



**Central Dauphin  
Band Boosters Association  
2016-2017 Handbook**

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# **General Information about the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association**

## **Welcome**

Thank you for taking the opportunity to learn about the Central Dauphin RamBand and the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's role in maintaining a superior band program. We are dedicated to providing our students the means to develop musical and performance skills, character, and teamwork.

## **Our Mission**

The primary objectives of the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association are to collaborate with the Central Dauphin High School Band Director, High School officials, and Central Dauphin School District officials to promote the advancement of the Central Dauphin High School music programs; to provide financial support for projects to promote the Central Dauphin High School music programs; and to encourage the growth and development of an exceptional music program that complements and expands the educational opportunities of Central Dauphin High School students.

## **Who are the Band Boosters?**

The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association supports the Band Director. Our organization welcomes not only parents or guardians of students participating in the Central Dauphin High School RamBand program but also anyone interested in supporting the RamBand. We offer several levels of membership, for the nominal fee of \$25 up to the Platinum Patron level of \$500. Enrollment Forms are available online at [www.cdramband.org](http://www.cdramband.org).

## **What we do (and what we don't do)**

The Band Boosters manage an annual budget in order to support the RamBand Program. We do not make policy or curriculum decisions for the RamBand; that is the role of the Band Director, assisted by the band staff.

RamBand activities are not completely covered by the Central Dauphin School Board's Budget; therefore, the Band Boosters assist with raising money to support the band program. We help the RamBand through a variety of fundraising efforts, including soliciting Business Sponsors, working at the Visitors' Concession Stand at home varsity football games, and organizing the annual Spring Craft Show. The money we raise helps supply the RamBand performing ensembles with the proper staffing, equipment, props, transportation, uniforms, and other support needed to maintain an excellent band program. We also help the bands by organizing many wonderful performance opportunities and underwrite residencies. Over the past few years, the Band Boosters have organized a residency by the Dallas Brass for our high school and middle school concert bands and have organized concerts by the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Artie Shaw Orchestra.

## **When do the Boosters meet?**

All Band Boosters Association meetings are at 7:30 pm in the Band Room on the first Tuesday of each month unless noted otherwise. We post an agenda online a few days before the meeting for your review. If you miss a meeting, the minutes are available online at [www.cdramband.org/boosters/meeting-agendas-and-minutes](http://www.cdramband.org/boosters/meeting-agendas-and-minutes).

## **Why we need your help.**

It takes a group of dedicated students and parents to keep the Ram Band program great! The Central Dauphin High School Band Boosters Association is devoted to the support and advancement of the Central Dauphin Band program. With increasing numbers comes the obligation for new uniforms, music, and more instruments, items which frequently are not funded by the Central Dauphin School District. You have the unique opportunity to help promote a band program with a proud legacy in our area. To continue and expand on our 60-year tradition of excellence, the Band Boosters Association needs every parent to become involved! Whether it's fundraising, chaperoning, event organization, volunteering, or just showing up for monthly meetings, share your ideas with us and a little of your time and energy. Everyone has something to contribute!

## **What is the RamBand Website?**

The RamBand website, [www.cdramband.org](http://www.cdramband.org), is full of information including: officer and committee chair contact details, upcoming event and performance information, practice schedules, fundraisers, e-mail contacts, and pictures of the RamBand students performing and having fun! We continue to work on making this the 'go to' place for information about RamBand activities.

To stay in touch, watch your e-mail and check out the RamBand website, especially the "Calendar" and "Home" pages. You might also want to check out the daily announcements posted online by the High School; just click on the school's website, available at [www.cdschools.org/cdhs/site/default.asp](http://www.cdschools.org/cdhs/site/default.asp), then look for the "Daily Announcements" link. Our website also includes a photo gallery of some of the most photographed students around. But we can always use more pictures because the students love to see themselves in action. And anybody can be an official RamBand photographer. Just upload your shots to our account at Flickr.com and let us know that they are there. We'll take care of posting them to the website. Contact us at [Boosters@cdramband.org](mailto:Boosters@cdramband.org) for uploading instructions and the account password access information.

## **Why the Handbook?**

The information on the following pages will familiarize you with our organization, its functions, projects, and committees. More information, including an online calendar, is available on the website, [www.cdramband.org](http://www.cdramband.org).

Any questions you may have can be directed to any Band Booster Officer, Committee Chair, or the Band Director. The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's bylaws and tax returns can be found on the website at [www.cdramband.org](http://www.cdramband.org). Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. We elect Officers in January/February each year and they assume their duties in June.

## What is Charms?

The Band Boosters and Mr. Carraher use a software program called Charms, that allows us to integrate student contact information, manage inventory, assign uniforms, and work with trips, fees, fundraisers, form collection, and lots more. For example, using Charms, you are able to check your Student Account balance. It is very important that ALL band parents use and become familiar with Charms. (See page 12 to learn more about Student Accounts.) More information about Charms is available at [www.cdramband.org/resources/charms](http://www.cdramband.org/resources/charms).

## Supporting the Bands

### Joining or donating to the Band Boosters

We look forward to another exceptional year with the Central Dauphin band program this year. We urge you to become a Central Dauphin Band Booster and to assist this excellent program. To join, just fill out the Enrollment Form, available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/boosters/join-the-boosters/>.

Your monetary donations this year will help us support the faculty's efforts, meet the challenge of growth, and replace out-dated equipment and music. All Central Dauphin RamBand students will benefit by your donation. Donations to the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association are tax deductible and help fund essential music department expenses such as: Purchase and repair of instruments, Purchase of Marching Band Uniforms, Purchase of music, Transportation to musical events, Support all band activities, Concert programs, Publicity, and Special Events. Contact one of the Board Members listed in this Handbook for information on how to make a tax deductible contribution to help the CD RamBand program.

## Volunteers

Volunteering is an important aspect in the operation of Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association. Our ability to effectively coordinate performance opportunities and raise funds provides our students with the best times of their lives! By volunteering, we band families demonstrate the importance of committing some of our precious free time for the good of the RamBand program.

## Clearances

### Volunteer Background Check Information

Many of you may already be aware that the District has a new policy on Volunteers. This is a new State regulation, and is only being enforced by the District.

Starting July 1st, ALL adults who have consistent contact with students will need to have all three clearances on file with the district. This includes the Criminal Background Check, Child Abuse Check and FBI Fingerprints. **Effective July 25, 2015**, Governor Wolf has waived the fee for the Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Check. You may sign an affidavit form to be exempt from the FBI clearance if you have lived in Pennsylvania for more than 10 years. Once you have obtained the necessary paperwork, you must schedule an appointment at the high school office to obtain your badge.

You can find information on obtaining clearances at: <http://www.cdschools.org/Page/11692>

To download the [Volunteer Badging Procedure](#) issued by the school district, visit [http://cdraband.org/files/4914/3352/6796/Volunteer\\_Badging\\_Procedure\\_Final.pdf](http://cdraband.org/files/4914/3352/6796/Volunteer_Badging_Procedure_Final.pdf).

To download the [Disclosure State for Volunteers](#) to exempt yourself from the FBI Fingerprint requirement if you have been a resident of Pennsylvania for 10 years, visit [http://cdraband.org/files/3514/3352/6771/VOLUNTEERS\\_DISCLOSURE\\_STATEMENT1.pdf](http://cdraband.org/files/3514/3352/6771/VOLUNTEERS_DISCLOSURE_STATEMENT1.pdf)

## **Where can I help?**

There are many areas and committees that allow you to lend your talents, your fundraising savvy, and your creativity! Other tasks just require good old hard work. Please feel free to contact any Board Member listed at [www.cdraband.org/contact-us](http://www.cdraband.org/contact-us) or the contact person for the committees listed at [www.cdraband.org/boosters/event\\_coordinators](http://www.cdraband.org/boosters/event_coordinators). If the word “Open” appears next to an activity or event on the website, it means the Band Boosters are in need of a volunteer(s) to fill that position. The Volunteer Section on Charms will show upcoming events and the volunteer positions needed. Here you can sign up for areas that interest you most. For example:

- We need lots of cooks and cashiers at the Concession Stand at Landis Field, at the Craft Show, at the Indoor-RAMa indoor competition;
- We also need plenty of Chaperones (and a truck driver) for the Marching Band or the Indoor Units;
- We need help with hospitality at the Marching Band’s KeyNotes Concert, at the Jazz Band’s Picnic at Knoebel’s Amusement Park, and for the Band Banquet;
- We need lots of volunteers setting up and hosting our Spring Craft Show, the Band-a-RAMa exhibition, and the Indoor-RAMa Indoor Competition.
- We need folks to take photos and help with the website;
- We need help fitting uniforms, sewing flags, and constructing props and sets.

## **Fundraising**

Did you know the Band Boosters raise the tens of thousands of dollars annually that’s required to supplement the school district’s budget for the Central Dauphin band programs? We also raise the funds required to purchase items requested by our Band Director that the School District is unable to provide. Mr. Carraher’s Wish List is available online at [www.cdraband.org/fundraising](http://www.cdraband.org/fundraising). Besides the equipment, funds are also needed to pay for other expenses, including, but not limited to the following:

- Performance opportunities such as the Legends of Music Concert Series;
- Purchase of new Marching Band Uniforms
- Meals for band members several times each season;
- Band equipment and repairs;
- Replacing of old band equipment;
- Band staff;
- Office supplies;
- The end-of-year Band Banquet, banquet gifts, and RamBand Scholarship awards;
- Assistance for students to pay for music lessons, instrument repairs, band shoes, etc.;
- Special Events such as Senior Recognition Night

## **Spring Craft Show**

The Spring Craft Show, the Band Boosters Association's single biggest fundraising event, raised nearly \$12,000 in 2016! It is one of the largest in our area and draws quite the crowd! The RamBand Craft Show is held indoors at the high school with crafters spread out through the gym, cafeteria and the hallways in between. The show features handcrafted merchandise from nearly 200 vendors, with food concessions and door prize drawings held throughout the day. The Spring Craft Show draws many shoppers looking for specially-made, unique items. The event requires the help of as many band students and band boosters as possible! For more information, visit [www.cdramband.org/events/craft-show](http://www.cdramband.org/events/craft-show).

## **Golf a Rama**

Golf-a-RAMA is an event held in June to benefit the Central Dauphin High School RamBand programs. It's a great team-building event where participants get to play a round of golf on a beautiful spring day in Central Pennsylvania, try their skills in a variety of contests, mingle, have a great 19th hole banquet, and generally have some fun. It's also an opportunity for those band members and band parents and friends who golf to get out and meet our sponsors, patrons, school administrators, band staff, and friends! For more information, visit [www.cdramband.org/events/golf-a-rama](http://www.cdramband.org/events/golf-a-rama).

## **Student Fundraisers**

To not only help the RamBand but also to help defray band associated costs for your son or daughter, consider participating in the RamBand Student Fundraisers. All fundraising is optional but a portion of the proceeds go to your Student Account, which can be used to help to pay for:

- The All-Band Trip or TIA Indoor Championship in Wildwood, NJ or WGI Championship in Dayton, OH
- RamBand Gear and Clothing – jacket, polo shirt, gloves, shoes, etc.;
- RamBand Events, such as the Band Banquet, Legends of Music Concert Tickets; and
- Other Band-related expenses such as instruments, repairs, lessons, music camps, etc.

## **Product Sales**

The Boosters organize several product sales during the course of the school year in which students sell a product over a two- to three-week period. Unless otherwise noted, you receive 70% of the profit for your Student Account. Last year, the Band Boosters organized the following product sales - R & K Subs sales holiday Sarris Candies sale, Avon sale and a mattress sale.

## **RamBand Business Sponsorships**

The RamBand Business Sponsorship program is an opportunity for local businesses to support the Central Dauphin RamBand. Business sponsors can choose to donate on six different levels ranging from \$50 as a "Sponsor" to \$2,000 as a "Platinum Sponsor" of the band. Sponsors receive great benefits, including ads in the Band-a-RAMA Marching Band competition and Indoor-RAM-a Indoor Unit competition programs.

Students who can obtain a business sponsorship are eligible for up to 30% of each RamBand Sponsorship for their student accounts. For example, if a business buys a sponsorship for \$500, your student could

receive \$150 in their student account. For more information and to download forms, visit <http://cdramband.org/boosters/sponsors-and-patrons/>.

## **(Scrip) Gift Card Program**

The RamBand Gift Card program allows you to purchase negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used JUST LIKE CASH. Participating retailers agree to sell gift cards or certificates to us at a discount ranging from 1.5% all the way up to 15% or more. We place orders for the gift cards for full face value, you redeem them for full face value, and the Band Boosters keep the difference as revenue! You can use RamBand Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every purchase, you earn revenue for the Band Boosters (50% of the profit) and for your Student Account (50% of the profit). More information is available online at [www.cdramband.org/fundraising/ramband-scrip](http://www.cdramband.org/fundraising/ramband-scrip).

## **HERCO & GTP**

The Band Boosters have enrolled with the two local volunteer programs: The HERCO (Hershey Entertainment Complex) and GTP (Get The Picture) volunteer programs. The concept is simple: you work at a HERCO facility (Hersheypark, GIANT Center, or Hersheypark Stadium) or for GTP (at Hersheypark or Chocolate World) and they donate your entire wages (\$5.85/hr at HERCO and \$7.50 at GTP) to the Band Boosters program. The Boosters will credit 70% of the amount you earn to your Student Account! PLUS for each shift you work at HERCO, you get a voucher that you can use for admission to Hersheypark!! Note: Hershey requires all volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. For more information on HERCO, go to [www.cdramband.org/fundraising/herco-volunteering](http://www.cdramband.org/fundraising/herco-volunteering) and for more information on GTP, go to [www.cdramband.org/fundraising/gtp-volunteering](http://www.cdramband.org/fundraising/gtp-volunteering).

## **Supporting the Bands: Marching Band**

The Band Boosters try to creating a positive experience for our Marching RamBand in a variety of ways. It takes the hard work and assistance of many parents to make each Marching Band season a success, including the following:

### **Landis Field Concessions**

The Rams Club football boosters group operates the Concession Stands at Landis Field for varsity home football games. As the football team does not have enough volunteers to run each of the two stands, and the Band Boosters have agreed to operate the Visitors' Concession Stand in exchange for a percentage of the revenue. The RamBand Boosters operate the Visitors' Concession Stand every Ram home game at Landis Field. More than just selling hot dogs, working with other band parents in the Concession Stand is a truly gratifying experience. The Concession Stand is a great place to become involved, meet other parents, and compare notes. Staffing an operation of this size requires the support of every single band booster parent. That's why we ask each parent to volunteer to work just one half of one football game each season at our concession stands. You can take your pick of the following exciting opportunities: working the window taking orders and money; filling drink orders; making the food; running extra supplies to the stand, and many other tasks. Admission is free for volunteers who work the concession stand at the football games.

## **Bake Sale Table**

One easy way for the band boosters to make money is by selling baked goods at all our home football games and the Band-a-RAMa exhibition. Donating items is an easy way for you to get involved and help support the boosters. Baked goods can include brownies, cookies, rice krispy treats, homemade candies, chocolate dipped pretzels, or other small items. Wrap the items in individual serving sizes to be sold for \$1.00. Bring the items to the bake sale table on the visitors' side before the game. If you would like to help work at the table, you are more than welcome! This is a fun way to volunteer and feel involved. (Extra perk - You won't have to pay to get into the game if you are working at the bake sale table.)

## **Fall Sports Preview**

The Fall Sports Preview features a performance by the Central Dauphin Ram Marching Band and Band Front and the introduction of the marching band and the fall sports teams! This event usually takes place the Wednesday evening before the first football game. The group performs its repertoire for the upcoming season for the first time in front of a live audience at Landis Field. It's a great time for all the band families to meet and greet with the Band Directors. We also run concessions, a wearables table, and a bake sale table. For more information, go to [www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/band-fair](http://www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/band-fair).

## **Football Games**

The weekly Friday night (and sometimes Saturday morning) football games are arguably the highlight of the week for members of the Marching Band. It is perfectly acceptable, in fact expected, for band parents to attend the weekly games and sit near the band section to support the band. So here's some hopefully helpful information:

\* If you're working a shift at the Concession Stand or the Bake Sale table, just tell the folks at the gate. You'll get in for free.

\* The Ram Marching Band sits in an area between the 30- and 20-yard line at the north end (far end) of the stadium. The Home Side is on your right directly when you walk in (the side with the Press Box atop the bleachers).

\* Most RamBand parents sit on the 30-yard line side and usually have a bit more room to spread out. But please don't expect to sit with the band in the Band Section. With over 100 members we need all of our allotted space.

\* Most folks bring a blanket to "stake their claim" on some bleacher seats while they're foraging the Visitors' Concession Stand and visiting with other parents. Blankets are way more comfortable to sit on than the hard metal bleachers.

\* The Concession Stand run by the Band Boosters is on the Visitors' side of the stadium-- so it's opposite of where you're sitting. Please help support the Band Boosters by getting your food and drinks from the Visitors' Concession Stand. Nothing against the Rams Club, but help support your Band Boosters: Buy Visitors!

\* The Bake Sale table is near the concession stand on the Visitors' side, too. If you bring items for the bake sale (which we hope you do...), take them directly to the Bake Sale table when you arrive.

The Friday night schedule is usually sent out by Mr. Carraher through email and will contain all the event notes.

The usual evening schedule is:

3:00 p.m. Rehearsal

3:45 p.m. Dinner/Load

4:45 p.m. Leave for Landis

5:15 p.m. Arrive, Warm up

6:30 p.m. At Landis Field Gate

6:40 p.m. Perform Show

6:55 p.m. Move to Gauntlet for Alma Mater and National Anthem

7:00 p.m. Kickoff!

Try to arrive early so that you don't miss a thing. Once the game starts the band plays stand tunes to get the crowd motivated. There's lots of dancing and cheering too. And whenever the Rams score be sure to listen for the ever popular "Fight On" tune.

At half time the visiting band performs their show. Our band is expected to stand attentively and cheer appropriately for the other band. It's great if parents do the same. Usually the band gets the third quarter off.

Once the game is over, stick around and watch the players, cheerleaders and band participate in a short post game rally. Then the band marches out, loads the trucks and heads back to CDHS. Warning- it takes the band at least an hour to get loaded and then unloaded so don't expect to leave when the game is over and head to the high school to pick up your student right away.

## **Band-a-RAMa**

The Band-a-RAMa marching band show, which began in 1981, traditionally takes place on a Saturday evening in mid- to late September at Landis Field. Each year, a dozen or so high school bands and one or two college or university bands gather to perform for each other and their fans. While football games and parades are amazingly fun, Band-a-RAMa provides students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience specifically there to watch band shows. It's a great opportunity for the RamBand to host other schools, meet other students, and then give the closing high school performance for the evening. Seeing other high school band shows and the college show provide our students a great chance to see a variety of performances and how it's done at the next level! Meanwhile, the band parents work the concession stands, escort the visiting bands, and sell programs, admission tickets, 50/50 tickets, candy-grams, flowergrams, buttons, and air-grams. As you might guess, we need everyone's help for this big event! For more information, click [www.cdramband.org/events/band-a-rama](http://www.cdramband.org/events/band-a-rama).

## **Chaperoning**

Chaperoning gives band parents a chance to see high school football games and marching band exhibitions for FREE! Chaperones assist the marching band students if they need anything, to make sure they get where they need to go, and to provide water, first aid, emergency uniform repairs, take attendance, oversee the loading and unloading of the band buses and equipment truck, and help move equipment onto the field for pre-game or halftime shows. Because our students are remarkably well behaved, mature, and conscientious individuals, the job of a chaperone is among the more enjoyable volunteer tasks a booster could undertake. To sign up please fill out the Chaperone Interest Form available on our web site or send us an email to [Boosters@cdramband.org](mailto:Boosters@cdramband.org).

## **Buddy Night**

The RamBand's Buddy Night is an optional event for seventh and eighth graders to experience a typical home football game from the perspective of a member of the Central Dauphin High School Marching Band. Each Seventh and Eighth Grade buddy is paired with an upperclassman in the Buddy's instrument section who serves as a guide through the night. For more information on Buddy Night, go to [www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/buddy-night](http://www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/buddy-night).

## **Keynotes Concert and Band Information Night**

The Ram Marching Band's Keynotes Concert is an eagerly-anticipated annual Central Dauphin event that allows fans of music and of the Ram Band to hear their favorite band pre-game, halftime, and stand music from the Central Dauphin football games. The concert features the Ram Band's full complement of brass, woodwinds, percussion, and the Band Front. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the middle schools are also invited to hear the band play and meet the band members during a cookie and hot chocolate reception. Parents of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to attend an information session about marching band from the band boosters' perspective before the concert. For more information, visit the website at [www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/keynotes-concert](http://www.cdramband.org/bands/marching-band/keynotes-concert).

## **Senior Recognition Night**

The Band Boosters are in charge of coordinating Central Dauphin's Senior Recognition Night, where we recognize senior football players, cheerleaders, and band members and their parents. We need help with coordinating the information for the commemorative program and announcements, ordering flowers, and organizing the senior parents for the procession onto the football field. This event takes place the last regularly scheduled home football game, before the play-off games.

## **Supporting the Bands: Jazz Band**

### **Legends of Music Concerts**

In the 2007-08 school year, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association inaugurated the Legends of Music Concert series with the goal of providing our band students with the opportunity to work with, learn from, and enjoy the performances of some of the foremost musicians in the world. The Legends of Music Concert Series mission focuses on the positive growth and development of the Central Dauphin high school and middle school musicians. The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's goal is to host at least one Legends of Music Concert each academic year.

### **Knoebels Picnic**

If you've never been, Knoebels Amusement Resort is a unique part of central Pennsylvania culture, featuring roller coasters, mini golf, kiddie rides, games, gift shops, and really great food all waiting for your family. Better yet, Knoebels offers free admission, free parking, and free entertainment. Best of all, the Band Boosters will host a bar-b-que at Knoebels picnic facilities for all band families, friends, and

hangers-on! Each year, usually on a Saturday in May, all of the Jazz Bands perform in the Hawaiian Band Shell. It's really a wonderful way to spend a day. The Band Boosters make hot dogs and hamburgers and classes bring certain side dishes.

## **Supporting the Bands: Indoor Units**

### **IndoorRAMa**

Since 2008, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association has organized an Indoor competition sanctioned by the Tournament Indoor Association for Guard, Majorettes, Dance, and Percussion. The event usually takes place in late April. For those of you have been to indoor shows before, you know how much goes on, which translates in to A LOT of volunteer help needed by the Ram Band Boosters! Indoor-RAMa is a great way to show off our school, our band program, and our boosters association. Visit [www.cdramband.org/events/indoor-rama](http://www.cdramband.org/events/indoor-rama) for more information.

## **Supporting the Bands: Concert Bands**

Sometimes, parents ask us, “My student plays only in the Symphonic Band (or Wind Ensemble). Why should I take the time to participate in band boosters’ activities?” Well, for starters, the Band Boosters help underwrite a variety of Concert Band related expenses. We’ve helped Mr. Carraher purchase equipment to replace old and worn out pieces. We’ve brought the Dallas Brass and Presidio Brass to Central Dauphin to conduct a residency for the high school and middle school band students. And we hosted the Dauphin County Music Educators Association County Band Concert in 2009. We've supplemented the commissioning of new pieces for Wind Band, including recent new works by Alex Shapiro and Bruce Yurko. Plus, all concert band students are eligible to participate in the All-Band trip, so helping out the boosters is mutually beneficial!

## **What is a Student Account?**

The Band Boosters Association provides various fundraising opportunities to help band students’ families defray certain band-related costs. These activities may include, but are not limited to, the Business Sponsorship program, product sales, RamBand Gift Card program purchases, and various other opportunities. More information on our fundraising efforts is available at our website, [www.cdramband.org/fundraising](http://www.cdramband.org/fundraising).

All funds raised through these efforts are the property of the CD Band Boosters. Though the CD Band Boosters will maintain control of these funds, we will make available a percentage (typically 30%-70%) of the profit earned from certain fundraisers in an individual account earmarked for the benefit of the student (“Student Account”). Students may spend Student Account funds only in connection with music activities approved by the Band Boosters, including, for example, band trips, lessons, equipment, banquet, uniforms or musical enrichment activities.

You can request money from your Student Account by filling out a Student Account Withdrawal form, which is available on the RamBand website. Once the form is completed (and signed by a parent), turn it in, just like you would turn in a check (in the envelope in the Band Room for that activity). So if you’re using your Student Account for ongoing payments (such as deposits for a Band Trip), you must submit a Student Account Withdrawal form each time you’d like to move funds from your Student Account.

Student Account balances are carried over from year to year. Any money remaining in the Student Account when you leave the band-- for any reason-- reverts to the Band Boosters. The only exception: the balance will roll over to a sibling who is actively participating in the Central Dauphin HS Band Program. Detailed information on Student Accounts is available online at [www.cdramband.org/resources/faqs](http://www.cdramband.org/resources/faqs).

## **What is the All-Band Trip?**

We attempt to schedule a Central Dauphin Ram All-Band Trip during a Spring Break every other year. In 2015 the Band went to Universal Studios. While the All-Band Trip requires School Board approval, it is completely funded by the students and band boosters. Students performing in any RamBand performing ensemble are eligible to participate on the trip. Typically, the Band Staff are the chaperones. Band parents and families are welcome to join in on the trip, travel with the band, and enjoy the same accommodations and package deal as the students.

We offer a wide variety of fundraisers to help defray the cost of the All-Band Trip. The 2012 trip cost about \$900 because it included a flight. The 2015 trip cost \$800. Our fundraisers are all optional; therefore, you choose the ones that are right for you. They are described in more detail in the Fundraising section of this handbook.

We establish a Student Account for each band member. The account balance is carried over from year to year allowing student to build their balance on 'non trip' years.

All fundraiser sales run for at least two weeks. All order forms and payments can be turned in to the Event Head, placed in the Box in the high school band room or brought to Band Booster Meetings.

You will find a cover letter attached to each fund-raiser providing the fundraiser details, which are also listed on the web site. Please make checks payable to "Central Dauphin Band Boosters" and write the student's full name and purpose of the check in the memo line. This will allow the Financial Secretary to properly account for the funds coming into the organization.

Profits will be credited to your student's account by the Financial Secretary in cooperation with the Event Head. Student account information is available on Charms so you can check at any time if the Band Boosters Student Account balance matches your records.

## **2016-2017 Band Booster Executive Board**

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## Glossary of Band Terms

**Band Front:** Known at other schools as the “guard” or the “silks” or the “flags”, our Band Front is those RamBand students who provide much of the visual beauty and interest of our show.

**Band Room:** This is the big room in the southwest corner of the high school in which our kids spend varying portions of their day.

**Band Room Bulletin Board:** The big bulletin board just inside the Band Room entrance to the hallway.

**Banquet:** Close to the end of each school year, the Band Boosters treat all RamBand students to a Band Banquet. Families and Alumni are welcome to join. Look for details closer to the event.

**The Box:** Located in the band room. It is a lock box for drop off of all student forms, fundraiser orders etc.

**Charms:** The Band’s online software with access to practice logs, student account information, forms, and volunteer signups.

**Community Service Day:** The first Friday of Band Camp, when the Ram Marching Band goes to a United Way agency and works for the betterment of our local community.

**Dayton:** Home of the WGI World Championship for the Indoor units, usually held mid April.

**Drill:** The actual movement from one place on the field to another done in the form of ‘Sets’ or pictures of what the show is to look like at any given time.

**Family Night:** The last Thursday of Band Camp, all RamBand families are invited to join the marching band on the practice field for a glimpse of their practice, a preview of their field show, and a chance to experience Band Camp firsthand!

**Fight On:** The Central Dauphin “fight” song, traditionally played to greet the football team, and played after a score.

**Indoor:** Used to refer to either a particular unit (percussion, majorettes, or guard) competing in winter competitions, or the Central Dauphin winter program.

**KIDA:** Keystone Indoor Drill Association. One of the competitive circuits in which our Indoor Units compete. See also TIA.

**Peanuts:** Keeping in mind students who have peanut allergies, we ask that school bake sale items are peanut free.

**Soda and Water Donations:** The Band Boosters require thousands of bottled beverages each year to hydrate band students, sell for fundraisers, and other purposes.

**Pit:** The musicians who perform in the front ensemble, the stationary percussion section.

**Polos:** The green, collared, short sleeve band wearable worn as part of the Summer Uniform.

**Pool Party:** The last day of Band Camp, the Band Boosters treat all RamBand students to a Pool Party and Barbeque. Families are welcome to join and classes bring certain side dishes.

**RamBand Gift Card Program:** RamBand gift card program, formerly called Scrip, is a fundraising program where you can purchase gift cards and use them for your every day shopping and at the same time earn money for your student's account and the Band Boosters.

**Stand Tunes:** The music played by the Marching Band during football games. These can include such favorites as Pretty Fly (for a White Guy), Hey Baby, and Ghostbusters as well as intimidation music such as Harrisburg, Mars- The Bringer of War, and Four (Long) Chords.

**Summer Uniform:** Consists of khakis shorts and a Band Polo shirt. Worn at the Fall Sports Preview and the Linglestown Memorial Day Parade.

**TIA:** Tournament Indoor Association, one of the competitive circuits in which our Indoor Units compete. See also KIDA.

**Tour Shirt:** T-shirt worn under the band uniform during events. Each summer, the Band Boosters sponsor a Tour Shirt design contest for the band students.

**Wearables:** RamBand clothing and gear. They're available by using the order form that you can find online at <http://www.cdramband.org/wearables.htm>.

**WGI:** Winter Guard International, one of the competitive circuits in which our Indoor Units compete.

**Wildwood:** Home of the TIA All-Chapter Championships for the RamBand Indoor Units, usually held the last weekend in April/first weekend in May.