

Band Parents

Please review this packet of information, sign, date and return. There are new forms that need to be completed this year. The Band Information Sheet may seem repetitive at this point, but we believe some parents did not get the updated form. The updated form has the new fees for the 2008-2009 school year. So please fill out the forms in this packet and return it to Ms. Keezel. Please be sure to check front and back of the Band Information Form. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to another Super Shark Year with the Mayport Middle School Band.

**Sincerely,
Ms. Keezel and the Band Boosters**

MAYPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND INFORMATION

Mayport Middle School is very proud of our outstanding Band Program. Our Band consistently receives superior ratings in county, district and state competitions and is frequently invited to play in many community events.

Students with no musical training are welcome to join the Beginning Band; they will receive guidance from the Band Director to help them select an instrument that they will enjoy playing. Students with previous musical training are also encouraged to join the Band; they will be placed in the appropriate level class after consulting with the Band Director.

The following information about the requirements for participating in Band should be considered before making a decision to request Band for your child:

- Band is a year long elective class; the student is expected to stay in Band all year; schedule changes out of Band can only be made at the end of a quarter (9 weeks).
- Most students will need to rent or to buy an instrument from a private music store. Cost for cleaning kits and maintenance items need to be considered also. The Band Director will provide information to students at the beginning of the school year about sources for renting or buying an instrument.
- The school has a limited number of instruments students can borrow (examples: Tuba, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone). Parents are responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement, if instrument is lost or stolen. If the student does use a school, they will usually need to buy items such as a mouthpiece, reeds, drumsticks and practice pads, etc.
- **Parents should be prepared for other costs associated with participation in Band.** These expenses vary with the student's placement (Beginning or Symphonic). Parents should expect costs associated with band trips, instrument accessories, music books, contest fees, uniform rental/maintenance(dry-cleaning) and "Fair Share" fee (\$50 or can be earned by participation in 1st band fund-raiser).
- **Uniform for Beginning Band:** Students must buy dress black pants/skirts, white dress shirt, and black shoes; rental fee for jackets and bow-tie is \$20/year. Jacket must be dry-cleaned before being returned to the school. Must accompany receipt.
- **Uniform for Symphonic (Advanced) Band:** Dress uniform rental fee is \$40/year. Periodic dry-cleaning of uniform is required and must be dry-cleaned before being returned to the school. Must accompany receipt. Students must also purchase a white dress shirt and black band shoes. The casual uniform for football games consist of black pants and a red Band Polo Shirt(\$17.50).
- Uniforms are handed out based on when the uniform fee is paid. Students that pay first are issued a uniform first. **If your student does not pay the uniform fee, they will not receive a uniform.** Uniforms are required to be worn for most performances, if your student does not perform an alternate assignment must be completed.

Parents are strongly encouraged to join the Band Boosters which meets once a month to stay informed on upcoming events.

If you would like your child to be scheduled for Band, the attached *Parent Request/Permission Form* must be completed and returned to the Mayport Middle School Guidance Office. Please return the request form directly to Mayport Middle School Guidance Office, 2600 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, Florida, 32233 Revised 08/2008

Mayport Middle School Band Boosters

The Mayport Middle School Band Boosters are a group of parent volunteers who donate their time and energy to assisting the band program. Parent volunteers are needed to serve in many ways such as chaperones for various events band students attend, handing out uniforms, staff for the band concessions at the football games, fund-raising events, etc. There is no minimum amount of time you must help the band boosters. Any amount of time you can help is greatly appreciated by the band director and the students.

Please review the bottom of this form and let us know what you can help serve in with the boosters. Please plan on staying involved and getting all the information needed to help your child by attending the Band Booster Meetings.

The meetings will be the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Band Room. We will also have our upcoming events, deadlines and other important information on Schoolnotes.com.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to another great and eventful year with the Mayport Middle School Band.

*****Please Print Legibly*****

Student Name: _____

Student MOD: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Numbers-Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Parent Name: _____

Please Check ALL areas that you would be interested in serving in:

- Concession Stand Sewing/Seamstress Donations for Concession Stand
 Water Donations for Students at Games Concert Program Design
 E-Mail Contact Person Fund-Raising Coordinator Uniform Hand Out
 Field Trip Chaperone (Local) End of Year Trip Chaperone
 Donations for Concert Refreshments for Students and Families

Any other help not listed: _____

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FUND-RAISING PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

MOD: _____

Throughout the year the band program has several different fund-raisers. These fund-raisers help defer some of the costs associated with being involved with the Band. The first fund-raiser of the year enables your child to cover the cost of their Fair Share Fee of \$50.00 through sponsors. The full amount of the sponsorship must be met and turned in to the band to receive the \$50.00 credit toward the Fair Share. Each year the band has an end of the year Band Trip. The cost of the trip can be PAID IN FULL by Fund-Raising. Some examples include, but are not limited to, Band Ads for our Christmas and Spring Concert Programs, 90% of the ad will go toward your child's trip expense. The other 10 % is the printing fee. With Candy Sales, 50% goes toward the Band Trip. We also have Brochure Sales and Teddy Bear sales that are done through the year. Parents must be aware that during certain sales if the money is not received it is the responsibility of the parent to pay the amount required in full. If monies are raised to pay for your child's Band Trip and your child does not attend, the monies stay in the Band Fund.

I, _____, give my child, _____,

PLEASE PRINT PARENT NAME

PLEASE PRINT

permission to participate in band Fund-Raisers. I understand and accept full responsibility for all money that may be owed to the Band if not turned into the Band.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

My child may not participate in _____ Sales.

List specific Fund-Raiser or state ALL Fund-Raising

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, understand that I am responsible for Fund-Raising items, such as candy and/or money, etc., before, during and after school. I will conduct myself properly while representing Mayport Middle School and the Band while Fund-Raising.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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COMMITMENT FORM

CONTEST FEES

Mayport Middle School Band prepares students for musical events and contests throughout the year. This includes All State, All District and Concerts. Most of these events require a fee to attend/perform. For certain events the student must play with a piano player. The Band Fund pays for practice sessions with the pianist after school and for services during auditions. The Band Fund also covers the entry fees for the students for Solo and Ensemble. If your child is registered for Solo and Ensemble and does not attend, reimbursement is required to be paid directly to the Band Fund for entry fees and the services of the pianist. We want every student to attend and do their best, that takes a commitment from each student. By signing this form you agree to attend contests and concerts that have been paid for you by the Mayport Middle School Band.

Student Name: _____

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____, will attend Solo and Ensemble. I understand my
STUDENT NAME
entry fees have been paid by the Mayport Middle School Band.

I, _____, understand that if my child does not attend Solo
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
and Ensemble that I am responsible for reimbursing the Mayport Middle School Band in full for entry fees and fees paid by the band for the pianist. This amount will not exceed \$75.00.