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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC and COLOR GUARD PROGRAM**

## **BEING AN ENOCHS BAND PARENT 101 (2017-2018)**

### NOW

Plan to attend as many boosters meetings as possible. It's a good way to meet other parents and find out more details about what's happening. They're the second Tuesday of each month. Mark them on your calendar now!

Bookmark the Band Booster website (<http://www.enochsmusic.com>) as you'll need it a lot.

Many of us are on Facebook, so like the Booster's Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010416497095>) and then friend your band buddy as well as some of us who are posting on the group page.

Go to the Charms calendar (<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calendar.asp>) and click on the SYNC Calendar link for instructions. The URL for iPhones may work for Google calendar too. If you have any difficulties ask for help from your band buddy or post a query on the Facebook group.

Watch for messages, emails, notes, etc. about uniforms. Your student will need to be measured and the sooner that happens, the easier it is for the uniform committee.

Sign-ups and planning for the upcoming NYC – Carnegie Hall trip that will happen in March of 2018. There is a mandatory monthly payment plan setup, so it's vitally important for your continued support and planning. There are also going to be fundraisers created to exclusively benefit the funding of this trip.

### SUMMER

If your band student hasn't been outside much this summer, early July is the time to start getting acclimated. While they will have lots of water breaks during marching camp, being out in the heat is really hard on kids who've been inside all summer. So it's best if they get outside every day for a walk in the heat for an hour or so. Even if they're out of town in a cooler climate, getting a walk in each day will help, but certainly once they get home they need to get out every day. The directors do try to do the outside stuff in the morning but then often do another hour or so later in the day to help the kids get better acclimated. Those uniforms are hot for the first few games.

There will be sign-up sheets for volunteering on Charms, so consider what you can do and please help us out when you can. Chaperoning is fun if you enjoy being around teens (including your own ... it's a good way to stay close without our teens complaining too much).



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### **AUGUST**

Attend the parent information meeting, as there will be lots of information, especially for new band parents.

Check with your band student about what they need for each game and be sure they have it all. Some parents have found that creating a checklist is helpful. It can be a bit overwhelming at first to be sure they have everything, so a little bit of help is good.

Fundraising time! Lots of opportunities to get involved.

Plan to attend football games and watch your student shine!

Continued monthly payments and/or fundraising for the NYC – Carnegie Hall trip.

### **SEPTEMBER**

Keep supporting your student, keep an eye on grades, make sure they get enough sleep and keep watching them improve week by week at the games as they are learning the full show.

Continued monthly payments and/or fundraising for the NYC – Carnegie Hall trip.

### **OCTOBER**

Get ready for the full speed ride! The rest was just warm up! Double check the list of what your band student needs for the contests, and anything extra that makes those bus rides more comfortable is appreciated (like those neck pillows to help with all of those bus naps ... your teen will be taking lots and lots of those).

Keep an eye on the email list, Facebook postings, notes coming home with your student, etc. as lots of fun stuff will be happening this month. Watch those grades, be extra certain your student is sleeping and studying when they can and enjoy as they show off what they've been learning.

Continued monthly payments and/or fundraising for the NYC – Carnegie Hall trip.

### **NOVEMBER**

This is the month where we compete in our championships. This is what all the hundreds of hours of practice up to this point was all for. Be sure to watch those grades, be extra certain your student is



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sleeping and studying when they can and enjoy as they show off what they've been learning. If you plan any travel over Thanksgiving holiday, be sure to check out the band attendance requirements.

As the month of November draws to its end, the marching season will also be coming to an end (except for a couple parade marches), and it's time to start concert season! Keep an eye on Charms for volunteers that may be needed for the events in this time frame.

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### **DECEMBER**

Winter concert reminds us that we're in concert season. Auditions for the Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, and Winter Winds will occur in the first week of this month. Auditions for SCMEA (Stanislaus County Music Educators Association) Honor Band will be holding auditions as well. Make sure your student is well prepared for these auditions, by practicing as much as they can.

This month also means their normal classroom subjects will be having their semester finals, study up, these can be some of the most intense pressures put on our students.

Keep an eye on Charms for volunteers that may be needed for the events in this time frame.

Continued monthly payments and/or fundraising for the NYC – Carnegie Hall trip.

### **JANUARY-MARCH**

Winter Winds, Winter Guard, and Winter Percussion will be competing in their respective groups. Be sure to support your student as they prepare and compete!

Keep an eye on Charms for volunteers that may be needed for the events in this time frame.

Finally here, the trip to NYC to perform in Carnegie Hall.

### **APRIL-JUNE**

This will be an awesome time of the year for your students. The music and drill for the upcoming season will be available for the students to start practicing. Now it's time to sign up to be a Band Booster Buddy for an incoming parent and reflect on how much you've done and learned this past year. Planning for the upcoming fireworks booth and the scrip presales begin.



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**GO ENOCHS!!**

The boosters have a Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Enochs-High-School-Music-Boosters-212949859051966/> Please check in, follow, and give us a like to be kept informed about all the current and upcoming events. We also use an instant messaging app called REMIND, as well as a web-based service called CHARMS, and we have a tutorials for their use available as well.