



2011- 2012 BAND SEASON

Welcome from the Groves Band Boosters!

The Band Boosters would like to welcome you to the Groves High School band program. It's time to say good-bye to our Seniors and welcome our Freshman and new band families! We are pleased to welcome our new band director, Mr. Jeff Krum! The Marching Band will be over 90 strong this year. Mr. Krum is working on a terrific and exciting half-time show for the GHS Marching Band.

For Marching Band Summer Camp, all students should remember to bring:

1. Sack lunch
2. Sunscreen
3. Water bottle
4. Sunglasses & Hat
5. Comfortable close-toed shoes (**no** sandals or flip-flops), dress for the hot weather
6. Student Information Form
7. Band Booster Form (optional)
8. Check – Freshmen & new band members \$50 (band polo & band shoes)
Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors \$30 (band shoes)
9. Snack donation (optional, see information below)

(If financial assistance is needed, contact Kim Rovinski at president@grovesband.com. Monies from student band accounts may also be used.)

BAND POLOS AND SHOES

Band polos are used for hot weather marching, such as the Beverly Hills Memorial Parade and the Birmingham Parade. It is also used for other events, such as band trips. We are trying something new this year with band shoes. In the past, we have found that students have a difficult time finding “all black” shoes. Many yards of black electrician’s tape have been used to cover up odd colors and white soles! Mr. Krum uses a marching band uniform company to supply members with shoes and it has worked out really well in past years. All students will have consistent and conforming shoes that work well for marching and cost less than expensive athletic shoes.

SNACK DONATION

We are asking parents to donate either a 30-count package of juice boxes or a 30-count package of snacks. Snacks will be used for band camp and for after the half-time show at football games. Please send in chips, pretzels, granola bars, cookies or crackers that are individually wrapped and do not contain any nut products. You (or your child) can bring the donations to the band room on August 15th or 16th. We will have ice water available throughout the day. The Band Boosters THANK YOU in advance for your support. The kids really enjoy the refreshments! **Parent volunteers** are needed for snack set-up each morning during Summer Camp. If you can help, mark it off on the Student Information Form included in this packet.

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 4th - Ice Cream Social with the new Band Director. Come and join the Band Boosters in welcoming Mr. Krum, turn in band forms, get measured for marching band shoes and of course have some ice cream!

Summer Band Camp – **August 15, 16, 17 (18, 19 tentatively) 8:45 – 4:00 p.m.**
Post Camp – **August 22 & 23 8:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, August 23th The Groves Band Boosters will supply pizza, salad, and lemonade for lunch. Your student will not need to bring a sack lunch that day.

Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser (flyer included in packet)

September 14 in the Choir Room, B-9 - Band Booster Meetings are held the second Wednesday's of the month, no meeting is scheduled for December. All parents are welcome!

UNIFORMS

The marching band uniform and concert tuxedo will be provided to you at no charge. This includes the bibbers (pants), jacket, hat, plume, and gloves. The uniforms will be freshly cleaned at the time of uniform fitting on **August 22nd**. Students are strongly encouraged to wear a T-shirt and lightweight shorts under the wool uniform in warm weather.

STUDENT BAND ACCOUNTS

The Band Booster Club operates many fundraisers throughout the year. Many of these will be outlined at the first Band Booster Meeting. These fundraising programs are allocated for student accounts, which mean that the profit from these programs will be banked into the participating student's student account. This allows families to accumulate monies to pay for band fees, trips, and supplies. There will be many opportunities throughout the year to add to your account. Students are encouraged to participate in all [fundraisers](#) hosted by the band. We need everyone's help and support!

PARENTS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed all year long to keep our band program strong! There are a variety of positions and activities that need dedicated parent's help. Summer camp, concert after-glow, Band Invitational, chaperones for band trips are just a few things. Please look at the volunteer form and consider signing up to help. It's for the benefit of our kids!

If you have any questions, call or e-mail:

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