

New Board 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Board Members

- Fallon Smith President
- Ted Damon Vice President
- Barbara Damon Treasurer
- Kati LeTourneau Secretary
- Lauren McCoy Financial Secretary
- Sara Desouza Social Media / Marketing
- Martha Moss Board Member At Large / Historian
- Mike McGovern Board Member at Large
- Jenny Collenberger Board Member at Large

Committee Chairs *Open Positions require a committee leader & a team to support*

- Games and Competitions **OPEN**
- Props Committee **OPEN**
- Fundraising **OPEN**
- Amerant Bank Arena Coordinator OPEN
- Band Banquet **OPEN**
- States Competition **OPEN**

Section Parents

We also need section parents to volunteer and coordinate snack/goodie bags for the kids for each competition.

- Flutes Martha
- Clarinet Lisa
- Sax Sara
- High Brass (French Horn and Trumpet) Omar & Maya
- Low Brass Lora Moy
- Percussion Lori
- Color Guard **OPEN**

If interested in any positions listed, please email <u>bandparent@prideofthewildcats.com</u>

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Pride of the Wildcats Season Schedule 2024 - 2025

<u>Home Game Schedule</u> <u>7:00PM</u> *Students stay for practice after school until dismissed after the game

Day	Date	Event	
Thurs	Aug 15	Home Game vs. Plantation (Fall Classic) - CONCESSIONS	
Sat	Aug 24	Home Game vs. Hoover AL	
Fri	Aug 30	Home Game vs. American Heritage – CANCELLED	
Fri	Sept 13	Home Game vs. St. Thomas	
Fri	Sept 27	Home Game vs. Chaminade	
Fri	Oct 4	Home Game vs. West Boca (HOMECOMING)	
Thurs	Oct 10	Home Game vs. Goleman (SENIOR NIGHT)	
Fri	Oct 18	Home Game vs. Cypress Bay	
		TBD Playoff Games	

Marching Band Competition Schedule

Schedule updates: https://www.prideofthewildcats.com/calendar

Day	Date	Event		
Sat	Oct 5	Flanagan High School (TENTATIVE)		
Sat	Oct 12	John I. Leonard (John I. Leonard Jamboree)		
Sat	Oct 19	Marching Band MPA at Cypress Bay High School		
Sat	Nov 2	Park Vista (Park Vista Invitational)		
Sat	Nov 9	Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School		
Sat	Nov 16	FMBC State Championships – Jupiter High School		

Concert Band & Jazz Competition Schedule

Schedule updates: https://flmusiced.org/MPAonline/PublicReports/calendarofevents.aspx

Day	Date	Event	
Sat	Sept 21 st	FBA All State Auditions – Cooper City H.S.	
TBD	Nov/Dec	TBD All County Concert Band and Performance Audition	
TBD	Jan	TBD All County Band Audition Day Rehearsal & Performance	
Th	Feb 20	Jazz Band MPA – Flanagan Hight School	
Fr/Sat	Feb 21-22	Solo-Ensemble MPA – Cooper City High School	
		Auxiliary MPA -TBD	
W/Th	Mar 12-13	Concert Band MPA – TBD North and South	
Th	Apr 24	Jazz Band MPA – TBD	
Fr/Sat	Apr 25-26	Solo-Ensemble MPA - TBD	

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Marching Tentative Rehearsal Schedule

Weekly on Mon, Weds, Fri after school, 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm through Nov 15th

Additional Rehearsals

- Sat, Sept 7 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Tues, Oct 15 3:00 pm 7:30 pm
- Thurs, Oct 17 3:00 pm 7:30 pm
- Sat, Oct. 26 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Additional rehearsals may be scheduled as Mr. Tracey deems necessary!

Concert & Jazz Practice Rehearsal Schedule

• Practices 3pm - 7pm TBD (After Marching Season)

<u>Scheduled fundraisers</u>: (others will be added throughout the year)

- \$1 World's Finest Chocolates August 21 September 8, 2024
- Car Washes
- Publix Play for tips (Tentative) December/January
- Snap Raise TBD
- Amerant Bank Arena Concessions Ongoing
- Ongoing: Band Banquet Program Ad Sales All Year

~ Concert and Winter Competition Schedules (Winter Guard and Winter Percussion) will be announced later in the year as those seasons approach

~ The $\underline{\text{FINAL}}$ Winter and Spring concert dates will be confirmed as we get closer to the Winter Break.

 \sim All competition, event, and rehearsal dates are subject to change; Mr. Tracey will notify the students with the most up to date information.

~ Mr. Tracey reserves the right to extend rehearsals as needed if the students are working on challenging portions of the show. Weather can also impact rehearsal times; if the weather is good rehearsals may be extended to compensate for days when bad weather cuts rehearsals short, for instance.

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2024 – 2025 Annual Budget

Instructors Budget			
COLOR GUARD			
Director	\$3,000		
Director	\$-		
Instructor/Tech	\$2,000		
Instructor/Tech	\$2,000		
Instructor/Tech	\$-		
Uniforms	\$4,500		
Equipment	\$2,500		
TOTAL COLOR GUARD	\$13,500		
MARCHING			
Music/Marching Instructors	\$2,000		
MarchingTech	\$2,000		
Instructors	\$4,000		
TOTAL MARCHING	\$8,000		
PERCUSSION			
Program Director	\$3,600		
Technician	\$2,000		
Technician	\$2,000		
Percussion Music	\$1,000		
Equipment	\$4,000		
TOTAL PERCUSSION	\$12,600		
INSTRUCTORS TOTAL	\$34,100		

BAND EXPENSES			
FEES			
Professional Dues/Conventions	\$2,400		
Marching Competition	\$600		
FBA Marching/Concert/Solo			
(District/States)	\$2,500		
Pianist	\$300		
MUSIC			
Concert Band	\$700		
Solo & Ensembles	\$500		
Marching Band	\$1,200		
Ultimate Drill book	\$2,000		
OTHERS			
Marching Band Drill/Music	\$4,500		
Marching Props	\$3,500		
Color Guard Uniforms (Game			
Uniforms)	\$2,250		
Truck/Gas/Tools	\$3,000		
Maintenance/Repair Equipment	\$2,000		
Uniform Cleaning (3 cleaning)	\$2,400		
Marching Sailor Uniforms \$115 x15	\$-		
First Aid Supplies	\$300		
Miscellaneous (equipment etc.)	\$3,000		
Show Shirts	\$1,000		
Game Day Meals	\$1,000		
TRIPS			
School Buses	\$7,500		
Car Rental	\$500		
Band Supplies	\$2,000		
Solos & Ensembles (district &			
States)	\$-		
All State Auditions	\$150		
BAND EXPENSES TOTAL	\$43,300		

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin	\$1,800
BUDGET TOTAL	\$79,700



2024 - 2025 Fair Share Agreement

Dear Band and Color Guard Family:

In order to fund the extracurricular marching band program, we ask all of our families to help by contributing a "Fair Share" donation for the period. This amount is only for the annual fees associated with band expenses. This amount helps the students by funding expenses the school board will not cover such as materials for show props, show t-shirts, competition fees, transportation, any extra equipment needed, copyrights for the show music, the show drill, special instructor salaries, concert events and so forth. All of these budgeted expenses are totaled up and divided by the number of students we expect to have in the marching band program. Because we also hold other fundraisers, we are able to reduce Fair Share down from well over \$1100 per student (the actual cost to run the program) to \$650.00 per student (the amount we are asking you to contribute out of pocket). The board understands that this is difficult for some families to come up with all at once, so we are offering payment plans for 2024-2025, beginning now. Payment plans have to start early since most of the band's expenses fall during the first 3 months of the school year. In addition to the out-of-pocket Fair Share obligation, we also ask that every student raise at least \$482 through our fundraising programs, based on an expected 70 participants. We will track fundraising efforts throughout the year.

We are happy to announce that if there is more than one sibling from the same family in marching band, the fair share amount for the second sibling is \$325, half of the regular fair share amount.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: FMBC Marching Band State Championships are scheduled to be held in Jupiter. Expenses for this trip ARE built into this year's budget. When held out of town, expenses for this trip, (charter buses, hotels, theme parks, meals), are always separate from the annual budget.

<u>ALSO NOTE</u>: Mr. Tracey is reviewing options for an out-of-town trip for a theme park and educational/performance experience, possibly the weekend of January 18th or February 15th. All expenses for this trip will be separate from Fair Share and will be announced when available.

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2024 - 2025 Fair Share Agreement (Continued)

Please choose one of the following Fair Share payment options:

	Sept 13 th	Oct 11 th	Nov 15 th	Jan 17 th	Feb 14 th	Mar 14 th
Plan A – Lump Sum (preferred)*	\$650					
Plan B – 3 month installments	\$225	\$225	\$200			
Plan C – 6 month installments	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$75

* If you can contribute the entire amount now this will benefit the band the most as we incur so many expenses prior to the start of the season!!

How to pay:

- > Checks, made payable to Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association
- Cash
- Credit Card
- Electronic Payments can also be made via Venmo, CashApp and Zelle. Please list student name on the For Line.

Broward Wildcats Band Booster Assn

Wildcats Band @WHSWildcatsband







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Fundraising

The total cost per band and guard student to participate is \$1139. In order to keep our Fair Share and other out of pocket expenses as low as possible, our booster organization is focused on fundraising year-round. All students are expected to raise at least \$489 through fundraising efforts.

WE KEEP TRACK OF FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS ACCUMULATED OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

We track and credit each account for those that participate in our fundraisers in an effort to ensure that every student reaches the total amount of \$1139. There are two types of fundraisers that we organize – **individual fundraisers**, where it is easy to differentiate the amount that each student or parent raises, and **collective fundraisers**, where we don't specify the amount raised per person, and all proceeds are entered into the Booster Associations general operating budget.

Here are some of our upcoming fundraisers and other ways we meet program needs:

Individual Fundraising	Dates		
\$1 World's Finest Chocolates	August 21 through Sept 8		
Snap Raise, digital fundraising	TBD		
Amerant Bank Arena Concessions (Can be applied to Fair	Ongoing – reach out to Fallon		
Share, after \$150 applied towards Fundraising)	if you are interested!		
Tax deductible donations (note: Fair Share not deductible,	Any time!!		
but other donations are!)			
Collective Fundraising			
Concession sales	TBD		
Restaurant family nights	TBD		
Car washes	August 31 (TENTATIVE)		
Publix pay-for-tips	December/January TBD		
In kind donations – pregame meals, supplies, sports	Before each game or event		
drinks, water, etc.			
Amazon wish list	Can be shipped to PO Box!		
Other ways to raise funds			
Sponsorships			
Grants			
Employer matching gifts			



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Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association Amerant Bank Arena Concessions

The Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise presents an opportunity for groups to raise funds to help your child's Band/Color guard programs.

What is it?

Groups can run a concession stand at Panthers games and concerts at the Amerant Bank Arena, making 10% of the sales. There is a guaranteed minimum, and unlike car washes, you won't be out in the sun.

SEVERAL PARENTS LAST YEAR RAISED OVER \$2500!

What is required?

Must be 18 years old or older. That means any older sibling or family member can volunteer.

Complete a free online alcohol and food training.

Game nights typically run 5 to 6 hours.

It is requested to do a minimum of 3 dates.

How many volunteers do we need?

We would like to register 35 volunteers. Each stand needs 11 to 14 volunteers. More volunteers will ensure we get more dates and make more money for the program.

Some volunteers who have done this in the past were able to come up with \$0 out-ofpocket for Band/Color guard contribution. Funds can be used for any band related expense, including merchandise, States fees, Indoor Percussion, Winter Guard, and may be rolled over to future years expenses.

If the amount raised at Amerant Bank not is not enough to cover the full fair share amount, the balance is still due in a timely manner.

Sign-up and you will receive more information on training, benefits, payoffs, and allocation of funds via email.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions about this incredible opportunity!

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Important Band Communication Channels











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