

# Welcome to the Independence Music Boosters

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Dear Music Department Parents,

Welcome to the IHS Music Department!

Graduates, current students, and parents agree that involvement in the Music Department is one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of high school life. The Independence Music Boosters provide assistance in achieving this goal.

The Music Booster Mission is to foster and encourage student development in the musical arts. The Music Boosters support IHS music programs, including vocal and band, keep parents informed of events, and offer parents an opportunity to contribute, maximizing the benefit to their child and all Music Department students.

We invite you to join the IHS Music Boosters in planning and participating during the upcoming school year. The following is a brief outline of annual events. We hope this outline will help you and your student enjoy the IHS Music Department and help you decide to become a "Music Booster".

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Summer Concert Refreshments – Two nights in June \$

**HELP NEEDED:** Volunteers to organize, setup, bake and sell refreshments at the Gazebo during the Community Band Concerts \$

Band Camp – A two-week practice in July in preparation for marching band season. The first week students are fitted for uniforms, then practice daily at the high school. The second week is an overnight camp experience currently held at Camp Burton. Departure is Sunday with return on Friday. Each student will need to prepare for this overnight, five-day event by packing clothing, sundries, medicine and other necessities. Mr. Schatt provides a suggested packing list and other pertinent information in a letter sent to parents. Your student's belongings, as well as band equipment must be loaded on to school buses and transported to the destination. This process requires a great deal of patience.

**HELP NEEDED:** Volunteers for "home" band camp are needed during morning hours to repair (sewing), alter and fit uniforms.

Female/Male Chaperones (over 21) are needed during "away" band camp to accompany, sleep overnight, and chaperone students.

Home Days Raffle Tickets – These ticket books will be available through the Music Department to sell on behalf of Band and Vocal. To get credit for your sales, these must be turned in by Wednesday of Home Band Camp. Contact the Band President or Mr. Schatt for tickets. \* 50/50 profit split for FL trip

Home Days – 1) Vocal and Band students and parents staff the Pop Booth on the west side of the square and a small Water Booth on the east side, as well as the Shaved Ice and Pretzel Booths. \* (Remind family & friends to buy their refreshments from the Music Department.)

2) The last several years, the City has offered the Music Department the opportunity to staff the wristband/ticket booths. \* 50/50 profit split for FL trip

\*Denotes Music Department Fundraiser

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**HELP NEEDED:** 1) Parents to supervise and students to work shifts at the pop and water booths and pretzel and shaved ice booths. Students will sign up during home band camp with their squad, and parents will be asked to sign up at drop off for Camp Burton and Parent Night at Camp Burton.  
2) Parents and students to work the amusement ride ticket booths.  
All vocal and band students will be asked to work at least one shift and bring one bag of ice per worker.

Vocal Ensemble Home Days National Anthem Performance – Friday 5:45 pm to open Home Days event

Home Days Parade - Students meet at 10:30 am at the high school to dress and gather instruments before marching in the noon parade. Mr. Schatt will have information regarding proper attire.

Marching Band Pictures – Wednesday Evening in August before Rehearsal

Students dress in marching band uniforms to get group and individual photos taken by the school's professional photographer. In addition to the group and individual band photos by the school photographer, photo buttons will also be taken by the Music Boosters and made available for purchase through the Music Boosters. More information regarding pictures will be provided at drop off for Away Band Camp.

**HELP NEEDED:** Two parents needed for collecting order forms and money for photo buttons.

Wednesday night marching band rehearsals are held before and during football season, 7:30 - 9:00 pm., beginning the first week in August.

Entertainment Book Sale - First week of September \* *50/50 profit split for FL trip*

Football Game Refreshments - The Boosters have the tradition of providing refreshments for the visiting band and our band at all home games. This practice has been greatly appreciated by both bands and enables the performers to interact with one another.

**HELP NEEDED:** (2 groups)

- 1) Shopping for food, supplies, and the preparation of sandwiches prior to game (typically Thurs).
- 2) Assist in getting water jugs filled and setting up halftime refreshments at the stadium.

Fruit Drive and Butter Braid Sale - October through November \* *50/50 profit split for FL trip*

Fieldhouse Basketball Concession Sales – Six Sundays - October through November \$

**HELP NEEDED:** Volunteers to help shop, setup and sell concessions on each Sunday. We will request each squad and parents to work at least one 4-hour shift. *50/50 profit split for FL trip*

Sounds of the Stadium – Sunday in November

**HELP NEEDED:** Volunteers to collect canned goods and bake and hand out samples of Butter Braid

Holiday Concert - Thursday in December

Spaghetti Dinner – Late January

Music Boosters' major fundraising event held in the IHS Cafeteria. Vocal and band students will perform their OMEA pieces during the dinner hours. \$

**HELP NEEDED:** Coordinator to organize the event, volunteers to purchase supplies, prepare food in the high school kitchen, setup, sell tickets, serve dinner and cleanup.

OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudication - Saturday in February

Encourage your students to perform in vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles. **Parents are welcome to attend.**

**OMEA Large Group Adjudication – Friday/Saturday in March**

**Musical – Friday/Saturday in March**

Remind family and friends to attend. Always a superb performance!

**HELP NEEDED:** Secure program ads (business or personal ads welcome)

Sell tickets at the door, along with light concessions and flowers, both evenings.

**Music Awards – Early May**

Celebrate the year with an awards ceremony followed by an ice cream social.

**Spring Concert – Early May**

**Memorial Day Parade - at 9am**

**Senior Awards Night – June**

Band Performance - Attendance Required for Final Exam Grade in Band

**Commencement – June**

Band and Vocal Performances – Attendance Required for Final Exam Grade in Band and Vocal

We sincerely invite you to join the IHS Music Boosters and become a part of your child's high school musical experience. Volunteers are an essential component necessary for a successful school year and, more importantly, contribute to a memorable experience for all Music Department students. Fill out the membership form and join Music Boosters today! Music Boosters meet monthly, usually at the high school. We encourage all to attend, offer suggestions, and help to plan for an exciting musical year. If you cannot attend the meetings but are interested in participating in a particular event, please contact one of the officers.

If you have questions feel free to contact us using the form on our website [www.ihsboosters.com](http://www.ihsboosters.com). The website also has additional information including the Music Department calendar with specific dates, times and locations of events. Please note that all monies received from our fund raising efforts benefit the IHS Music Department.

Sincerely,

Marcia Abbadini, President

Cathy Krolkowski, Secretary

James Halamek, Treasurer

**Music Booster Meeting Schedule  
2013-2014 School Year**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
September 11	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
October 9	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
November 13	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
December 11	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
January 8	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
February 12	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
March 12	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
April 9	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center
May 1 (Thurs)	6:30 pm	IHS Media Center

