

Skyline Band Program

Parent Information Guide



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Welcome to the Skyline Band Program

Welcome to the Band Program at Skyline High School! Research consistently demonstrates that music students on average perform at the highest academic levels. Our goal is to ensure that all students are able to participate in the highest quality co-curricular musical experience. More information about the Skyline Bands, links to the band calendar of events, important band news, and a subscription to the band email group can be found online at <http://skylinehsband.weebly.com/>.

Skyline Friends of the Arts

Skyline Friends of the Arts (SFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide financial and volunteer support to all directors, students, and families involved in the Skyline Visual and Performing Arts programs. SFA is a conduit for funding and facilitating the many activities and opportunities that supplement the classroom activities of our band, choir, orchestra, and theatre programs. SFA provides funding to help with equipment, travel expenses, guest clinicians to work with our students, and scholarships for field trips, special events, and camps to our students with financial need.

Skyline Band Boosters

Skyline Band Boosters (SBB) is a parent collective that coordinates financial and physical support to the director, students, and families of the Skyline Band Program. Our purpose is to promote and enhance the quality of the total band experience for all. Family participation through the donation of your time and financial support (donations and program fees) is necessary to provide our students with the quality program we are striving to maintain and enhance. SBB works in concert with SFA in promoting the fine arts at Skyline and in supporting the many needs of our band students.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an important part of the Skyline Bands and are essential for all aspects of the program to run smoothly. Your help benefits not only the program as a whole but each student that participates in marching band, the concert bands, and winter drumline.

SBB provides a large variety of volunteer tasks for parents to select from, including some that can be done during the summer or from home, those that require a short term/one-time commitment, and others that are more intense or are yearlong. Because most of these tasks have been done before, guidelines (written or verbal) exist to help you. A list of these tasks, along with a description of the job and its timeframe, is available below. A signup sheet will be emailed out during the summer and be available at band registration in August. For additional information or if you have questions, please contact us at skylinebandboosters1@gmail.com.

Band Boosters Board Positions (*elected in May to serve one year term*)

Chair - presides over membership meetings

Treasurer - responsible for collecting and tracking band member's payments, maintaining our budget, and working closely with our SFA Member-at-Large and the Director of Bands.

Member-at-Large – serves as the band representative at SFA meetings. Acts as a representative of all band families and is the conduit to deposit payments into SFA accounts and request payments/ reimbursements. Attends SFA meetings and provides input into decisions that impact the Skyline Band Program.

Recording Secretary - takes minutes at the booster meetings and provides them to the communications secretary for disbursement and posting on website

Communications Secretary - responsible for maintaining the Gmail account, correspondence with families, and updating website

Band Camp Registrar (*April-Aug*) - Collect and track band camp checks/registrations, attend band registration in August, communicate/coordinate with Director of Bands.

Band Picnic (*June*) - Organize end-of-year event, find/reserve venue, and coordinate food, setup, clean-up.

Brick Bash (*event in March/April, planning begins in January*) - Brick Bash is our biggest band fundraiser for the year and requires many hands to make it successful. Planning committee jobs include publicity, concessions, volunteers, box office, exhibitor hospitality, and vendor/exhibitor coordination. Many event day volunteers are also needed.

Fundraising (*Yearlong*) - Brainstorm fundraising ideas, present them at booster meetings, organize and carry out fundraising activities with volunteer assistance

Glove & Sock Sale (*before home football games*) - Sell socks and gloves to band students who forgot theirs, coordinate money box and inventory with Director of Bands, be available before games while students are getting into uniforms.

Marching Band Banquet (*Nov*) - Organize and plan event at the end of the marching band season, coordinate volunteers and food - held in the Commons.

Music & a Meal (*Event in Oct, Planning begins in September*) - Willing to serve on the committee to plan this event with the SFA and other divisions. This event has been a long standing tradition celebrating the Arts at Skyline.

Newsletter (*Yearlong*) - A person or two willing to produce a band newsletter a few times a year. Responsible for collecting band news/stories/info/articles/pictures, etc. and putting them in an electronic and/or paper format for our band families.

Picnic Pops (*Event in May, Planning begins in April*) - A person or two to be the Skyline Band representative on the planning committee for this district-wide event that is held at Pioneer High School. Skyline Band is responsible for one of the food tents and for providing volunteers to work shifts throughout the day. Volunteer opportunities for the day will be available on a sign up closer to the event.

Scrip Sales (*Yearlong*) - Coordinate the Great Lakes Scrip program - provide order sheets and collect payments from families, request payment to GLSC, distribute cards, and maintain inventory to sell at events.

Spirit Wear (*Yearlong*) - Coordinate and organize band spirit wear sales and inventory, collect orders and payments, work with band student council to provide desired items.

State Band and Orchestra Festival (*Event in April/May, Planning begins in March*) - Responsible for determining/ordering/purchasing food, soliciting/overseeing volunteers, and manning concessions and the judges' hospitality room for the duration of this event which is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in April or the first weekend in May. The event runs Friday and Saturday.

Tailgates (*Sep-Oct*) - Coordinators determine/order/provide meals for each home football game. Game day volunteers donate water, desserts, and fresh fruit and assist with set up.

Uniforms (*Yearlong*) - A coordinator, helpers, and those able to mend uniforms are needed. The coordinator is responsible for organizing tasks related to the purchase, assignment, care, and cleaning of the various student uniforms to the extent possible.

VPAA Awards Reception (*end of year*) - A celebration for all band, orchestra, theatre, and choir students and their families. Volunteers may be asked to help with setup/clean up and providing food items.

Winter Drumline (*Dec-Feb*) - Coordinate communication between winter drumline instructor and families, collect and track fees, coordinate volunteers, and provide assistance where needed.

Contact Me Anytime - Not sure when you can help or what you'd like to do? Sign up and we will contact you when there's a need.

Fundraising Opportunities

Given the budgetary constraints in the school district, we are reliant on fundraising and charitable donations in order to provide our students with the many items that our program needs. A "wish list" of items desired and/or needed for the Skyline Bands is determined each year to provide a goal for our fundraisers. We are always searching and open to new fundraising ideas, so please let us know if there's something you'd like to try. Our current fundraising activities include the following:

- Fall/Registration Donation Drive*
- Memory Page/Ornament Pictures*
- Christmas Tree Pickup*
- Brick Bash*
- Scrip Sales*
- Spirit Wear*
- MBSOA State Festival Concessions*
- PTO Thrift Shop*

Financial Information for Skyline Band Families

Program Activities: *Note - amounts listed are as of the 2014-15 school year and are subject to change.*

While your tax dollars and additional public funding pay for the director's salary, purchase of uniforms, and a budgeted amount for music and equipment, additional funding is needed to facilitate the many opportunities that supplement the classroom activities of our program. Your participation through annual fees, volunteer activities, and fundraising is necessary to provide our students with a quality program. Listed below are examples of typical expenses associated with your student's participation in the Skyline Band Program. Please note that several activities are optional. If payments of any kind ever become a challenge, we strongly encourage band families to speak confidentially to the Director of Bands. Financial assistance may be available.

Band Camp: Held annually in August at Interlochen Fine Arts Camp. Helps students prepare for the upcoming concert and marching seasons and offers incoming students a priceless welcome to the Skyline Band community. Fee includes transportation, lodging, meals, and band camp t-shirt. Financial assistance may be available for students demonstrating need. **Band Camp Fee****\$410.00**

Bands in Review: Two days worth of concerts in March showcasing all the AAPS high school and middle school bands. Held at Pioneer and/or Huron High School. Band students are expected to sell tickets. All proceeds are used to support the district music programs. **Tickets** (one \$10 family ticket; two \$5 individual tickets).....**\$20.00**

Band Picnic (June).....**Dish to pass**

Concert Uniform Cleaning Fee (October) Tuxedos - jacket, pants, shirt, bow tie, cummerbund - and long dresses are provided for students. Fees are used to dry clean, maintain, and repair uniforms. Replacement costs for heavily damaged or lost uniform components will be billed to the student**\$25.00**

Marching Band Banquet (October) -**Dish to Pass**

Marching Band Uniform Fees (August) are collected annually to maintain and repair marching uniforms as well as to build a fund for future uniforms. Replacement costs for lost or heavily damaged (above normal wear and tear) uniform pieces will be billed to the student.....**\$25.00**

Marching Band Additional Costs - The following costs include uniform components that are purchased by the student and remain the property of that student. New items may be purchased at cost by students if lost, damaged, or outgrown. The tailgating fee covers meals before each home football game.

Marching Shoes	\$38.00
Gloves	\$3.00
Flip Folder	\$6.00-\$12.00
Tailgating (August) - usually 3-5 games	\$5/game

Music and a Meal (October) is an annual fundraising celebration of the performing arts at Skyline. Families purchase tickets to enjoy a meal preceding a concert featuring Skyline bands, choirs, orchestras, and theatre.

Tickets per person.....**\$7.00 in advance; \$9.00 at the door**

Picnic Pops (May) is our annual spring social and community concert held on the front lawn of Pioneer High School. Families are expected to volunteer and make small contribution of pop and cake, etc.

Family contribution (two 2 liters of pop, cake)approx. **\$5.00**

Solo & Ensemble Festival: Optional opportunity to help students enhance their musical abilities. Students receive individual adjudication on a prepared piece of music. Fees are dependent upon the size and type of solo/ensemble event and the number of solos/ensembles a student wishes to perform. Prices are per each event.

District Solo & Ensemble Festival (January)**\$8.00-\$20.00**

State Solo & Ensemble Festival (March)**\$9.00-\$25.00**

Accompanist Fees (varies by accompanist and rehearsal schedule).....**\$25.00-\$100.00**

Spirit Apparel (optional).....**\$10.00-\$40.00**

VPAA Awards Reception (June)**Dish to Pass (?)**

Financial Aid:

Our goal is to make it possible for each and every band student to fully participate in the Skyline Band Program. Skyline Friends of the Arts (SFA) annually provides support for Skyline students for band camp tuition, travel, and many other band-related expenses, based on need. **If payments of any kind become difficult, we strongly encourage band families to speak confidentially to the Director. Financial aid may be available.**

Applications for financial aid are available from the Director or may be downloaded from the SFA website at <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/skyline.sfa/home>. Applications are reviewed carefully and aid is based on need and funds available.