



Santa Barbara High School Band Boosters

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Dear Band Parents – Welcome to the 2009/10 school year at Santa Barbara High School!

Whether your student is in Marching Band, Winter Guard, Jazz ensemble, Drumline, a new student or returning band member, as a parent or guardian “you” are a Band Booster!

The SBHS Band Boosters, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and is the supporting organization for the SBHS instrumental music program. The objective of the organization is to:

- Operate a non-profit organization for the promotion, aid and development of band activities.
- Present, provide and maintain musical education and musical entertainment through band activities.

These objectives are met through joint efforts in partnership with the students, school faculty, school administrators and parent volunteers. We have an annual budget of \$70,000. This budget helps provide the instrumental music program with: group instruction, competition fees, travel expenses, uniforms, costumes and props.

One-third of our budget is collected from the students and their families in the form of Student Participation Expense contributions. The remaining two thirds of our income is generated from donations and fundraising. We have two major fundraisers each school year, and we need everyone’s participation to continue the success that these fundraisers have been in years’ past. Please reserve these dates for the following fundraising activities:

- **The Battle of the Bands, December 12, 2009** SBHS hosts as many as 25 marching bands from Southern California and Northern Santa Barbara County.
- **SBHS Jazz Festival, Late Spring 2010** SBHS hosts jazz and vocal ensembles from Southern California and Northern Santa Barbara County in multiple venues.

There will be additional fundraisers throughout the year including: BBQ’s (we make the best trip-tip sandwiches!), raffles, car washes, See’s Candy, Axxess Books, as well as ongoing fundraisers such as recycling, eScrip, Scolari’s and Albertsons (see accompanying flyers for additional information).

The SBHS Band Boosters meet monthly, on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria next to the band room. We welcome you to join us, to get involved, participate where you can and stay informed.

Mr. Ortega, our band director, maintains the band calendar which is accessible through the SBHS band website, www.sbhsbands.org. This is a convenient way of keeping track of all band activities. This web page also has direct email links to the Director and Band Booster President.

We also maintain an undisclosed email list; we would love to add you to our list! (Please fill out the Student Information form attached). This is another great way to stay informed about band activities, as well as band booster activities and meetings.

If you have any question or concerns or would like to discuss anything to do with this program you can email the Boosters @ sbhs.bandboosters@verizon.net or attend a monthly board meeting. You can also arrange a meeting with the band director, Mr. Ortega, if it concerns band activities.

We welcome you to our program and we look forward to another fun and successful year.

Respectfully,
SBHS Band Boosters