



Parent
Handbook

2017-2018

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CRANDALL BAND BOOSTERS, INC.

This handbook is the product of former “new band parents” who spent a good bit of time during “our” freshman years in various stages of confusion. In the many hours we spent watching practices, picking up our kids, attending concerts, following yellow school busses to football games that are at least “one MILLION miles away!” and going to competitions, we have all felt confused, lost, and totally bewildered at one time or another. We hope this handbook will help ease you through the transition from “freshman” band parent to “veteran” band parent.

The Crandall Pirate Regiment is supported by a parent-run organization - Crandall Band Boosters, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Boosters exist solely through the efforts of volunteers in order to help provide your students with an enjoyable and rewarding band experience. Please join us in meeting this challenge by volunteering your time and talents. The students will reap the benefits. We welcome all new parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles...) and look forward to getting to know you and your students!

The purpose of the Band Boosters shall be to lend strength and assistance to the band program of the Crandall ISD and to serve as an advocate for the program and to encourage its students and is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. The complete Bylaws of the Band Boosters can be found on the Crandall Band website, <http://crandallband.org/boosterclub/boosterclub.html>, and in Charms under the section “Files and Handouts.” All funds raised by the Band Boosters throughout the year are used to assist with scholarships and the various activities and needs of the Pirate Regiment.

One very important thing you can do as a new band parent is to get involved right away: please don't wait for someone to ask you to help. New band parents are like new band students because they are “not new by the end of the season.” First year band students are expected to learn their music and march their drill just like the seniors. First year band parents should do the same. Please do not wait a year or two to get involved. The four years go by much too quickly.

In addition to this handbook, you will also receive information during Booster meetings and through e-mail. If you have any further questions, please visit the Boosters' website <http://crandallband.org/boosterclub/boosterclub.html> or feel free to contact any of the Booster Board officers and members.

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The Crandall Band web site (<http://www.CrandallBand.org>) is a place that you will want to visit often, not only to keep informed, but also to view the most recent pictures of the band's activities. It is here that you will find the latest information on all upcoming events, fund raising opportunities, rehearsal times, schedules, and parent contact information.

If you or your child is on Facebook, the Band Boosters have a Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CrandallBandBoosters/>. This is a much less formal site than the Band website, but has also become one of the most reliable platforms to communicate Booster information and events. We try to post announcements as they are learned, and occasionally we will find some “band humor.” If you “tweet” - the Band Directors also have a Twitter Account - @PirateRegiment.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues of \$30 per family for the current school year will be accepted during the membership drive or at any regular meeting. Membership forms can be downloaded from the Booster website, and payment can be made with either cash, check, or through PayPal using the Band Booster Store online. Membership terms will run from August through July and shall not be prorated during the school year.

Email communications will come from CrandallBandBoosters@gmail.com or any of the officers.

BOOSTER MEETINGS

The best way to support your child and know what is going on with the music programs is to attend Booster meetings. Meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Crandall High School Band Hall. Times and dates may change throughout the year – please check the website and Facebook for updated information.

TOP 10 REASONS TO BE IN MARCHING BAND

10. Two words – Band Uniform!
9. Countless hours spent with other band geeks.
8. What happens in band stays in band!
7. FOOTBALL!
6. Marching Band Rocks!
5. Riding on the “cool” bus.
4. 15 minutes of fame (at every half-time show).
3. Marching band = FREE football games.
2. “This one time, at band camp...”
1. **Awesome band boosters and band parents!**

FUNDRAISERS

Below you will find the primary 2017/2018 fundraisers that we hold for our students, although others may occur throughout the year as the opportunity arises. Students in all Crandall Band music programs can participate in the fundraisers. Portions of the fundraiser money will go into the student's trip fund.

Fundraiser/Event	Supervisor(s)	General Timeframe	Specific Information
High School Concessions	Courtney Peterson	Throughout the year (volleyball/basketball/other events as they occur)	Page 19
The Band Stand (football concessions)	Michael Lee	Home football games	Page 22
Arrive Late/Park Great (football parking)	Same and Stephanie Hyland	Home football games	Page 25

We can always use ideas for fundraisers! If you think of anything, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the officers or any of the Band Directors. Part of what makes our organization unique is the variety of experience that our parents have.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

There are many ways that you can help the Pirate Regiment throughout the year. The Band Boosters assist the Pirate Regiment with a variety of activities: During marching season (some of your friends and relatives will mistakenly call this "Football Season"), the Band Boosters coordinate the schedules for volunteers at the Band Stand and the parking fundraiser ("Arrive Late/Park Great"). The Band Boosters also help to arrange water and snacks in the stands for the band students so that they stay healthy and hydrated. Before all home games, we provide food and drinks for a tailgate party, generally serving grilled hotdogs or hamburgers, chips, and water (free of any cost). At times, the opposing band is invited to attend as well. The Crandall Rock Bands play during the tailgate parties while the students hang out, dance, socialize, and generally act like high school kids. For marching competitions, the Band Boosters will also sometimes try to coordinate a meal and/or water for the students as well.

HELPFUL HINTS TO SAVE YOU TIME, GAS, AND GRIEF

The Band Directors and the Band Boosters want this to be a positive experience for all the students and their families. Here are some helpful hints (learned from our own experiences):

- Hold your child responsible for being prepared. The first time they forget something, will likely be the last. They really do learn to be responsible when they have to be.
- **"If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late."** If you are late, be prepared for your child to be reprimanded by the Directors and/or Section leaders. This means that students are expected to arrive for scheduled practice about 15-30 minutes early so they are in position and

ready to rehearse at the scheduled start time. If start time is 8:30am, plan to arrive no later than 8:00am to give yourself plenty of room for the inevitable disaster.

- When you pick up your child from practice, try to be there a little early:
 - First, you may to see and hear the band run through the current show;
 - Second, you can listen to the dismissal. There are usually announcements about what is new and what has changed (and we all know how well our students communicate every detail!)
 - Third, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents.
- The Directors and the staff try very hard to end practice at the scheduled time. Occasionally practice may run over. Please be patient . . . it's usually for a very good reason.
- Check the web site often - www.crandallband.org.
- Check Charms often.
- Network - Take the opportunity to meet other parents (after practice, at games and competitions, fund raising activities, etc.). This is how we all met each other. It is also the best way to get helpful hints on band parenting from others.
- Be prepared to cheer! The band loves it when they have their own cheering section at games and competitions.
- Also cheer for the opposing bands! Even though they're with "the other team" – they share the same common interests our students have – they have a love of music and they're giving it all they have when they perform. Their parents will come to the home side to film and support their students (just like you will yours at the away games). Make them feel welcome.
- Don't hesitate to ask any of the "veteran" band parents for information or advice. We've all been there and are anxious to help (and to get you involved too!) If you have any questions, the Crandall Band Booster officers e-mail addresses are listed in this handbook and on the Band website.

DEFINITIONS AND TERMS YOU WILL LEARN

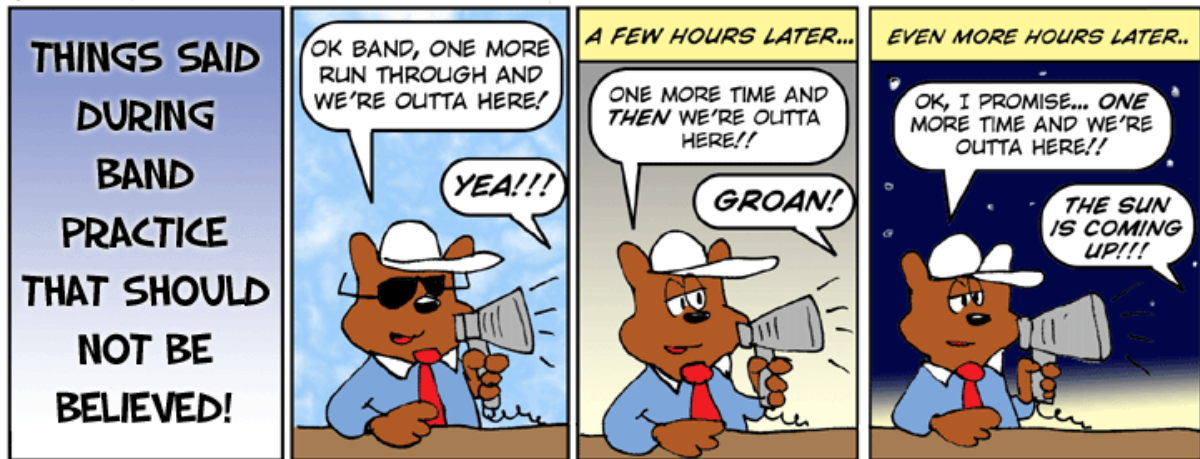
- Bibber – band uniform pant.
- Shako – ("Sh-A-ko", not "Shack-o") - band uniform hat.
- Classes/Group – the number of marching members determines the Class in which a marching band competes.
- Judges - Each band is evaluated in four areas, Music Performance, Visual Performance, General Effect
- Competition (Invitational) - This is an event where bands are judged and ranked in classes. Several judges score specific areas of the performance. Place awards are presented at the end of each competition.
- Awards — the awards given may vary somewhat from one competition to the next. Awards for best guard or best percussion may be given in addition to those for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc.
- Show - This is the performance that the marching band does for competitions and halftimes at football games. It usually is based around a theme, a composer, and a type of music or a story. The band performs and perfects the same show all season.

- Show Shirt/Tour Shirt - Each year a shirt design is made up to reflect the theme of the show. Families are encouraged to purchase show shirts to help show support for the band.
- "Play to the box!" - This means that instruments should be directed toward the tower on the practice field, where the powers-that-be live and flourish.
- Pit (Front Line) – no, this isn't anatomy or a smelly/bad thing – The students in the pit play instruments that are stationary (often in the front of the band toward the sideline). The pit includes a variety of percussion instruments, including marimba, chimes, drums, etc.
- Battery – (Drum Line) marching pieces of percussion made up of :
 - Tenor – big "belt" of between four and six differently sized drums. These are the heaviest instruments in the Battery, and are the most "musical."
 - Snare – single small drum. These drums do many of the "rolls" and tapouts that you will hear.
 - Bass – large drum with the deepest sound. There are usually between four and six bass drums.
 - Cymbals – large brass "shields" that students hold with straps.
- Color Guard (Guard – what some of us "more mature" parents may remember as "Flag Corps") – These students move and dance with the music, with colorful flags or colorful props (sometimes wooden rifles and swords), and add visual excitement to the entire presentation. In some shows, they enact the stories and may be dressed in costumes to fit the roles.
- Crabbing – marching sideways while keeping your body facing the stands.
- Up field, downfield, front field, backfield – front, back, left, right – depending on where they are on the field.
- Drill - This refers to the formations the band makes and the movement from one form to another. It's the marching part of the program. Small changes and additions are made to the drill throughout the season. The drill that is learned at summer band camp will be built upon all season to become the bands' outstanding visual performance.
- Drum Major – These students are second in command (behind the Directors). They direct the band for the show and are given authority to make many decisions. All band members are expected to follow his/her leadership. Drum Major auditions are held each spring.
- Section Leader – these are students from Guard and each instrument section of the band that have been selected by the Directors for their leadership ability. This person makes sure his/her section is following instructions and is achieving what the Drum Major(s) and Directors expect. This is a position of authority and requires maturity and strong leadership skills. The students apply for the position in the spring.
- Squad Leader – an "assistant" Section Leader. They assist their Section Leader by helping direct their sections to their appropriate places or with various duties.
- Drum Captain – this is usually an upper classman from the Battery. This person acts as a Section Leader for his/her section of the Battery, and is also responsible for "tapping" out the band when they take the field or begin to play. The Drum Captain also helps organize the Battery in various activities and practices.

- Drum Lieutenant – this is also generally an upperclassman from the Battery, assists the Drum Captain and is a section leader for their instrument.
- “Band practice is at 6 o’clock.” “If you are early, you’re on time; if you’re on time, you’re late.” When you drop your child off at 5:45, there will be students already there, ready to play. At this point, the anxiety level for being late dramatically increases. The band actually takes the practice field for warm-ups at 6:00 sharp. This is when your child will be sweating bullets. Always allow extra time. There are no excuses.
- “Oh, just sit where all the band parents sit.” “The Band Hall” is where you will generally drop off your student for practice and for performances. At football games, band parents sit all over, but usually sit in the section closest to where the band sits (either to the right or to the left, depending on the stadium). Other parents seem to appreciate this, as we can act as a “buffer” for what some may consider “excessively loud drum cadences” or music and crazy kids, and what we consider to be “incredible displays of musical talent and enthusiasm.”
- “Last Time.” This can mean one more time, a few more times, it can mean you’re beginning to approach the road to the last time, or it can mean we’ll keep doing it until you get it right!

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

[HTTP://WWW.TALESFROMBANDCAMP.COM](http://www.talesfrombandcamp.com)



THANKS TO SARAH (BAND GROUPIE #1) FOR THE IDEA!

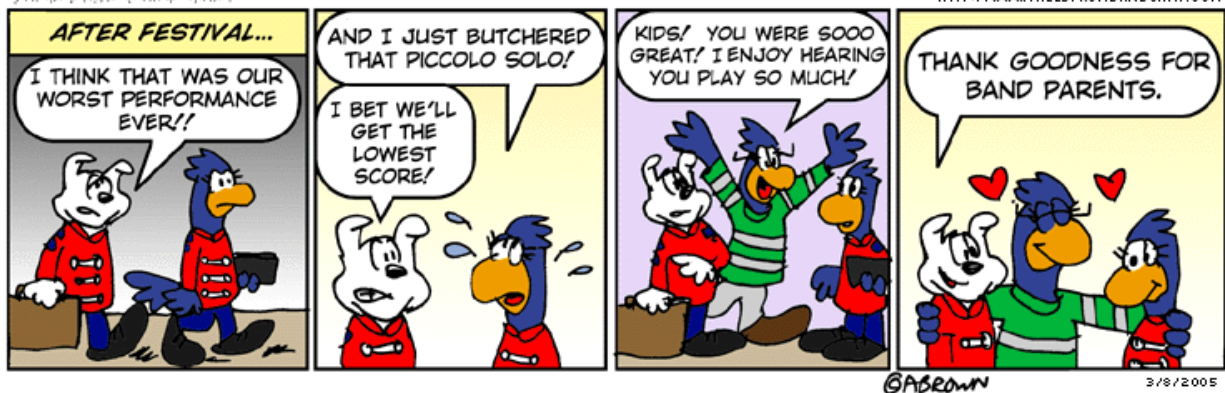
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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A BAND PARENT WHEN

- You no longer speak of your child as a fourteen-year-old son/daughter, but as a “freshman trumpet.”
- You prominently display a band calendar in your kitchen, a band magnet/sticker on your car, and you have performance dates marked in your work calendar, your phone, and on the family calendar on the refrigerator.
- You can't pick your child out of the crowd because they all look exactly alike. You just know they're “on the left with the other trumpets.”
- You know you will be wearing something black or gold (or black AND gold!) every Friday night and on competition days.
- Early is on time and on time is late.
- You don't leave home without cushions to sit on, a camera and a camcorder and cash for the concession stand (for you and for your student).
- You make three more trips than expected to drop off your child with everything they need.
- You carry spare black socks, needle and thread, safety pins, more black socks, duct tape and a rain poncho in your pocketbook.
- You seem to be following yellow school buses around all day on Saturdays. In fact, you've considered getting a commercial license to actually drive a school bus so that you can spend more time with the band.
- You use your oven more for baking goodies for bake sales during home football games or treats, than for sit-down meals.
- You know all the cadences by heart and can tap along.
- Your newest best friends are fellow band parents!

TALES FROM BAND CAMP



We hope this handbook will be helpful. Anytime you feel lost, tap a “veteran” parent on the shoulder and ask for help. Our main goal is for each of the kids to have a great experience being part of the Crandall Pirate Regiment. Regardless of the capacity that you serve as a band parent, the choice to support your child is something that you will not regret. If you are not currently involved in the Band Boosters, then we invite you to get involved. Please be assured that we want and need your help. If you are an active band parent, on behalf of your child, the Band Directors, and all band members, we would like to say, Thank You!

THE CRANDALL PIRATE REGIMENT

BAND WEBSITE

The website <http://www.crandallband.org> includes much useful information, including:

- Calendar of Events
- Important announcements regarding schedule changes
- Information for the Middle School Bands
- Links to Remind! – a way to receive text and/or email from the Band Directors with various updates and schedule changes
- Contact information for the Band Directors
- Access to forms such as medical forms, release slips, volunteer forms, membership forms, etc.
- Photos

CHARMS

The Band Boosters utilize a program called Charms to help organize events and maintain the “Points Funds” for volunteers. Once you participate in a fundraising event, your student (or the student you designate) will be given an account with Charms. To access this account, go to www.charmsoffice.com, and click on the “Login” link on the upper right. Select “Parents/Students/Members”. To login, use the following information:

School Code – CrandallBandBoosters

Password – CBB(last name)(first initial) – ex...CBBsmithj

Once you log in, you can change your password. If at some point you forget your password, email an officer and we can change it for you.

Once you log in, explore the site. Fill in the information under “student info” as much as possible. If you fill out what cell carrier you use, we can send text messages through Charms. The “Finances” section will contain your current points balance. There are many areas the Band Boosters don’t use because it was originally designed for band directors, but we do use quite a few.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES FOR ALL PRACTICES

The single most important thing your student will learn when they join the marching band is:

TO BE EARLY IS TO BE ON TIME. TO BE ON TIME IS TO BE LATE.

Please keep in mind that your child will need to arrive before call time so that he/she is ready to perform on time. This means that your child is to be standing on the field or on stage ready to go at the start time. Being on time may mean arriving at school 30 minutes or more prior to the starting time, depending on requirements for the scheduled activity.

Please be aware that ending times for practices are when the Band Directors end practice. The students will still need time to put away instruments; therefore, your child's pick up time will be later than the end of practice. Practice may be scheduled to end at 9:00 PM; however, your child will need to put away instruments or complete other tasks, so your actual pick up time may really be at 9:15 or a little later.

DRUMLINE CAMP

Drumline Camp is generally for a full week in the middle of July, starting at 8:30am until 4pm (the students do have a break for lunch on their own). This camp is for both the "Battery" (the marching section of the drumline which includes snares, tenors, bass and cymbals), and the "Pit" (the ensemble, which is composed of various stationary instruments). During this time, students will audition for various instruments in the drumline and learn some of the basics of marching.

COLOR GUARD CAMP

Color Guard Camp is also generally for a full week sometime in July, starting at 8:30am until 4pm (the students do have a break for lunch on their own). During this time, students will learn their routines for the show, how to handle the flags and other accessories used on the field, and the basics of marching.

LEADERSHIP CAMP

Leadership Camp is held shortly after Drumline Camp and is generally on a Thursday and Friday from 8am to noon. The Band Directors work with the Drum Majors and Section Leaders and teach them how to be leaders in the Band. They learn to supervise other students and critique in a positive manner (the Drum Majors and the Section Leaders will be the ones you often hear on the practice field yelling things like "Why aren't you on your dot?" and "Stand Still!" And the favorite – "That's it! 20 pushups!" They will be held accountable by the Band Directors for the performance of their sections and they will take this responsibility very seriously.

BAND CAMP

Band Camp is a not-to-be missed experience. Some things about camp remain a mystery—"if you don't go, you don't know." In general, parents drop off their students on Monday morning/afternoon at set times (by class) and return on Friday afternoon to pick up a Marching Band. The transformation is amazing.

Band Camp is typically the first week in August each year before school starts (and approximately three weeks before school starts). In the past, the Band has traveled to Disciple's Crossing in Athens, Texas by school bus, leaving on Monday afternoon and returning on Friday after drill competition and a short performance of some of the current schedule's music. Parents, family members and friends are encouraged to attend the Friday morning Drill Competition which begins at 10 and the performance that follows. The Band Boosters will also be present at that time. Afterwards, you may sign your child out and take them home with you, or they can ride the school bus back to Crandall High School.

The camp schedule looks something like this:

- Wake up
- Breakfast
- Practice
- Practice
- Practice
- Lunch
- Free time (very short)
- Practice
- Practice
- Practice
- Dinner
- Free time (very short)
- Group activity (campfire, dance, etc.)
- Bed and lights out

Students stay in dorm rooms by gender. Chaperones, Directors, Drum Majors/Section Leaders are very much in attendance and work to ensure that students act appropriately and not engage in "forbidden" activities. A thorough list of things to bring will be provided as well as a list of rules, emergency contact info etc. Snacks for sharing are always welcome.

SUMMER BAND

Summer Camp begins the week following Band Camp (two weeks prior to school starting), and takes place at Crandall High School. During this time, the Band will continue to learn the music for the current year's show, as well as learn their marching performance by using the parking lot behind the school. Start time is 8:30am and continues until 11:30, at which time the students are released after all instruments are stored back in the Band Hall. Also during this time, the Rock Bands will have practice, generally beginning at 1pm and continuing until 4pm.

EVENING BAND

Evening Band takes place the week after Summer Band (which is also the week before school starts). Practice will begin at 6pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week and is scheduled to end at 9pm, but will sometimes vary, depending on how far along the marching performance has progressed.

PRACTICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Once the school year begins, practice will be held at the following times (these are subject to change, so please utilize either Remind for Mr. Nutt or check the Band website for more details:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mornings during marching season – 7am at the Band Hall and continuing through first period. Depending on how practice is going, Friday morning at 7am as well.

Monday evenings – 6-9pm at the Band Hall or on the Football field (will be announced by Mr. Nutt prior to practice).

PLEASE NOTE: While it seems easiest to drop off and pick up your student at the back of Crandall High School, nearest the Band Hall – this is the bus loop. It is extremely hard to drive and park the busses safely if cars are in the turnabout or in front of the doors or down the side. **Please drop off and pick up in the student parking lot.** It's a bit further to drive – possibly – but it will make the bus drivers' jobs much easier and less stressful, and the students will not be dodging cars and busses.

BAND APPAREL

All marching band students are required to wear the current year's themed band shirt on competition days. One short sleeve shirt will be provided by the Band as part of the students' band Camp fee and will be issued on Monday when students leave for Band Camp. These shirts are to be worn under the band uniforms during performances.

Additional t-shirts and polos (school uniform compliant) are available from the Band Boosters to purchase for everyone at various times throughout the year. Order forms can be found on the website, from the Band Directors, and online at the Booster website.

BAND UNIFORMS

Band uniforms will be issued by the Band Directors at the beginning of the school year. As Texas summers can be extremely hot, and the uniforms are wool, they will not be worn for the first few games (when the temperature drops below 90°F. Instead, students will wear their band shirts that were given to them during Band Camp, and khaki uniform shorts that they would normally wear to school, along with tennis shoes and socks (or whatever is mandated by the Band Directors). Something to note – "khaki" is a color, not a style. Blue (or black) uniform shorts are not "khakis." Khaki is ... tan. Or light brown. But not black or blue.

Once the Directors determine when band uniforms will be worn, students will need to have the proper footwear. At this time, the Pirate Regiment wears black, rolled heel Drill Masters, which you are required to purchase on your own. Check with the Band Boosters before Summer Band Camp – it's possible that a pre-order will be offered and you can save on shipping and other charges. Knee-length black socks ONLY are to be worn – the idea is to see only black if the hem of the pants were to rise. Uniform checks will be done prior to halftime, and those that do not have proper socks will not be allowed to break at third quarter. The hem on the pants should not touch the ground, but should not let the ankle show when standing at attention. ***PLEASE DO NOT CUT THE PANTS TO MAKE THEM FIT – there will be a fitting at the beginning of the year, and adjustments will be made then.*** Next year, the uniforms will very likely be issued to someone else that is a different height. Instead, tack them to the proper length (staples and sharpie markers have been known to be a great substitute for needle and thread at the last minute). Uniforms will be turned back in to the Band Directors in the Spring.

BAND TRIP

The Pirate Regiment has been fortunate to be able to offer a band trip for students every other year. These trips will involve a musical performance/competition of some kind, and are generally four to five days in length. The cost of these trips are at the expense of the students, however, the Band Boosters will help defray some of this cost through the points earned by students/volunteers throughout the year. More information about the points system can be found in the Band Booster Bylaws on the Booster's website.

FOOTBALL GAMES

Games are a great chance for band parents to get to know each other and support the Pirate Regiment by sitting together and cheering on both the band and the football team. Wear your school colors and or the band t-shirt and have fun!



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The Pirate Regiment will meet a few hours before football games for a tailgate party (home games) and possibly practice and loading the Equipment Truck(s). After rehearsing, members will change and either board buses to travel to away games or to take the field for home games.

There will be a tailgate party before each home game, hosted by the Crandall Band Boosters, usually starting around 5:00pm. (All football games start at 7:30pm, unless otherwise announced.) During the tailgate, the students will be served grilled food (usually hotdogs or hamburgers, chips and water), and various student bands will play. Once they move into the stands, the Band will support the team by playing "stand songs" until early in the second quarter. Then, the Pirate Regiment will leave the stands for warm up and halftime preparation.

About five minutes before the second quarter ends, the band will move from the stands to somewhere on the ground to warm up. Sometimes this is behind the stands, other times it's at one end of the field, or behind the opposite stands. The Pirate Regiment "generally" takes the field from the right side (when you're facing the football field from the home side). At half-time, the visiting team's band performs first and will face the home side (there are some bands that will perform to their own stands with their backs to the home side, but this is rare).

During an away game, many parents will cross over to the home side and film the game from the front. This is absolutely okay and expected – you won't be alone. The higher you can sit, the better you can see the entire show and the patterns will become clear – all that marching around in the parking lot will suddenly make sense. Parents on the home side will welcome you as they understand – after all, they probably did the same thing the week before. After your band performs though, it's considered bad form to leave before the home side performs. After all, they watched your band, so it's only polite to watch theirs and cheer just as loudly (okay, maybe not as loud is okay) and not walk away during their performance.

After the half-time show, band members are free for the 3rd quarter after they have returned their instruments to the stands (unless otherwise instructed by the Directors. This will depend on musicianship, attitude in the stands and dress code adherence). They can eat provided snacks or get something from the concession stand, relax and socialize. Be prepared for them to come rushing up to you in the stands for a quick hug, a hello to other family, and then the inevitable "Can I have some money?" (Roughly - \$5-10 will cover anything they would want). They will need to be back in their seats, ready to play by two minutes prior to the start of the 4th quarter. During the 4th quarter, the band will continue to play fight songs, drum cadences, stand songs, and cheer on the Pirates. Once the game is over, the football team will meet in front of the band and the school song will be played, and then the band will go back to load up the busses and head back to CHS, or when at home games (only), can leave from the football field with parents or in their own vehicles.

PLEASE NOTE: *Occasionally*, teenage children don't have a lot of common sense. (It's shocking, isn't it?) Students that drive - and their friends - have been known to try to walk back to from Pirate Stadium to Crandall High School (where they left their vehicles) down FM 3039. While it's not far, there's not a lot of lighting and by the time they leave, there is a lot of traffic to contend with. It's really just not a safe thing to do. Please encourage your student to wait for the bus that the Directors will drive over after the game.

One thing to know about away games – buses seem to be the slowest moving vehicles on the planet. Part of this is because the instruments have to be loaded in the truck(s) and the kids have to be accounted for and loaded as well. As the largest 4A marching band in the state of Texas, the Pirate Regiment travels with 5 busses, an equipment truck, and Mr. Nutt follows in his personal vehicle. And none of this can even begin to happen until after the football game is officially over. If a football game ends at 9:30, don't expect that the busses will be ready to roll until at least 10pm, and then there's the drive home. If we're lucky, the away game is less than 30 miles away. Depending on where the away game is – it can be midnight or after before the busses arrive. And then – both the busses and the equipment truck(s) have to be unloaded. If you're lucky (or unlucky, depends on your perspective), and your child is part of the group that unloads, (usually members from the Pit and the Battery), be prepared to wait another 30-45 minutes while they unload. If you are picking your child up after an away game, bring a book and a pillow – you may be waiting quite a while if you go straight to the Band Hall after a game. When it's a really late night, sometimes this is the best thing to do, so that you don't sleep through their phone call/text. If your child is driving – you have hit the jackpot, because they can drive themselves home. This isn't always the easiest wait though – when they're running really late, you will worry until you either hear from them or when they drive up. Our Directors are very good about letting the kids know when they're close to Crandall and if they have cell phones they will text or call you to let you know how soon to expect them – if they're not asleep.

“Away Games”

Have you ever sat in a school parking lot late at night waiting for a school bus to bring home your kids? From a game or a competition, it's all the same. Waiting. Sometimes not patiently. Reading a book or sleeping. Or playing on the phone...

And then, after you think they just have to be lost...the silence is shattered by the roar of an old diesel engine. That's a sound we all remember from our childhood, isn't it? How is it that school busses, old or new, sound the same? And then you see the lights flash around the corner and there's the first bus. And then the second. And you think to yourself, but wait – aren't there three? And then it appears, straggling behind.

As the bus pulls up, you see the kids inside start to stir. The ride on a school bus is never a short one – it takes forEVER! – and now they must wake up from their zombie-like stupor. The kids pile off, and you know by the way they stand just how tired they are. Win or lose, football, cheer, drill, volleyball, debate – they are tired. They gave everything they had and then some, and for just a little bit – they were warriors. They fought as hard as they knew how and put their whole selves in to the battle.

And now, your warrior steps off the bus, and looks around to find you, and somehow they magically transform into your children again as they walk toward the car. Just like that – battle mode is gone, and they're tired, cranky, occasionally full of mischief, and hungry (at least the boys are always hungry). You're prepared for the arguments because you're tired too, and it's just late. So you bundle them in the car, drive them back home and tuck them into bed (or pretend not to, because they're getting too old for that now).

And when you check on them later (because let's face it, we all do), you smile. And you get ready to wake up in the morning and do it all over again, because while they don't realize it, you do.

These are the best years of their lives.

And you wouldn't trade it for anything.

*Band mom of a Pirate Regiment
sophomore bass drum and a
freshman saxophone - 2012*

CRANDALL BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISERS

The Band Boosters perform a variety of fundraising activities throughout the school year. Volunteers are critical to the success of these fundraisers – you are desperately necessary to the success of the Band Boosters! Each hour that you spend working at a fundraiser will earn you 1 point towards your child's account – for more information on these points, please see the Bylaws that can be found on the Band Website, www.crandallband.org.

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Fundraiser/Event	Supervisor(s)	General Timeframe	Specific Information
High School Concessions	Courtney Peterson	Throughout the year (volleyball/basketball/other events as they occur)	Page 19
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HIGH SCHOOL CONCESSIONS

Crandall ISD has allowed the Band Boosters to run the concession stand at the High School for all activities. This is our largest fundraising event during the year. Beginning in August, we will open the concession stand for volleyball practices, tournaments and games. During marching season (aka, "Football Season"), there will be volleyball games on Friday nights. After volleyball is basketball. Throughout the year will also be Debate Tournaments, Plays performed by the Theater Department, and various other events. The Vice President of the Boosters will provide a schedule with times for volunteers to sign up to cover the concession stand – generally speaking, expect to arrive 30-45 minutes prior to opening, and staying to clean and straighten up as well as prepare a supplies list for the Concession Stand supervisor in the event that items run out or are requested.

Ideally, two people are necessary to run the Concession Stand successfully (you will be amazingly busy at random and unexpected times during games, and other times, you will wonder why you are there). District games (especially against local schools like Kaufman or Mabank) are especially busy and having three or more people is helpful as well. Hopefully, one of the two volunteers will be experienced and can help with learning what to do. But don't worry – we have instructions posted throughout the Concession Stand and in the Handbook in the drawer for reference. And an Officer or the Supervisor is always just a phone call away if any issues should arise. The Treasurer or someone the Treasurer has asked to keep the cash box from the last game will meet you with the keys and the cash box prior to opening and will return to pick it up afterwards.

Various instructions for different areas of the Concession Stand are on the following pages.

Price List

(This list is subject to change)

Food		Candy – Snacks (cont.)	
Hotdogs	\$2.00	Popsicles	\$1.00
Chili Dog	\$2.50	Sour Straws	\$1.00
Nachos	\$3.00	Air Heads	\$0.50
Macaroni N Cheese	\$2.00	Fruit Roll Ups	\$0.50
Frito Pie	\$2.50	Fruit Gushers	\$0.50
Pickles	\$1.00	Skittles	\$1.00
		Starburst	\$1.00
		Popcorn	\$1.00
Candy – Snacks		Drinks	
Candy Bars	\$1.00	Bottled Water	\$1.00
Trail Mix	\$0.50	All soda and sports drinks	\$2.00
Beef Jerky	\$1.00	All canned drinks	\$1.00
Donuts	\$1.00	Coffee	\$1.00
Chips (individual bags)	\$0.50	Hot Tea	\$1.00
Ring Pops	\$0.50	Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Cinnamon Rolls/buns	\$1.00		

Opening the Concession Stand

Arrival:

- Plan to arrive at the Concession Stand 30-45 minutes before the scheduled event (the back doors of the school should be unlocked – generally the doors on the right). Someone will meet you with the keys and the cash box.
- Wash hands.
- Turn on the fan. Sometimes it is helpful to open the door to the cafeteria.
- Wipe off counters.
- Unlock the drink case, the refrigerator, and all cabinets.
- Put liners in crock pots. Depending on the time of day and length of the event, you will use three crock pots (cheese, chili and hotdogs).
- Heat nacho cheese in microwave by mixing cheese and water that has been heated in a coffee pot equally in the large mixing bowl (heating in the coffee pot is quicker than trying to heat it in the microwave and will shorten your prep time). Heat in the microwave in one minute intervals, stirring often, until the consistency is even and not lumpy. Transfer to one of the crock pots.
- Check beverage stock and paper goods.
- Set up condiments for hotdogs and nachos.
- Set out candy and snacks.
- Open the window and get ready for fun!
- Any questions – Please call any of the contacts posted on the refrigerator.

Closing/Cleaning Instructions

Closing may begin as the game is winding down (end of 3rd period or last 10 minutes of a game – it's your discretion as to how the crowd may be). When the concession stand has down time, you can wash, sanitize and dry dishes and utensils and also restock beverages. This will make closing easier and insure you are done as close as possible to your designated closing time. When you think that you are 20-30 minutes from closing, call or text the Treasurer so that the cash box can be picked up.

Selling Remaining Food

Use discretion. If the crowd is sparse, try a buy one/get one free before a giveaway. Remember, this is revenue for the Band Boosters, but we also don't want to waste any food that would otherwise be thrown away.

Food Storage

Place all "melt-able" items in the refrigerator and all other items in the various cabinets with locks. Cheese and other like items (chili) cannot be stored in the metal can – it has to be transferred to a sealed container or thrown away. Everything that can be locked up must be locked up – we have had

problems in the past with items “disappearing” from our shelves. While we are allowed to use the area, it is also used by various school personnel and students and the locks use the master keys that school personnel are given.

Restocking

Restocking at the end of the shift is important so that drinks are cold for the next event. If it appears that a particular item is short on stock or out, please indicate on the supplies list and place in cash box and let the Treasurer or Supervisor know so that they can restock.

Microwave, Countertops and Floor

Wash inside thoroughly (including top) to remove all splatters.

Clean all countertops with wipes and bleach when available, or wash down with soapy water and wipe clean. Sweep floor and wipe up any spills.

Garbage

Break down any cardboard and place outside in the concession stand in the cafeteria.

Empty garbage and place outside in a trashcan in the hall.

Place new trash bag in trash can for next shift.

Count Money

Using the sheet provided in the cash box, count money and fill out the closing column. One of the officers or the Supervisor will come to pick up the cash box at the end of the event.

Roll down window

Secure each side by sliding the bars into the slots.

Turn off fan and lights.

Make sure both the door to the cafeteria and the hall are closed and locked.

THE BAND STAND

The Band Boosters also have a concession stand at the home football games that we have affectionately named "The Band Stand." (History Tidbit – it was originally called "The Bean Barn" and it consisted of popup tents, foldout tables and lots of extension cords. If it rained, we had to close it down, regardless of what point in the game we were at. We were fortunate to be able to afford the trailer that is there now in 2014 with the help of our parents and various sponsors. And many, many thanks to CISD Administration, specifically Dr. Robert Jolly, who helped make sure that we were able to have it on the field. Many long-time Crandall residents will still call it the Bean Barn – change takes time). Here we sell sweet and unsweet tea, crockpot beans, soups and other items, and various baked goods donated from parents and volunteers. This fundraiser has the highest amount of profit, because most everything is donated by parents/volunteers. Donations of items for sale and hours worked are subject to the points system outlined in the Band Booster Bylaws found on the Band website. Various instructions for operating The Band Stand are outlined below.

Opening The Band Stand

Plan to arrive by 3-4pm so that you can be ready before game time at 7:30. All supplies for the Band Stand as well as for parking are stored in the Band Stand, which is located to the left of the main concession stand run by the Crandall Athletic Booster Club). You will need the following items:

- Long tables – at least two.
- Extension cord/s for crock pots of beans brought by parents/volunteers
- Rollout plastic to cover tables
- Tape to tape down rollout plastic
- Paper products including cups for tea, boxes for beans and cornbread, utensils, napkins and straws
- Various bowls and plates to set up food donations
- "The Band Stand" sign with prices and items available
- Labeled price "sticks" to place around the tables.

Other items will be brought by The Band Stand Supervisor, officers and other parents/volunteers (crock pots with hot beans and other items, ladles, etc.) At the current time, we have two tea brewers that are used to make iced tea to sell. Parents will also bring coolers of ice, and we can get ice from the Community Center by finding one of the maintenance workers on the field or Dr. Jolly to let us in. Sign-in sheets for volunteers to record their hours and donations are inside the Band Stand as well, and the cash box will be brought by the Treasurer.

Setting Up

- Open the back door and set out the parking signs and barricades. If you arrive early enough, and someone is available to begin parking, you can help set up signs on the highway and in the parking lot on the home side.
- Open the window and side door and use the stick at the bottom of the door to hold it open. During the first few games, it is amazingly hot, and you will want all the breeze you can get.
- Set out yellow step under the door.
- Plug in the trailer to the outlet on the concession stand. You will need to pop open the "door" on the floor and run the power cord down through it and then pull it over to the outlet.
- Turn on lights and air conditioner and stand up fan if you need it.
- Health code requires that we have a container of soapy water and a container of bleach water. There are supplies in the Band Stand to prepare these from water in the bathroom. Place them out of the way, but as visible as possible from the door and window.
- There are a few vinyl signs inside the Band Stand that are put out on tables under the window and in the back – affix these as best you can to the windows and tables so that they're visible.
- There is one small table and one large one – set these up under the window and to the rear of the trailer so that donated items (cookies, cakes, etc.) can be displayed. Wipe down tables with bleach/wipes. Rollout plastic or tablecloths should be used to cover the tops of the tables so that they're more appealing and sanitary.
- Other items in the trailer that are in the way (extra tables/boxes) can be moved outside behind the trailer to make more room. Wipe down countertops.
- Crock pots will begin to arrive between 5-7, and should be placed on the back counter near the front of the trailer. Depending on the weather, we will receive between 3 and 10 crock pots with various types of beans/soups – try to label them somehow as they arrive so that when guests ask you will know what they are. Use the bulletin board to list the various types available.
- The price of items depends on the size. Dinner includes beans, cornbread and a tea for \$5. Large deserts are usually priced between \$1-\$2, while small cupcakes and cookies are \$.50 - \$1.
- Please ask if anything contains peanuts. Many people have a severe allergy to peanuts and we want to try and minimize the risk of a reaction as much as possible.
- Tea sells for \$2.00 per cup, and \$1.00 for refills. Band Booster cups (if we have any) now sell for \$5.00 and are \$3.00 for refills.

Closing

- Use your discretion, but generally you can begin closing down in the middle of the fourth quarter (sometimes sooner, depending on weather and how the game is going, sometimes later, depending on how food sales are going).
- Have crock pots unplugged and ready for pickup.
- Place any items that need to be washed (ladles and plates/bowls belonging to the Band Boosters) in a plastic bag for pickup by the Supervisor or an officer.

- Place all items back in drawers and tubs so that they can be closed securely and organize all supplies from inside and outside neatly. The last items to be loaded will be the parking supplies, and that will happen as the parking lot empties.
- Tea brewers will need to be disconnected from the water lines, and the water line itself should be disconnected from the source. Clean the dispensers thoroughly so that they are ready for the next game.
- Disconnect the power line from the concession stand, and pull back into the Band Stand. This line is fairly expensive and we don't want it to walk away between games.
- **DON'T** leave the cash box unattended! Someone will be by before everything is shut down to collect it.

ARRIVE LATE/PARK GREAT

If you haven't yet been to a high school football game, one thing you will learn fairly quickly is that ***PARKING IS HORRIBLE!*** Not only are there never enough spots, there are many cars trying to move around in tight quarters. In an effort to control traffic and ensure the safety of everyone in attendance, Crandall ISD has allowed us the opportunity to provide premium parking between the football field and the middle school. There are two different types of premium parking:

Reserved/Premium Parking – There are approximately 50 spots that are considered reserved – all reserved spots are in the parking lot on the home side between FM 3039 and the Middle School Band Hall. Cost is \$50.00 at the beginning of the season, and purchasers are given unique “hang tags” to display on their rearview mirrors. Cars with these hang tags can arrive whenever they wish and are guaranteed a spot upon arrival. They can also leave at any time and are guaranteed a spot if they return. While these reserved spots are designated, purchasers are not guaranteed a particular spot of their own at this time.

There will be a few designated spots for various community members

In and Out/First-Come/First-Served Parking – The parking in front of the Crandall-Combine Community Center is also under our supervision, and spots are \$5.00 each. These are on a “first come/first served” basis, and purchasers do not have in and out privileges. If they leave and return and a spot is available, they will be required to pay an additional \$5.00.

The remaining parking that is located at the front of the Middle School (opposite of the Community Center) is open parking. There will also be shuttle busses running between the High School and the Football Field.

If you work the first shift, plan to arrive as close to 4pm as you can (and 3pm is even more ideal) – the parking lot will begin to fill up before then at times, but always around 4pm. The last shift will stay until well after the game is over, as we want to ensure that everyone is safe – students and spectators will be walking between the football field and the school to get to their vehicles (and those crazy teenagers who think it's a good idea to try and walk to the High School)

The front of the parking lot is barricaded and controlled by volunteers wearing safety vests so that they are recognizable to guests. After confirming type of parking (reserved or in-and-out), they will use hand-held radios or cell phones to communicate with other volunteers at the back and middle of the parking lot and direct the guests to their spot.

CISD has provided bus transportation from the High School back to Pirate Stadium at no cost, and they will provide a handicapped bus for those that may need it. They pick up at the back of the High School and drop off directly at the home-side gate. In many instances, this is more convenient for those that need assistance than parking in a designated handicapped spot. Offer this as an alternative if there are no more spots available.

WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING

CISD has designated parking for properly-tagged/marked handicapped vehicles. These are provided on a "first come-first serve" basis, and we are not allowed to hold a spot for anyone. If you are told differently, please contact a Band Booster officer immediately. If there is a premium spot open, only the purchaser may park there. We cannot give up spots that have been purchased – people have paid in advance for the convenience of having a spot for them when they arrive and it would be unethical (and just bad business) to take their money and then not provide the service that we promised.

Remember – be nice. Always be nice and smile, even if you are yelled at, cursed at, and treated disrespectfully. It's August/September in Texas, and it's hot – the heat will bring out tempers that don't normally exist, and from the nicest people.