



MCHS Band Boosters

Parent & Student

Orientation Packet

2009-2010

The Montezuma-Cortez High School Marching Panthers are Five-Time Colorado State Champions! We live in a small town, barely within the boundaries of Colorado, but this town and high school are **on the map** when it comes to Marching Band.

YOU make that happen!

The MCHS Band Boosters have been in action over fifty years. In 2005, we became a 501(3)C not-for-profit organization. **This organization is very successful and we do make a difference.** On average, we raise \$20,000 per year, and every penny goes into the band program. We rely on the participation of every band parent to make this happen. We are fortunate to support such talented students, who are guided by incredibly dedicated staff.

Our continued success depends entirely on parent support and volunteers. The more volunteers, the less time or money will be required any individual for assistance. Welcome to the new band parents, and thank you for your continued support of MCHS Band Boosters!

Band Booster Meetings

This year we will be holding meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, from 6:30 -7:30 p.m., in the MCHS band room. Check the web site www.mchsbandboosters.com for updates on special meetings. If you sign up for our e-mail list, you will be sent the MCHS Band Booster news. Every band parent is expected to make an effort to attend as many of these meetings as possible. Please put the following dates in your schedule:

August 3rd (Monday), September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st,
January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th

Fund Raising

We have several types of fundraisers each year **which are the key to our success.** These fundraisers offset all the expenses of traveling to competitions and the copyright and sheet-music costs. We have also helped replace instruments and the costs of maintenance. Due to district regulations, the band director is allowed only a limited number of fundraisers students are allowed to do per year. It is therefore up to the Band Boosters to make sure the necessary funds are available in order to continue to allow our students the opportunities to compete and perform at this high level.

Each band trip costs approximately **\$9000+** ! There are four competitions in October **ALONE!** The funds allocation from the district budget cannot support these costs.

In order to offset these expenses we traditionally hold the following annual fund raisers:

- Fall Raffle
- Concessions at home games (football)
- Community Appreciation Concert (Chili Dinner)
- Christmas Silent Drawing
- Silent Auction/Spring-Raffle

We also have other smaller fundraisers throughout the year, such as:

- Monthly Bake Sales (City Market)
- Collecting ink cartridges, name brand toners, cell phones, and Ipods for recycling
- Yard or Rummage Sales

In addition, we give the students opportunities to earn money for their Individual Accounts. These fundraisers traditionally are things like:

- Holiday pie sales
- Candles
- Spring pie sales, etc...

We NEED every band parent to participate. Because our Band Boosters do not charge fees or memberships, we rely entirely on band parent volunteers to help offset the costs collectively. All the money we raise supplements food costs, hotels, buses, fuel, etc... If we did not raise this money – **TOGETHER** – the cost of putting each student through a year of band would be substantial. Other high schools charge an average of \$900 per student to participate in band activities per year (which does not include the cost of their instruments). Currently we are saving each student approximately \$700 – thanks to these fundraisers. The remaining \$200 covers costs such as the student's t-shirt, marching shoes, and summer band camp fees. Even these costs can be supplemented through the opportunities we give each student to earn money for their Individual Account.



In order to keep these fees to a minimum we must have the dedication and support of all our band parents.

Committees

Every band or color guard parent should plan to volunteer or serve in some way on at least one of the following committees:

Communications Committee: This group prepares news articles for the paper and radio stations, emailing or calling band parents to remind them of upcoming events, and notices regarding fundraisers. They also help by advertising events.

Concessions (Panthers Stadium): This group of parents runs the concessions at all home football games. Two parents are needed for ordering, pickup and stocking of food/drinks for games. We also need between 8 – 10 parents and students per game to man the concession stand. This involves serving fountain drinks, nachos, popcorn, and cooking the BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. (This can be done in shifts).

Food Committee: This group of parents plans menus and prepare meals for the students during out-of-town competitions. They also coordinate food donations for trips.

Fund Raising Committee: These parents help to organize and plan fund raisers.

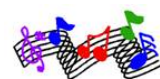
Marching Band Uniform Committee: These parents help keep track of and maintain (wash) the band uniforms. Each Student is issued a uniform, and this committee is responsible for their care. At competitions, the uniforms are on the “band wagon” with a check-out/check-in system. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with uniform assignment and the check-in and out process.

Raffle Committee: Occasionally, the Band Boosters conduct raffles. Currently we are not independently licensed and must rely on the Cortez Chamber of Commerce license to hold a raffle. The licensed agent from the Cortez Chamber must receive approval for all raffles.

Volunteer Services

Pit Crew: When the band performs a team of parents is needed to help setup “**The Pit**”. This involves carrying equipment onto the field and setting it in place; the podiums for the drum majors, sound equipment, percussion instruments, etc. When the band is competing they are timed. Their time begins when the first person steps onto the field and time ends when the last person leaves the field. (Therefore, it is important that parents not get too anxious to enter the field early).

Sponsors: A Sponsor’s job on a band trip is much like that of a Mom or Dad. You are there to help the band in any way necessary to help the trip or activity run smoothly. You will be expected to enforce the schedule and expectations as defined by the band director. Sponsors help chaperone, maintain order and supervise the students. Some parents are also needed to help drive vehicles to and from events.



We need Sponsors willing to be on the bus and stay in the hotels, and three willing drivers to pull the trailers (who have large enough trucks), and a Pit Crew team for these upcoming competitions this Fall:

- CO West Marching Festival/Grand Junction: Oct. 3rd,
- Western Slope CBA Regionals/Grand Junction: Oct. 13th,
- State CBA Marching Festival/Denver: Oct 26th,
- Northern Arizona Univ. Marching Festival/Flagstaff: Oct. 31st

OFFICERS:

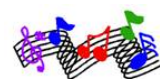
Our officers this year are:

Jacque Cook, President
Mich Villaneuva, Vice-President
Lynn Dorenkamp, Secretary
Karla Whitmer, Treasurer, Cell: 749-1880
Drum Majors & Student Liaisons to Band Boosters:
Ben Jackson and Mikeeta Villaneuva

Last Year's ('08-'09) Committee Coordinators:

<< **New Volunteers/Trainees are needed**>>

Band Trailer (Advertising) Coordinator - Debbie Conrad: 565-4286
Color Guard Coach – Tia Kline
Captain – Cassandra Jordan
Color Guard Coordinator- Lea Baker
Communications Coordinator – Rocky Moss (outgoing – she will cross-train someone)
Concessions Coordinators – Rocky Moss/Becky O’Cam/Margaret Schmaltz
Food Coordinator & * Trailer– David & Pam Sitton
Fund Raising Coordinator – Becky O’Cam
Marching Band Uniform Coordinator – Allison Carey /Carey Hahnier
Raffle Coordinator – Annette Jackson
Uniform * Trailer – Annette Jackson/Allison Carey
Equipment * Trailer - Vern Rucker/Mich Villaneuva/Lynn Dorenkamp



Please return this sheet to Band Boosters

<i>Student Information</i>		
Student Name		
Grade Level		
Section <i>Brass, Winds, Percussion, Guard</i>		
Student E-Mail		
Student Phone Number		
Allergies		
<i>Parent Information</i>		
Parent(s) Names		
Mailing Address		
Home Phone Number		
Cell Phone Number		
Work Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
<i>Committee Volunteer</i>		
Please check the committee(s) you can help with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Concessions Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Food Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band Uniform Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Committee	
<i>Volunteer Services</i>		
Please indicate which Service you would like to help with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pit Crew Sponsor	

