



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did I receive a name tag?

Name tags are used for several different reasons. Chaperones wear them for easy identification to the band students as the adults in their group. Name tags are also worn during Band Camp to identify you to the instructors and students when volunteering to serve meals. When a band parent wears his/her name tag chaperoning for a competition or when working the football concession stands, he/she does not have to pay for admittance into the event. The same is true for all volunteers for Keystone Invitational, the band competition that we host. Please do not wear your name tag for any other reason.

2. What is a candy gram?

Parents have the opportunity to buy candy grams at band competitions. The hosting band sells anything from candy, water, stuffed animals to flowers. You simply fill out a label (or make your own and bring with you if you have several) with your child's name, school name, a message to your child and your name. The band students LOVE these. If you cannot make a competition, just give a friend, who is going, some money to buy a candy gram for you for your child. These are NOT sold at football games. Only at competitions.

3. I heard that lockers are decorated for championships. What are the guidelines?

The last practice before the Cavalcade championships, which is our last competition of the year, parents will decorate their child's band locker. Typically the band show's theme is the theme for decorating. Streamers, balloons, pictures, or anything you can think of to use to decorate is great. **Please note that the school rules prohibit using tape on any painted surface.**



4. I work full time. How can I help?

We have many types of volunteer opportunities for our band parents. Several times a band year we will ask for donations of food items (Kool Pops in the summer and Halloween candy at Halloween). Car show and football game concession stands have shifts available in the evening and on the weekends. Join our Band Booster Board. We meet once a month (**second Tuesday**) for about 30 minutes in the evening. Volunteer with the truck crew for away games and competitions. These are just a tiny portion as to the volunteers we need. Contact a board member and we can find that right volunteer opportunity for you.

5. Who can come to Band Booster Board meetings?

We have an open door policy for our Band Booster Board meetings. You can participate in discussions, but will not be allowed to vote on motions proposed by board members. If you have a specific idea or topic that you would like to discuss, we ask that you contact our President so we can put that item on our agenda.

6. Why are the car shows so important?

The car show concession stand generates 75% of our money for the operating budget which supports our band. Without the car show concessions, our band would have to resort to monthly fundraisers throughout the year. We require each family to work at least three 4 hour adult shifts to help during car show season.

7. Why do we have to raise so much money for the band?

The Band Boosters use the money from the car show concession stand each year to buy music, drill and color guard and band equipment, rent storage options for equipment, maintain equipment at all concession stands, uniform repairs and maintenance, pay for the three buses and two moving vans used for transportation to football games and competitions, and to pay for or defray costs for instructors to name a few.

Are you receiving emails from the Band Boosters? If not, please contact secretary@carlislehighschoolband.org or visit the band website at www.carlislehighschoolband.org to be added to the email list to receive important information concerning band events and activities.

