



Ashley Ridge High School

Band Boosters

Band Booster Parent Information Meeting 9/12/2023

Welcome: Mrs. Danielle Tonzola called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM and welcomed everyone. Motion to call meeting to order by Joshua Blasko and seconded by Stephanie Farmer.

Minutes: Danielle asked for a review of the minutes that were printed and available online. Motion to approve minutes by Tara Brown and seconded by Linda Wilbanks.

Treasurer's Report: Carita Hatmaker discussed the financials

- A copy of financials was available for all in attendance
- Reviewed August Financials. Approximately \$27,000 in expenses and around \$13,500 in revenue.
- It is typical for the budget to be in the negative early in the season due to high expenses to start up concessions but they are balanced out later in the year.
- Concessions at Summerville for 1st Home game went well. Approximately \$4600.
- Additional sponsorships came in, props were sold to other schools and fair share deposits were made.

Ways and Means: Presented by Carrie Clark.

- Popcorn fundraiser went well. Sold 488 bags and brought in \$4899 in revenue. Popcorn will be delivered Sept 27th and volunteers will be needed to sort all orders that afternoon in the band room.
- Panera Spirit Night total \$233.08, Chipotle total was \$263
- Carrie encouraged band members to attend the Nov & Dec spirit nights at Poogan's and SOL with their family for the holidays and bring others if they have family in town
- Upcoming Spirit nights
 - Raising Canes- Oct 18th 4-pm 15% profit share
 - Poogans' Nexton- Nov 7th
 - SOL Southwest Kitchen- Dec 13th
- New/Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Poinsettias start Oct 30th and will be delivered right after Thanksgiving
 - Discussed doing Butterbraids or cake rolls. Group agreed that they prefer Butterbraids. This will run concurrently with the poinsettia fundraiser for the holidays

Guard Liaison: Presented by Danielle Tonzola, Karen was out with a sick child

- Danielle presented Show Shirt to band boosters, all students will receive a shirt next week.
- Parents and family encouraged to order Show Shirts from the spirit store as well and wear to competitions for support.
- There are 10 pairs of shoes that have not been picked up. Parents should meet up with a board member to get shoes after the meeting
- Warm ups for Guard have shipped and should arrive for the Wando competition



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President: Danielle Tonzola presented

- Sign up Genius has volunteer positions posted for concessions, competitions, away pep band games and water/Gatorade donations
- Spirit Store has Show shirts and other Band apparel for sale <http://www.arhsbands.org/spirit-wear>
- Spirit wear orders placed in the last 2 weeks will be delivered to the school and we will email when they are available for pick up
- Meeting notes/minutes will be available from all meetings on the band website. Notes from this meeting will be available by Friday Sept 15th to review <http://www.arhsbands.org/booster-club-meeting-notes>
- The band is looking for someone to drive/pull the red trailer for the Oct 14th competition to Irmo. Shane Clark is unable to help that weekend.
- Next booster meeting planned for Oct 10th at 6:30pm, but this is also the awards night at the school so we will find a new date and send out via email

Competitions 101: Danielle Presented

- Mrs. Henjes will prepare and send itineraries for each. Call time and performance times will be set but the rest of the schedule is fluid and may change throughout the day
- Competitions are ALL DAY events. Students have early call times and will arrive back the school late at night.
- All band/guard members will be provided dinner by the boosters. Students will be responsible for bringing lunch. We will have PB&J sandwiches for anyone that forgets food. Students, directors, and volunteers will be fed dinner (approximately 180 people) and we need parent volunteers to help serve food.
- Volunteers: Needed for loading props, coolers, equipment, loading/unloading, carrying equipment, screens on/off field, serving meals, unloading truck end of night
- **ALL parents are encouraged to help unload buses & trailers at the end of the night to ensure all equipment is put away and rental trucks can be returned the next morning. Students will be able to leave as soon this is complete. If you are waiting for your student in a car, please come help so everyone can go home sooner 😊**
- Information on admissions, parking, and competition schedules, etc will be provided the week prior to the competition. 5A schools perform later in the day and awards are at the end of the night (typically between 8-10pm).
- Expect clear bag policies at all schools and plan accordingly
- Make sure to set a good example at all band events to ensure a positive experience for everyone. Show respect for all bands. The students set a high bar for the level of comradery and respect they have for other bands. Parents and spectators should do the same.
- Irmo may be cash only, be prepared just in case for entry fees



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Directors: Mrs. Henjes presented the information.

- Thursday Sept 21st will have a later practice time due to a guest speaker. The band will cover dinner for students that night.
- CSI pictures will be back out Sept 22nd 4:30pm-6pm. Students will dress in uniform and take photos on the field. Pep band will go first and then load buses for Wando away game.
- Pep band list will be sent asap. Last day to sign up is 9/12
- All students need to attend the Saturday practice Sept 23rd to get caught up on learning the show. Call time is 8am. They will change for the show at 4pm and perform at 4:30pm for the community
- Fridays band will wear the Ridge Band red t-shirt, black Show Shirts are worn on Saturdays for competitions
- Reminded parents to read all emails for important information and sign up for volunteer opportunities

Motion to adjourn made by Tara Brown, seconded by Mrs. Rudd, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Sept 14th JV Home Game -St. James

Sept 21st Guest Speaker at rehearsal 4:15pm-8pm

Sept 21st JB Home Game –Wando

Sept 22nd CSI Photography 4:30pm-6pm

Sept 22nd Wando Pep Band, leaving at 5:45pm

Sept 23rd Saturday Clinic 8am-5pm, Show performance at 4:30pm

Sept 28th JV Home Game Fort Dorchester

Sept 29th Pep Band Fort Dorchester

Sept 30th Lowcountry Invitational (Wando)

Oct 5th JV Game West Ashley

Oct 7th Gus Moody (Summerville)

Oct 10th CANCELLED Parent Meeting –New date TBD

Oct 13th AR Home Game vs Berkeley, Homecoming

Oct 14th Espirit de Corps (Irmo)

Oct 20th AR Home Game vs Summerville, Senior Night

Oct 26th JV Home Game Stall

Oct 27th AR Home Game vs Stall, Full performance at half time

Oct 28th Saturday Clinic 8am-5pm

Nov 4th State Competition (Walterboro)