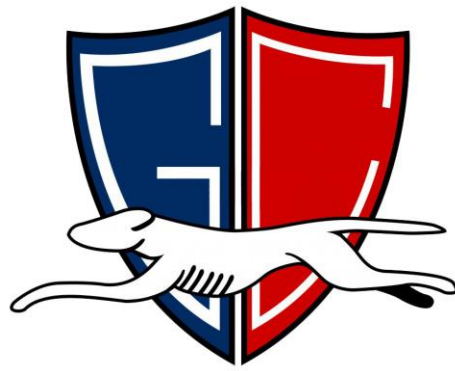


**GROVE CITY
HIGH SCHOOL
BAND BOOSTERS**



PARENT HANDBOOK

2023- 2024

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P.O. BOX 403

GROVE CITY, OHIO 43123

May 30, 2023

Dear Band Parent:

Congratulations on the success of your student becoming a member of the Grove City High School Band. By participating in the band program at Grove City High School, your student will become involved with one of the finest high school music education programs offered anywhere and will be a part of one of the most award-winning band programs in the nation. The band maintains a high level of achievement through hard work on the part of the students, the leadership of the directors and staff, and the support of the band booster organization.

The Grove City Band Boosters is a non-profit organization; its purpose is to provide support to this outstanding program. As president of the Grove City Band Boosters, I urge you to become an active member of the band program by joining the band boosters; the boosters are a very active group. It is also a fun group to be a part of and a way to make new lifelong friends.

The boosters work year-round to meet the needs of the band program. To ensure the success of the upcoming year we need your support. Chaperoning, medical support, uniforms, transportation and logistics, concessions, and many various types of fundraisers are some examples of what band boosters can do to help support the band.

Please take the time over the next few months to become involved and learn as much as possible about the boosters. Do not be afraid to volunteer your services or be worried that you don't know "enough" yet to participate. Jumping in by volunteering your time and skills is the best way to learn all about being a member of this amazing organization. I assure you that once you see what these students can accomplish, you will agree that your time has been well spent. Again, welcome to the program, and I am looking forward to meeting and working with each of you.

Sincerely,

Jill Waterman
President, Grove City High School Band Boosters

BAND BOOSTERS INFORMATION

BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS 2023 – 2024

President	Jill Waterman	614-537-4082
Vice President	Craig Stewart	614-354-0555
Secretary	Karie Beard	614-507-5453
Treasurer	Mark Walker	614-214-6457
Statutory Agent	Jessica Birrer	707-953-8077
Past President	Brian Weaver	614-778-2773
Senior Trustee	Dana Mastrogianakis	614-832-7384
Junior Trustee	Chauntel Horaney	614-257-7280
Sophomore Trustee	Phil Foutty	614-406-6437
Freshmen Trustee	TBD	
Guard Trustee	Angela Snedeker	614-208-4083

COMMUNICATIONS VIA *Groups.IO*

The Boosters main form of communication with you will be via group e-mail. The Directors will use Charms to send any information needed to share regarding itineraries, trips, concerts, etc. The Boosters use Groups.io for updates on fundraising, events, volunteer needs, etc.

Our booster e-mail group is ***essential*** for any parent who has a child in the band. Without being a member of the group, you cannot receive fundraising information, requests for volunteering and more. All booster business for the band is done via this group. **You must send a request to be added to the group.**

All E-mails come into your inbox with the beginning of the subject line: **[gchsbands]** so it is easy for you to filter and search on messages.

Send a request from your e-mail address at which you wish to receive your messages to: gchsbands+subscribe@groups.io Do not type a message or a subject just simply send the e-mail.

- Once you send the e-mail you will receive an e-mail back from groups.io. If you do not receive an e-mail quickly check your spam or junk mailbox. The e-mail will request that you confirm that you wanted to subscribe by replying. (no need to comment again)
- Next you will receive **two** e-mails. One inviting you to groups.io and another telling you your subscription is pending.
 - This second e-mail you will respond to and let us know your relationship with the band.
- At this point your request will be sent to the group moderator for approval.
- Once you are approved you will receive an approval e-mail and a welcome e-mail.

How to Unsubscribe from the Booster E-mail Group

It is pretty simple. Send an e-mail to: gchsbands+unsubscribe@groups.io You should receive an e-mail stating you are removed. If you have any trouble unsubscribing, write to website@gchsbands.org and we can help you.

Webpage

www.gchsbands.org

Visit our website for a wealth of information including; History of our Bands, Directors, Calendar, Contests, Fundraisers, In the News, Invitational, Pictures and Downloads

Monthly Booster Meetings

Monthly booster meetings usually take place the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. (one notable exception is the June Picnic which occurs the Friday of Rookie Days). There is no meeting in the months of July and January. Reminders are sent out through the Groups.io announcing the date and location and they are listed on the band calendar.

Facebook

Information and updates about activities and events will be posted on this Facebook group. This Facebook group is a closed group intended for current booster members with children currently in the band. It is not an official source of communication regarding itineraries or trip information from the Directors but can be a great way to keep in touch with other band families. To become a member, you must do the following:

- Log on to Facebook
- Search for GCHS Band Boosters or go to: <https://facebook.com/groups/GCBand>
- Request to become a member of the group

We also have a public Facebook Page which contains our public events and other community-related information. This page is intended for family members and friends who are not boosters but want to follow the band. Boosters are also encouraged to Like this page:

- Log on to Facebook
- Search for Grove City High School Band or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/GCHSBandFans>
- Like the page

Twitter

Information and updates will be posted for all followers to read. This is a closed account, to become a follower, you must do the following:

- Log on to your twitter account
- Search for GCHSBand2 and request to become a follower

BAND BOOSTERS FUNDRAISERS

(just a sample of what we do, not an exhaustive list)

ACTIVITY	DATE	ACTIVITY	DATE
Kroger card	All Year	Spring Band Bazaar	April
Raise Right (formerly Scrip)	All Year	Candy Sale	All Year
Levy Concessions	All Year	Mattress Sale	September
Stadium Concessions Stand	Football Season	Pinnacle March	October
Grove City Band Invitational	Late Sep/Early Oct.	Street Concerts*	August
Fall Band Bazaar	November	<i>*Required</i>	

EXAMPLES OF MAJOR PROGRAM EXPENSES COVERED BY THE BOOSTERS

Uniforms
Instruments
Entry fees for Contests and Festivals
Student Transportation for Competitions

Flag Materials
Band Camp needs
Music & Drills
Band Semi Truck & Trailer

PRACTICE ATTIRE

Band members should wear comfortable clothing. White socks and tennis shoes are **required**. (**No sandals or flip flops**). The school dress code applies during all rehearsals (Pre-Band Camp, Band Camp and Post-Band Camp Rehearsals). **NO** loose tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, bathing suit tops, or short length shorts.

UNIFORMS

Here is a list of items that each new band student will need to purchase from the boosters during Rookie Days Camp and will be able to use for the duration of their time in band. *Please note that costs may change slightly each year.*

WIND INSTRUMENT STUDENTS Total costs = ~\$106 and includes:

- Summer Uniform shirt (\$22)
- White Marching Shoes (\$38)
- Marching Uniform Gloves (\$4)
- Marching Uniform Suspenders (\$7)
- Marching Uniform Shoulder Cords (\$26)
- Poncho (\$9)

PERCUSSION STUDENTS Total costs = ~\$76 and includes:

- Summer Uniform Shirt (\$22)
- White Marching Shoes (\$38)
- Marching Uniform Suspenders (\$7)
- Poncho (\$9)

✓ *Percussion marching uniforms do not require Gloves or Cords

GUARD MEMBERS Total costs = ~\$31 and includes

- Summer Uniform Shirt (\$22)
- Poncho (\$9)
- Other supplies as needed (*cost varies year to year*)

Freshman and NEW band members will be fitted for shoes and be able to purchase the above items during Rookie Camp (see band calendar, Rookie Camp is Thursday and Friday the first week after school is out). Please send a blank check or cash with your child on the day of their uniform fitting. Items will not be ordered and/or issued until the money is received. The shoes will be used for both summer and marching uniforms.

Make checks payable to: GCHS Band Boosters

SUMMER UNIFORM – Winds and Percussion

Summer Band Shirt	\$22.00 (Purchased from band)
White Marching Shoes	\$38.00 (Purchased from band)
ALL WHITE Crew Socks	Furnished by you
ALL WHITE Shorts w BLACK belt	Furnished by you. Shorts should be mid-thigh length, woven, not knit or denim, not down to the knee or short athletic style - NO CUFFS.

SUMMER UNIFORM – Color Guard

ALL WHITE Shorts w/ BLACK belt	Furnished by you
Summer Band Shirt	\$22.00 (Purchased from band)
White Keds (parades and FB games)	Furnished by you

FALL MARCHING UNIFORMS

ALL Band members will be fitted for uniforms in August during Pre-Band Camp. Please be sure to wear lightweight summer shorts for the fittings. The dates are posted to the band calendar. **The yearly fall uniform fee for 2023-2024 is \$125.00.** This fee must be paid by the July 31 “BIG” Booster meeting at Grove City Church of the Nazarene. This fee will be on your Charms account and can be paid online at any time prior to the meeting in July.

The following items are provided/maintained by the Band Boosters and are included in your annual uniform fee: **Jackets (Old/Football & New/Contest), Football uniform, Contest Uniform Football Uniform Overlay, Hat, Plume, Hat Bag and Garment Bag.**

The items purchased at Rookie Days (**Shoes, Gloves, Cords, Suspenders and Poncho**) will complete your Marching Uniforms (see estimates on previous page).

COLOR GUARD FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL UNIFORM

Blue Pleated Skirt - provided	n/a
Sequined Body Suit - provided	n/a
White Crop Top	\$20.00
Flesh Toned Tights	\$16.00
Warm Up Jacket	\$40.00
Warm Up Pants	\$25.00
Competition Shoes	\$45.00

**Remember that costs are estimates....XXL and up sizes could be slightly higher in price.*

WINTER CONCERT UNIFORM

The following items are required for the winter concert uniform. Fittings and associated payments will occur in the fall as students enter concert season but here are cost estimates for your planning:

LADIES

Blue Clip-On Tie	\$7.00 (Purchased at your expense)
Blue Full-Length Skirt	\$13.00 (Purchased at your expense)
Fabric/Pattern for Skirt	\$19.00 (\$5.00 refunded for returned pattern)
White Oxford Cloth Button-down Collar Shirt	Furnished by you
Black FLAT-HEELED Traditional Shoes	Furnished by you
Black Hosiery	Furnished by you.

GENTLEMEN

Navy Dress Pants, NOT 100% Cotton Pants	Furnished by you
Black Dress Shoes	Furnished by you
Black Dress Socks	Furnished by you
White Oxford Cloth Button-down Collar Shirt	Furnished by you
Plain Navy Tie, NO Designs	Furnished by you

UNIFORM CARE

The cost of the jackets, pants and overlays is approximately \$600.00. Each Student is issued and responsible for two uniforms (\$1200.00). It is imperative that the uniform and accessories are taken care of properly. A care sheet is given to each student during the summer fittings in August. If any of these items are lost or destroyed because of neglect, you will be financially responsible for replacing them.

BAND BOOSTER APPAREL

There are many items available for Band Booster members to wear at all of the band events. Items available are listed below and can be ordered at any Band Booster meeting, or by calling Kelly Stewart at 614-657-2848. You can also email at apparel@gchsbands.org or order directly on the website at: <https://booster-apparel.square.site>

- Winter Jacket with Hood
- Sweatshirts
- Windbreakers
- Baseball Hats
- Duffle Bags
- Stadium Blankets
- Fleece Blankets

2 Different Styles of Royal Blue Short Sleeve Polos
(required for Chaperoning)

Tee Shirts

WELCOME TO THE BAND BOOSTER FAMILY!!

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