – 17 Fundraisers:

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| July/August | WL Band and Band Parent Apparel sales... show your RDP and support of the band program! |
| October 8th | March-A-Thon... a 5 mile march through our community to highlight our music program and build RPD! |
| November | Citrus Sale... selling yummy fruit from Florida! |
| December 4 | PRISM Concert... a fun night highlighting our talented musicians. Enjoy a variety of music, food, and a silent auction. |
| February | Laundry Detergent Sales... build a client base and this becomes an easy bi-annual fundraiser. |
| Spring | Spring Band Festival... an event celebrating all of the WLSC musicians, and especially our seniors. A new color program will feature a section for senior student send-offs. |

Restaurant Events:

Enjoy a night off from cooking to raise funds for the band (details to come later)!

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| August | Greek's Pizzeria |
| September | Puccini's Smiling Teeth |
| October | Buffalo Wild Wings |
| November | Monical's Pizza |

Help us raise money starting today with Effortless Giving:

Payless/Kroger

Payless/Kroger is committed to helping communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations will earn millions of dollars through Payless/Kroger Community Rewards®. Payless/Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy..all you have to do is shop at Payless/Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

- Go to www.pay-less.com or www.kroger.com
- sign in or create an account
- Once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account Settings
- The code number for West Lafayette Band Boosters is 10656

Please note that enrollment expires at the end of each year. So if you are already a member, please login and check your enrollment status or re-enroll. Your enrollment is also noted at the bottom of your Payless/Kroger receipt.

Our goal is to have 130 families participating in this program by December 2016. Please sign up today to help the WL Bands reach our goal!!

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You shop. Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Same products, same prices, same service.

Go to smile.amazon.com and select the West Lafayette Music Boosters as your charity.

SCRIP

Scrip is a no-sell fundraiser. We aren't asking you to buy anything you don't already buy, or shop anywhere you don't already shop. We are asking you to consider paying for your purchases in a slightly different manner.

Scrip is a gift card fundraiser. The Band Boosters buys gift cards at a discount and then we sell them at face value. The profit is split equally between your student's band account and the band program. It is a win-win.

To order your scrip cards:

- Go to www.shopwithscrip.com , place your order, and then either drop off a check or pay with their Presto Pay.
- To sign up with shopwithscrip, the enrollment code for WL Bands is 5BC5LB224743.
- Or, print and drop off the paper order form found at www.wlbands.com
Click on Fundraising/Boosters tab and select: Scrip Paper Order Form

Our goal is to triple the number of families consistently using SCRIP. Please help us reach this goal!!

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I Would Like to Help! Please complete and turn in.

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Students Name(s), Grade, and instrument(s): _____

I would like to help -- please check all that apply:

_____ **Tuxes, Gowns, and Marching Band Uniforms** Fitting, Inventory, Sewing, Washing

_____ **Assist with March-A-Thon** (Saturday, October 8, 2016)

Support/safety crew, Food & Water, Marketing/Publicity, Set-up, Donations

_____ **Assist with PRISM Concert** (December 4, 2016)

Tickets (sales, collecting), Food/Drink donations, Marketing, Decorations/Supplies, Silent Auction, Set-up / Tear-down

_____ **Assist with Fundraising (please circle):**

SCRIP Citrus Sales Laundry Detergent Sales Restaurant Fundraisers

_____ **Newsletter** (created 3 times/year) Write stories, desk-top publishing

_____ **Chaperone** for various activities

_____ **General Help** I cannot commit now, but would like to be contacted as needed.

Special Talents and Skills -- please check all that apply

_____ Advertising/PR/Marketing _____ Writing/Editing _____ Graphic Design

_____ Photography/Videography _____ Fundraising _____ Health Care

_____ Computers/Technology _____ Accounting/Financial _____ Art/Creative

_____ Construction/Building/Design _____ Legal _____ Engineering

_____ Sewing/Embroidery _____ OTHER: _____

Return this form to: West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School
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