

FCHS BAND FEES (2011-12)

Band Fees: Due August 16th for ALL Band Members

(*this includes Intermediate & Advanced Band Members, as well as Colorguard & Pit Percussion Members)

- **\$225 if paid by July 15th**

OR

- **\$250 if paid after July 15th**

(each additional student from the same family \$175 by July 15th (\$200 by August 16th))

Checks to: 'FCHS Band Aides'

Postmarked envelope by July 15th to:

**FCHS Band
7521 Jaguar Trail
Falls Church, VA 22042**

Being in the FCHS Band is a tremendously rewarding experience. However, the Band receives only minimal transportation support from Fairfax County for the program. To offset our operational costs, we collect a minimal fee from the Band students (as do the majority of all other FCHS activities) and fundraise like crazy! So that you can better understand what our operational costs are, the Band Aides have broken down how much we spend towards most of our activities:

FCHS Band Aides spending per student for 1 year = \$800 (this does not include the spring trip)

Breakdown:

Clinicians and Instructors, camp and throughout the year	\$200
Uniforms, Concert attire and T-shirt	\$200
Music, Instruments and Drill	\$100
Transportation and Participation fees (Competitions, solo ensemble etc)	\$175
Hospitality (Banquet, Concerts, Pizza)	\$75
Awards; Scholarship; Leadership training	\$25
Office	<u>\$25</u>
Total	<u>\$800</u>

(DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT)

BAND FEES DUE:
(see above for instructions)

\$225 if paid BY July 15th
\$250 if paid AFTER July 15th

Our parent group, the "Band Aides", have taken on a large **fundraising** role each year to help offset the total cost for our children to participate. Last year, the Band Aides raised over \$35,000 which helped cover approximately **60% of the cost of participation** in Marching and Concert Band. Everyone needs to help!

Students can do **individual fundraising** to offset their Spring Trip cost by doing activities coordinated by the Band Aides. Examples include: the selling of Holiday "Greens" and Citrus in the Fall and other targeted fundraising that adds funds into the student accounts. **Several students have paid for their ENTIRE Spring Trip in the past (approx. \$500+) by fundraising.** Student fundraising totaled \$3,000 last year.