



Salem Band Boosters, Inc.



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Introductions

- Let us get to know you
 - Your name
 - Your child's name
 - What year are they in school?
 - What instrument do they play?



"Defining Pride since 1969"

Purpose of the Band Boosters?

- The purpose of the corporation shall be to provide financial and moral support to the band members and band directors of our Salem Middle and High Schools.
- In other words, we are here to provide support to our children.
- The Salem Band Boosters organization seeks to support all aspects of the "Pride of Salem" band programs at Salem High School. Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, WinterGuard, and Percussion Theater are all included.



How do you become a member?

- Easy.
 - You are already a member. Our children's membership in the band grants us our membership in the band boosters.



Sources of Information

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 - Your board of directors
 - Band Hotline: 387 – 8187
 - Current week's schedule
 - Information while traveling
 - Expected arrival times back to the high school.
 - Photos shared by Parents
 - www.kodakgallery.com/salembandboosters
 - Password can be requested from board members
 - You are highly encouraged to submit photos. You can email photos to: photos@salembandboosters.org
 - Your Child; they should be bringing handouts home from the band director.



Sources of Information

- <http://www.salembandboosters.org>
 - Booster event schedules
 - Fundraiser information
 - Info on travel to band festivals (Directions, etc.)
 - Booster News
 - Booster Business (minutes of meetings, financial info)
 - General info (parent handbook, contact list of officers/committees)



Sources of Information

- <http://www.salem.k12.va.us/shs/band>
 - Weekly band schedules
 - practices, tryouts, times to meet.
 - Announcements of band operations
 - Schedule changes
 - Contact information for band instructors
 - Band Show information and contest results
 - Lots of other stuff as well...



Sources of Information

- Phone Tree
- Email
- It is very important that we have your phone number and email address so we can keep you informed of upcoming events. There are many times when information becomes available late and email is the most efficient way of notifying you.

Chain of Command

- Your child must go through their chain of command when requesting to be excused from band activities or asking for information.
 - Your Child
 - Squad Leader
 - General
 - Drum Major
 - Band Director

Contacting the Director

- Please do not feel as if you cannot talk to the director.
 - Email or a voice message is best
 - The worst time to try to contact him is prior to and just after a rehearsal or competitions.
 - Office hours are in the morning at school.
 - 8:00am to 9:30am

Try speaking to a band booster officer or a veteran band parent first as they might have the answer for you. You can email:

noel@salembandboosters.org
or will@salembandboosters.org

Band Practices



- Band Camp and Band Practices will occupy most of August
- Once school begins they usually practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 6:00pm.
- Practice continues until the competition season is over in early November.
- **Being at every practice is extremely important.**
- Dismissal time is the time the band is actually dismissed from the practice field.

1pm muster on
Sunday for Camp
Water...

Band Camp
Your children need you there!
August 22nd, 2008
Water...

Parent's Night
Arrive no earlier than 6:30pm

Water...

Events that affect our Organization

- Summer Music Games
 - July 29th, 2008 7:30pm Salem Stadium
- Fruit and Nut Sale
- BBQ with the Band - night of homecoming
- Concessions
- Bandwear
 - Thursdays in the lower parking lot Joanne Chiglinsky will be selling apparel.
- USSBA Competition October 25th, 2008

What do we do as parents?

- Band Camp Fees
 - Food while at camp
 - Lodging at the camp
 - Fees for transportation
- Shoes/Gloves
- Competition Fees
- Black socks (at least three pairs)

If there are families experiencing financial hardship, please talk directly with Mr. Paxton.

Competitions

- Attend the competitions to support your child as best you can.
- Competitions are events where anywhere from a dozen to fifty bands come together to compete.
- They are judged on different aspects of their performance
 - Drum Major
 - Color Guard
 - Drum Line
 - Marching
 - Music
 - General Effect

Competitions

- A band competition and a football performance are two different atmospheres.
- Competitions give our children the opportunity to grow in their skill level. As any other athlete, they are constantly striving to have a better performance.
- A band competition is a highly structured event. As spectators, we remain quiet during the performances. Respect is always shown to the other bands competing.

Football Games

- A football game performance is casual.
 - Quite a few parents sit in the stands directly behind the band. It is a great time to socialize and get information.

The Band Room

- It is a special place for the band members.
- It has a set of rules associated with it.
 - Food and Drinks are not allowed
 - The room is kept clean
- Times parents should enter
 - When invited

Key Events

- Rookie Camp
 - July 30th to August 1st
- Full Band Rehearsal
 - August 4th to August 7th
 - August 11th to August 14th
- Band Camp
 - Sunday August 17th to Saturday August 23rd
- August 29th – First football game
- Holiday Concert
- Opus – Late April
 - Rehearsals; two weeks prior; after school & at night
- Banquet
 - 3rd weekend in May

Parking

- When picking up our children
 - Park in the visitors parking lot only
 - This is the lower parking lot to the right when you come through the high school main gate.
 - This ensures the safety of our children
 - Traffic congestion is minimized

Volunteers

- We always need help.
- There is something to match everyone's schedule and talents.
- Please get involved.
- Drinks: We are always in need of soft drinks
 - Brand names: Dr. Pepper or Mt. Dew
 - Anything not used by our kids is used for concessions.
 - 12 oz cans

Activities of the Band Boosters

- **Supporting the band by encouraging families to attend events.**
- **Communications**
 - We try to keep parents informed about band and booster activities.
- **Food**
 - We provide snacks, drinks, and meals for the band on many, many occasions.
- **Fundraising**
 - An active, high quality band program is expensive. We raise money to help pay expenses.
- **Sewing**
 - Band and colorguard uniforms need to be fitted! (and repaired, etc.).
- **More sewing**
 - All of the color guard flags must be sewn and mounted on poles.
- **We help make band travel arrangements (bus, hotel, etc.).**
 - We provide directions so families can attend competitions. We also help arrange chaperones for these trips.
- **Photos and videos**
 - We collect and display band photos, and produce a year end video at modest cost.
- **Fun events**
 - We coordinate fun activities (pool party, dinners, etc.) for band members and band families.

Closing

- The “Pride of Salem” is more than kids marching a halftime show on Friday.
- Responsibility, leadership, character, integrity, self-worth, respect and pride.
- Points to remember
 - The board is available to you. Call when you need help or have a question. Handouts are here for you to take with you.
 - Visit the web sites often for updated information.
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 - www.salem.k12.va.us/shs/band

