



Parkview Band Booster Association, Inc.

Welcome to the 2011-2012 season of the Parkview Panther Band and Color Guard. For returning band booster families, it is great to have you back. For the freshman families, we welcome you and know that you will find the high school band experience educational, rewarding, and fun. There are many ways for parents to participate in this rewarding experience so please come to the meetings and volunteer in whatever capacity you are comfortable. You will find it very useful to monitor the Band website frequently (at least once a week) - www.parkviewband.net - for important announcements, deadlines, dates and information.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Being in the Band & Color Guard has its financial commitments. Contributions for musicians are essential to the full functioning of the band. The Gwinnett County School System provides minimal funding but not nearly enough to approach the expense of the "full service" band program offered at Parkview High School. The Band has many operating expenses not covered by Gwinnett County for our musicians including the cost of some music, purchase and repair of school owned instruments, entrance fees for competitions and festivals, awards and band letters, expenses for band camp, equipment and props for the field show, truck rental for equipment transportation to away games, charter bus transportation to distant games and competitions, cleaning, repair and replacement of uniforms, and operating expenses related to running the Band Association.

Contributions for Percussion students are higher due to higher equipment maintenance and purchase costs. In addition, the percussion students receive extra instruction provided by a percussion specialist during the entire school year which is funded by the Booster Association.

The Parkview Color Guard has their own annual fees to cover the cost of their uniforms, camp and special drill instructors. The Color Guard students and their families may participate in any of the band fundraising and Gwinnett Arena events to raise funds towards their fees (see next page). No additional contribution is expected from Color Guard students who participate in concert & symphonic band beyond their Color Guard fees.

* The 2011-12 annual contribution fees remain unchanged from the previous year. These are based upon the student's participation level. As noted above, Color Guard will handle their own fees.

- **\$575 for Drumline/Percussion**
- **\$475 for Marching Band Students**
- **\$150 for Concert Only Band Students**

No student will be denied participation in Band due to the inability to pay the entire contribution; however, we encourage all members to make every effort to contribute. There are many chances for students and their parents to earn funds toward this contribution. Various fundraisers and special events held at the Gwinnett Arena provide band parents, students, and friends, the opportunity to earn funds toward their student's band account.

Enclosed in this packet are coupons to use to submit your payments. There is an installment plan for your convenience. Please note the first payment is due the July 1, 2011.

The accompanying Band Contribution Payment form should be mailed as directed regardless of the method of payment. Check the appropriate box to let us know how you intend to pay the contribution (Check, Band Account, Installment Plan, PayPal, Other*) for the current year. If you intend to use more than one method, indicate by checking all appropriate boxes.

FUNDRAISING AND PARKVIEW BAND ACCOUNTS

To help reduce musician expenses, there are several fundraising programs available throughout the year. The PHS Band offers many fundraising opportunities such as working at the Gwinnett Arena, sign waving at Little Caesars, SCRIP, selling cookie dough during the holidays, Barbeque dinners, etc.

Most fundraising events offer incentives to encourage participation. The Parkview Band has provided a unique, additional incentive where a large portion of the money raised through our fundraisers is channeled into accounts in the students' names. These band accounts are then used to defray, or pay entirely, their annual contributions. During big trip years, these accounts may also be used to help pay a student's trip fees.

Band account funds may not be used for personal expenses (i.e. lunches, marching shoes, concert dresses, t-shirts, etc.) since we are a not-for-profit organization. Per our Bylaws, band account funds are applied first toward the student's annual band contribution automatically. Once the contribution is paid in full, any balance in the account may be used to pay for band trips with written permission.

Most of our fundraisers place 85% of the band's profit into the student's band account and 15% into the Band Association general fund. The Band Association has an agreement with the Gwinnett Arena to staff a concession stand for the Gwinnett Gladiators hockey team and other concert events. Funds raised by working at the Arena will credit your student's account \$25.00 for each person per event worked. To find out more about the Gwinnett Arena or other fundraisers, visit our website at www.parkviewband.net.

Unused funds at the end of a student's senior year will revert to the Band's general fund. A student may request that his/her unused funds be "given" to another undergraduate student. Submit this in writing before graduation to the Band Account Manager.

Direct questions about your band student's contribution or their band account to the Band Registrar/Account Manager:

Kim Ussery at mamapanther@ussery.net or 770-717-9280

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