

Band Member Financial Obligation

The total cost of running the entire band program here at Seabreeze High School is approximately \$130,000.00 per year based on the 2008 – 2009 school year. This comes to an average of about \$928.00 per music student per year; a very high number considering that any major trips taken by the band would be in addition to the above cost! As you are aware, the county has cut many programs and budgets, and we are no exception; the county has cut our repair budget to \$0.00 per year!

Most school band programs here in Volusia county charge from \$400 to \$1000 per student, and some charge an additional amount of “fair share” money and/or required fundraising which can bring the total amount of money per band student to over \$1800.00!!! **We want our band program to be available to all students regardless of financial position, and we have come up with a system that has proven to work very well:**

Student Obligation	\$400.00
Summer Band Camp	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$500.00

*****We are offering many ways for our band students to fundraise to offset this cost!!!**

In this packet are the **Golf Sponsor ad sales**. This is one of the easiest ways to raise money for your personal band account AND for the band program in general. You need to use the enclosed forms (copy as many as needed) and sell ad space for the golf tournament.

For our golf ads, golf, you get 50% of all sponsorships/ads sold for the golf tournament. **All golf ads/sponsors are due on or before October 17, 2009.** This is our music program’s biggest fundraiser each year. Wouldn’t it be great if your band obligations were paid off before band camp?!! They can be – you just have to get the ads in!

We also will have MANY opportunities for the band members to earn money in their individual accounts. Each year we have some students raise enough money to cover ALL of their band obligations.

Enclosed is our coupon book – The \$500.00 band obligation is divided in five equal payments to make it easier for you; many parents have requested that we even out all of the obligations to make it easier on them. It is important that you send in your payments on time so please send the payments to the address listed on the coupon on or before the due date.

The bottom line: We will do everything in our power to assist you in meeting the student’s band obligations. Please let us know if you are having trouble keeping up with the coupon payments, and we will find some fundraising opportunities for your child.