Central Crossing HS Bands & Color Guard

“Become the BEST version of you, through music performance”

Welcome to our Band Family!

Meet the Central Crossing High School Staff:

Eric Hubbell - Director of Bands

Phil Showalter - Assistant Director of Bands

Jeff Blume - Assistant Director of Bands, Director of Bands Beulah Park MS

Nikki Ross - Color Guard & Winter Guard Director

Donnie Ross - Marching Band & Indoor Percussion Director

Band and Color Guard at Central Crossing HS

- THE "BAND" CLASS
  - First Unit of Study: **MARCHING BAND**
  - Second Unit of Study: **CONCERT BAND**
  - Both units have co-curricular requirements outside of the school day required for the course. Fall exemptions are available for CCHS sports.
  - Students receive 1 elective credit for each year that Band is taken. Fulfills Fine Art credit for graduation.
- The Color Guard class is a semester course.
  - The Flags class IS part of the CCHS Marching Band
  - Students receive .25 elective credit for participation for each semester taken.
  - Students are assigned a study hall at the end of Unit 1 of the band class for the remainder of the semester.

2 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION FULFILLS THE HS GYM REQUIREMENT

  - This requires attendance at summer rehearsals AND fall practices

SPRING / SUMMER CAMPS "Training Season"

SPRING

New member training clinics, full band rehearsal (3)

JUNE

WABA 4th of July Parade Prep Rehearsals (4)

JULY

Pre-Camp, Band Camp, Post Camp (11)

AUGUST

Post-Camp rehearsals leading up to first football game! (3-5)

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS & BENEFITS

Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances as they are a part of a student's band grade, required for Physical Education requirement, and other students rely on their roles.

Students will learn about planning, making commitments, and following through on commitments through their adherence to a developed schedule.

UNIT 1: FALL "MARCHING SEASON"

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

COMPETITIONS

Typically perform in 5-7 Saturday competitions September through October.
(every 3 years a special trip to Indianapolis in mid-NOVEMBER)

GAMES & REHEARSALS

Friday night football game performances.

Weekly Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals from 3:45-6:30 starting end of August, September, and October
(occasionally into November)

SECTIONALS

Weekly percussion & guard evening sectionals

UNIT 2: WINTER / SPRING "CONCERT SEASON"

ENSEMBLES, CONCERTS, AND COMPETITIONS

OVERVIEW & CONCERTS

November through May.
Winter and Spring Concerts (2)

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Jazz Band & Pep Band,
Comet Combo,
Concert Percussion Ensemble,
Indoor Percussion Ensemble

VISUAL & SOLO PERFORMANCE

Winter Guard,
Solo & Ensemble Competition

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE CCHS BAND

DEFAULT OPTION

(majority of students in the CCHS Band)

- Student signs up for the band class, participates in Marching Band as the 1st unit of the band class, attending all summer rehearsals, after-school rehearsals, and performances.

Student automatically transitions to Unit 2, Concert Band, in November.

FALL SPORT PLUS MARCHING BAND

Schedule is worked out between coaches and directors to assist with participation in all interests. Games and performances are prioritized (positions and opportunities within the band are assigned based on specific schedule and a student's level of achievement)

- Student signs up for the band class, participates in marching band as the 1st unit of the band class, attending summer rehearsals, after-school rehearsals, and performances when pre-determined schedules allow.

Student automatically transitions to Unit 2, concert band, in November.

Fall Sport Exemption

- Student is committed to and actively participates in one of the following fall sports: Football, Girls/Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Fall Cheerleading, Volleyball or Cross Country.
- Student is exempt from all outside of school Marching Band activities including summer rehearsals, after-school rehearsals, and performances.
- Student will participate in all music rehearsals during the school day. Student automatically transitions to one of the Concert Bands in November, after auditions are complete.

Extenuating Circumstance Exemption

- Student has an extenuating circumstance that prevents them from fulfilling some or all marching band requirements.
- The head director approves the validity of each extenuating circumstance
  - Medical Exemption
  - Scheduling conflict where no option exists (extremely rare)
  - Family hardship (beyond financial)
- Student will fulfill marching band commitments when able to and exempted from others as approved by the head director
  - For example, weekend performances exempted because of parental custody arrangements.

BAND & FLAG CLASSES OVERALL ELIGIBILITY

REPEATABLE & FINANCIALS

- Repeatable all 4 years of high school.
- Fees from previous season must be a ZERO BALANCE for repeat participation.
- Recommended to follow the payment schedule.

ELIGIBILITY FOR "EXTRA" ENSEMBLES

- Must be in band class for JAZZ BAND & INDOOR PERCUSSION (Exceptions apply: career academy, specific instruments not in band class).
- Must be in fall guard for WINTER GUARD (Exceptions apply: career academy).
- Fees must be a ZERO BALANCE at time of audition.

CO-CURRICULAR, NOT EXTRACURRICULAR

- Band is CO-CURRICULAR.
- Includes graded requirements outside the school day.
- Part of the course of study, NOT just an extracurricular sport/club.

Will I have time for Band? YES! We feel that the extra time students spend with the Band is INVALUABLE!

WHY?

- Largest and most **successful** student organization in the school
- Be around many of the most talented, **motivated** students in the school
- Sense of **"belonging"** to a worthwhile group (many other influences)
- Develop meaningful **friendships** with like-minded students
- Form a team of **support** for success on their instrument and in the classroom.

- Positive outlet for **self-expression**
- Marching Band is a "musical' **physical activity** that helps keep kids active (2 years of band counts as gym requirement)
- Students spend time learning a **"process of preparation"** that can lead to high levels of achievement and can be applied to other classes or other areas of their lives
- Substantial increases in **musical skill**

MORE WHYS?

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

The vast majority of students feel the "extras" that take place after school are the most fun and memorable moments of the Band Class! These can include: weekend travel, band camp, local-regional-national performance opportunities, large trips (Disney, Bowl Games), section gatherings, all while making lifetime memories.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Constant reinforcement about being your BEST and adopting an attitude of excellence.

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Opportunities to "practice" important workforce skills like teamwork, timeliness, goal setting, self-accountability, understanding the value of hard work, developing leadership skills, learning about commitment, self-discipline, strategies for managing successes and failures, and on and on and on.....

ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

OMEA EXCELLENCE

Consistent State Marching Band appearances achieving a Superior rating
Consistent Superior rating at OMEA Large Group Concert Band Contest
Countless OMEA Grand Champion awards at OMEA Competitions

BANDS OF AMERICA

One of less than 5 Ohio bands named a BOA Regional Champion
Named a Bands of America Grand National Semi-finalist

WGI & ADDITIONAL HONORS

Winter Guard State Champions, Color Guard Best Auxiliary Awards
Indoor Percussion Ensemble State Champions, WGI World Championship Finalist, consistently receive Best Percussion award at OMEA competitions

Recognition from State and Local Government on student achievements

COST OF BAND

Band Class Fee **$475** Paid to CCHS Band Boosters - nonrefundable, 1st payment in May

District "Pay to Play" **$50** Paid directly to SWCS - Collected at DSC or CCHS front office

Fall Sport Exemption **$100**

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Additional expenses: summer uniform black shorts, other uniform related accessories

COST OF GUARD

Color Guard Class Fee $375 Paid to CCHS Band Boosters - nonrefundable

District "Pay to Play" $50 Paid directly to SWCS - Collected at DSC or CCHS front office

Deposit (marching shoes) $50 Paid to CCHS Band Boosters - nonrefundable, due in May

COLOR GUARD CLASS FEE

$375

Paid to CCHS Band Boosters - nonrefundable

DISTRICT "PAY TO PLAY"

$50

Paid directly to SWCS - Collected at DSC or CCHS front office

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COST vs. VALUE: Understanding the Investment in Central Crossing Band & Color Guard

The value received far outweighs the financial contribution.

THE COST (The Investment)

Affordable fees cover approximately 50% of actual costs, with significant Booster support.

THE VALUE (The Return)

INSTRUCTION & GROWTH

- Extensive instrument instruction & team building (summer & year-round)
- Reduced teacher-student ratios for individualized learning
- All student benefits and experiences previously discussed

PERFORMANCE & TRAVEL

- Travel to local, regional, and national performances
- Participation in BOA and OMEA events & competitions
- Concert season travel, music, performance entry fees

RESOURCES & EXPERIENCES

- Issued custom band uniform & accessories
- Utilization and maintenance of all necessary band assets
- Custom marching show (drill, music, choreography, props)
- 'Feed the Band' events

...to name just a few of the invaluable opportunities!

Central Crossing Band Boosters

Marlon Jefferson
Booster President
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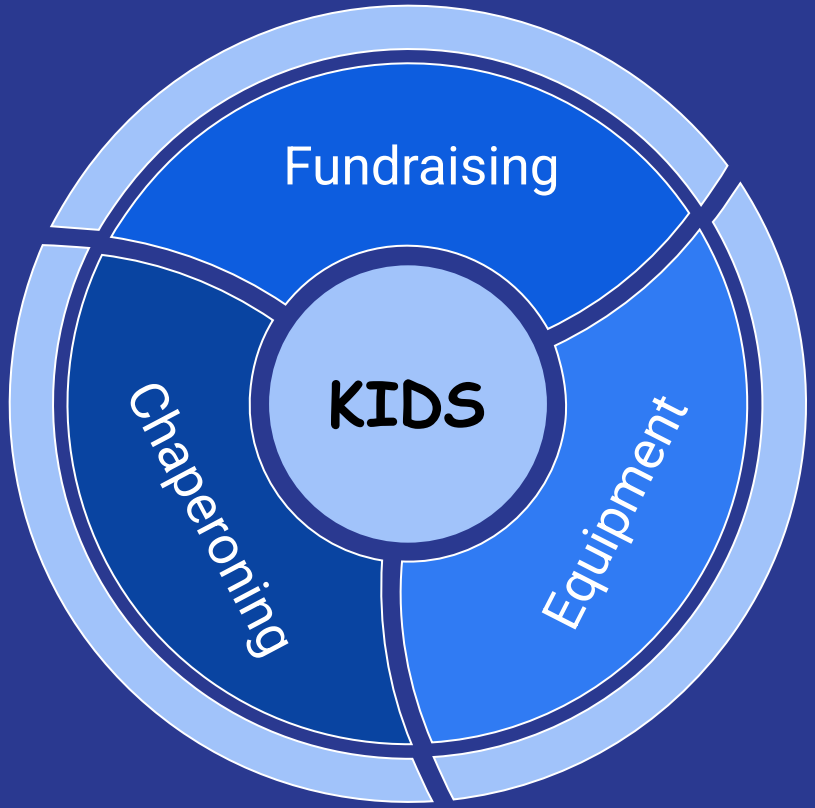
Every parent/guardian is a booster

Boosters support the directors & the kids

- Make sure kids get where they need to
- Make sure kids are safe & fed
- Help with equipment/props/etc.
- Make sure bills are paid


Fundraising
KIDS
Chaperoning
Equipment

Fee involved is ~ 50% of actual cost

- There are opportunities to raise funds for your specific student's account
  - Levy (Concessions @ Schott, OSU)
  - CCHS Stadium concessions
  - Raise Right (Buy gift cards, earn $$)

Where does the rest come from?

- General Fund fundraisers

Monthly Fundraisers	Spiritwear	Kroger Rewards
Amazon Smile	OIPA Show Hosts	Business Sponsors
Grove City Card Fest	Tag Day / Donations	Levy/ Raise Right

Fundraising for Fees through LEVY

The CCHS Band Boosters provide fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help families reduce the cost of band fees and provide money to the Band Booster General Fund.

What is LEVY?

When you sign up to volunteer for a Levy event, you will be working concessions in places such as The Schottenstein Center, Huntington Park, St John's Arena, and The French Field House. Levy is a great way for parents/guardians and students to volunteer their way to a zero balance for their band fees. Paying your fees this way is easy and fun! You can even have your friends join in!

Steps to Sign Up

1 **Complete the training**

Connect with Pam Gillie at a Band event/meeting or email at ccmblevy2@gmail.com to get set up.

2 **Sign up through Sign-up Genius**

Once people have started to complete their training, there will be Sign-Up Genius links for people to volunteer

Other Information

Students can sign up too

Students who are 16 years of age and are interested in volunteering are welcome to sign up for events at Huntington Park, St John's Arena, and The French Field House. Students who are 18 years of age and would like to volunteer can sign up to volunteer at The Schottenstein Center as well.

Uniform

Uniform is black pants (no jeans or leggings), slip resistant shoes or sneakers, black shirt. You may also wear your students button picture. Apron will be provided. You must pay for the provided hat but, you can keep it for future events. Aprons will be turned in at end of shift.

Pay

- Flat Rate guarantee $36.75 per person. Special events sometimes pay more.
- Stands and Food Cooking Carts 10% Net Food/NA Beverage Sales
- 7% Net Alcohol Sales or Flat Rate whichever is greater.
- Free Parking

Contact Us

Pam Gillie ccmblevy2@gmail.com

Why get involved with Boosters?

- Communication! Be ‘in the know’!!
- Spend time w/ your kids & their friends
- Part of the band family/ friendships
- Sense of ownership/ pride
- Be part of the decision-making
- Many hands make light work!

Monthly booster meetings 4th Monday

GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
YAMAHA

SPRING TRAINING

New Member Clinics

- April 27 & May 11, 6:30-8:00pm
- May 26, first Full Band rehearsal for the 2026-2027 CCHS Band! 6:30-8:30

Why is it important to attend these clinics?

- Students will learn the fundamentals of marching
- Students will be observed during this time to identify current abilities to help provide them the best opportunities for success

We meet you where you are!

All students wishing to participate in the Central Crossing Band can become members!

There are no auditions! We understand that students learn in different ways and at different rates. Sometimes this requires us to develop some differentiation strategies to assist students in their ability to successfully participate as a member of our team!

Examples of differentiation strategies:

- Paired with another student to allow for more time to learn and develop skills

- Participate in specific performance opportunities or segments of performances where achievement has been demonstrated

Strategies are developed and implemented based on the individualized needs of the student by the directors.

Concert Bands at CCHS

Concert Season is the longest “season” of the school year taking place from November until May.

At the conclusion of Marching Season in November, all students will go through an audition process and will be place in one of 2 or 3 ability based bands.

Symphonic Band

students display skills required to successfully perform grade 4-5 literature

Concert I

students display skills required to successfully perform grade 3-4 literature

Concert II

students display skills required to successfully perform grade 2-3 literature

Similar experience to what students received in Middle School.

Get Connected to Information

All important dates related to band can be found on the "Calendar" page at centralcrossingband.org

CutTime is a critical resource stay connected to everything related to the band program

As the year progresses, helpful information will be added to the "Parents & Students" page on the band website

Looking to get involved?!

Here are some ways we can use your support!