

2019-20 MHS Band Family Point System

Purpose: To ensure adequate support is available to the band/guard program and students during marching season, competitions, and throughout the year.

Family/parental support is ESSENTIAL to ensure that the band and students have the resources and support they need to succeed. Each year, the band budget is around \$75,000; only about 10% of that money actually comes from the school. The rest of that money needs to be raised by us.

In recent years there has been a declining amount of family involvement, leading to difficulty in achieving our goals and staffing events/chaperone needs, etc... It has also put an undue amount of work and stress on the few families who do get involved; this is unfair, since **ALL of the band/guard students benefit from the work that the Band Backers do.**

Therefore, we feel it is very reasonable that ALL families should be expected to help to a minimum degree.

There are many ways in which parents and families can contribute:

- Fundraising (concessions, sales, special events and securing local and corporate donations and sponsorship)
- Logistical support (Bus chaperones, moving equipment to and from competitions, working events such as ISSMA contest)
- Constructive support (prop design and construction, uniform fitting/alterations, cooking/baking for sales)
- Community relations and publicity

In order to make sure that all families are contributing and participating, we have devised a system which requires each FAMILY to earn a minimum number of volunteer points for the year. Those that do not meet this requirement will be required to pay a fee.

Family volunteer obligations may be fulfilled by band/guard students, parents/guardians, or even by siblings, grandparents, or other family members. A background check will be required of anyone who volunteers in a chaperone role.

A total of 3 volunteer points are required per family per Academic Year.

ONE of those points MUST be earned by working one of the following two events:

- **ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest (February 8)**
- **ISSMA JME Organization Festival (March 13-14)**

These are large events, hosted by the Munster band program, that require a large number of workers in order to run successfully. The band program gets paid for hosting these events successfully, so family involvement is critical.

The remainder of points may be earned by staffing any of the following events (1 point per event/committee):

- Summer band camp "newbie" lunch (week of July 22)
- Football tailgate fundraiser (Oct. 4)
- Bus chaperone for band competition (see CHARMS calendar for all competition dates)
- Moonlit March Walk/Race (October 13)
- MHS Holiday Craft Fair Concessions (Dec. 7-8)
- Pasta Pizzazz concert fundraiser (March 8)
- Prom Grand March (May 2)
- Serving as an ACTIVE committee member (see below)
- Other volunteer opportunities will likely become available throughout the year on shorter notice-watch for info (via email, text, monthly Band Backer meetings)

OR, you may earn ALL of your volunteer points for the year by serving as the CHAIRPERSON or CO-CHAIRPERSON for one of the following committees:

- Sponsor/Donor Committee: (Co-Chaired by 2 people)- Seek and obtain donations and sponsorships from local donors, businesses and corporations. Create and maintain a network of donor/sponsor resources to help support the band program throughout the year. Assist other committees when requested to help secure donations/sponsors for specific events. (requires strong people skills and organizational skills. Sales, marketing, and/or nonprofit experience a plus)
 - Includes subcommittee for creating program sponsor booklet for *Munster's Got Talent Show 2020*.
- Uniform Committee: (Co-Chaired by two people) fitting and ordering uniforms, alterations, maintenance of uniforms for band/guard
- Water/Ice Committee: stocking water/ice in ample supply for every competition (water donations are provided), prepping/filling coolers to take on the road for competition days
- Senior Night Committee: Coordinates fall senior band/guard student recognition night (during evening football game), including senior gifts, photos, posters. Senior Night is Sept. 13.
- Moonlight March Committee (co-Chaired by 2 people): Includes organizing the event, managing registrations, publicizing event, purchasing giveaways, securing sponsors, ordering shirts, marking course
- Ongoing Small Fundraisers Committees: Includes arranging and publicizing local dining night and small business fundraisers, usually 1-2 per month. (Dine to donate, etc...)
- Concessions Committee: (Co-Chaired by two people) secure donations/purchase and prepare food and drink for sales, manage concession stands during ISSMA events and Winter Craft Fair.
- Pasta Pizzazz Committee: (Co-Chaired by two people) organize concert, dinner/food, obtain donations for raffles
- Spring Banquet Committee: Organize and coordinate end-of-year banquet for the band/guard students, includes organizing senior gifts and senior parents gifts.

You may also earn ALL of your volunteer points for the year by being a member of one of the following:

- Pit Crew: Attend ALL marching competitions to load/unload instruments and AV equipment for transportation to and from the competition, move said equipment onto and off of the performance field within the allotted time for each performance. **This is a “permanent” team of adults that will be given specific roles and function as a part of the marching band team. It requires a commitment to be present for all or most marching contests/competitions.** Contact **Linda Bevil** if you are interested.
- Prop Crew: Build and maintain all marching show props throughout marching season, attend ALL marching competitions to load/unload props for transportation, move said equipment onto and off of the performance field within the allotted time for each performance. **This is a “permanent” team of adults that will be given specific roles and function as a part of the marching band team. It requires a commitment to be present for all or most marching contests/competitions.** Contact **Linda or Jerry Bevil** if you are interested.

A maximum of 1 volunteer point may be earned by serving as an ACTIVE committee member (ongoing contribution and participation to committee activities throughout the year) on one of the following committees:

- Sponsor/Donor Committee
- Uniform Committee

We understand that everyone is busy, and that many parents work, so a comprehensive list of opportunities and sign-ups will be available on our website soon so that you can choose your activities early and have plenty of time to arrange your schedule in advance. Please keep in mind that you only get volunteer credit for being PRESENT AT THE

EVENT and PARTICIPATING, not just for signing up (we will monitor who shows up and participates). Also, signups for events will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up early to ensure you get your first choices!

If your family does not earn **3** volunteer points by May 15, 2020, you will be required to pay a fee: \$30 per unfulfilled volunteer point. Fees will automatically be charged to your account in CHARMS. (For example, if you do not earn any points, you will be charged \$90).

* Please bear in mind that while everyone is expected to earn the minimum requirement of points and participate in the required events as listed above, there is ***no limit to the amount of volunteer time/donations per family!*** We are *thrilled* to accept more of your time and talent, and can always use more help! However, *there are NO extra credits or discounts for volunteering above the minimum requirement.*

Helpful links:

** Band Backers website: www.munsterband.org- has lots of information and links to Backers contact info, event calendars, CHARMS, ISSMA, Facebook pages, etc.

School Town of Munster Master Calendars- www.munster.us/About/Calendars

Background Check- www.munster.us , click on "Parents & Students", then click on "background check"

Please direct any questions regarding the points system to Anna Sklar.

** If you are interested in serving as a chairperson of a committee, please contact any board member:

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