



Hello fellow Foothill Band parents,

With summer coming to an end, it's time to plan for the upcoming band year. We are very excited about our new band director, Josh Butterfield. He's got some great ideas for the band program and we can't wait to see the new program. With band camp right around the corner, it's time to talk about the costs for the year and what the Fair Share Contribution will be for each student.

In an effort to help parents plan and budget for the entire school year, we are trying something different this year. Listed below are the entire year's contributions for each child, by performing group. These are monthly amounts for the full school year (September through May). We have also shown a breakdown of how these costs determined, in an effort for complete transparency.

Marching Band contributions: \$80 per month, per student

- \$57 for buses
- \$4 for costs to transport uniforms & equipment
- \$6 for food during band reviews
- \$5 for entry fees
- \$8 for hotel in Santa Barbara

Winterguard/Winter Percussion contributions*: \$30 per month, per student

*only applicable to those students in the Winterguard, Winter Percussion groups

- \$21 for buses
- \$2 for costs to transport equipment
- \$4 for food
- \$3 entry fees

Jazz Band contributions*: \$40 per month, per student

*only applicable to those students in Jazz Band (Jazz A or Jazz B)

- \$30 for buses
- \$3 for food in Reno
- \$3 for entry fees
- \$5 for hotel in Reno

Spring Trip (optional): \$90 per month, per student

*only applicable to those students planning on going on the Spring trip

- \$25 for buses
- \$29 for hotel
- \$11 for Disneyland
- \$7 for banquet
- \$8 for other food
- \$10 for entertainment (we're looking into a show to take the kids to)

Uniform Cleaning Contribution: \$50 per semester, per student (these are 1-time amounts per semester)

As in the past, you are welcome to pay more than the monthly amount if you choose, or you can simply pay monthly. For those paying monthly, the contributions are due on the first of the month. You can either mail the payment to P.O. Box 966, Pleasanton, 94566 or put it in the slot in the band room, next to Mr. Butterfield's office.

For the returning parents, I understand that the amount are slightly higher than were quoted in the spring. The amount quoted did not include the spring trip.

We hope you find information we have provided you helpful. We felt that it was important that you understand where your money is being spent. As I did last year, I will be providing opportunities for fundraisers that will directly credit your student's account. Look for this information in the coming weeks.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dabbey@comcast.net or at 484-0436. I look forward to seeing you all at band camp and at registration.

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