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THE 'GET TO'S' VS. 'HAVE TO'S' OF BEING A BAND PARENT

Do the responsibilities of raising teenagers ever leave you feeling overwhelmed? Do you ever find yourself approaching tasks with a "have to" mentality? You know, "I have to take my child to practice," or, "I have to participate in fundraising?" What if you flipped your mindset from "have to" to "get to?"



That simple shift in vocabulary can make a tremendous impact on your attitude. Approaching life's tasks with a generous attitude not only lifts your spirits, it helps you enjoy the things that may be considered mundane or burdensome.

Let's look at four "get to's" of raising teenagers who participate in Enochs Music Programs.

- 1. I get to take my child to practice. While getting your child to all of their commitments may create a logistical nightmare for you, it makes a tremendous impact on them. In practice, they will have the opportunity to hone their skills under the instruction of a teacher or coach who has devoted their life's work to that discipline. They will also learn from their peers as they enhance**



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their skills together. Participating in a group activity will teach them how to work well with others and how to accomplish goals as a team.

- I get to help many students learn valuable life lessons.** It may seem that the booster club is always asking for your volunteer support. Well, the truth is, schools don't have enough teachers, coaches, and staff to fill all of the roles necessary to operate thriving music programs. When you volunteer, you help students expand their learning beyond the classroom. You may even influence a student's future career decision.
- I get to fund a program that will make a lasting impact on the next generation.** Here again, it may seem that the booster club always has its hand out. However, school boards typically do not have the budget to fully fund your student's music program. This is your opportunity to step up with financial support. Think about the alternative. Where would these kids be if they didn't have the opportunities given to them from their music programs?
- I get to go to the game, concert, or performance.** After a stressful day at work, which is often within a week that is over-scheduled, you often don't feel like going anywhere – you just want to rest. However, the benefits of pushing ahead far outweigh the physical fatigue. Your child will always remember you being there to see them perform. And, chances are, you'll enjoy being entertained by the game or performance.

Remember, the teenage years pass all too quickly. As busy as it may seem, this season of life will soon be gone. I hope you'll take advantage of all the opportunities you get to participate in!