

FCHS Band Aides Fundraising Summary

Fundraising is an important part of the band program at Falls Church High School. The funds raised are used for instruments, music, clinicians, maintaining and replacing band uniforms, and additional staff for marching band. It is critical to the success of our program that all band parents become involved in our fundraising efforts so that we can provide a quality experience for our students and ensure the continued success of our band. The following is a brief description of each of our annual fundraising volunteer opportunities:

PLEASE READ ABOUT TAG DAY. IT IS OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISER AND WILL OCCUR AFTER THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2011.

TAG DAY – Every year, on the first Saturday after Labor Day, the students dress in their band uniforms and, along with chorus and orchestra students, go door to door in groups asking for donations. Parents drive students to neighborhoods within the FCHS attendance area. This is one of our largest fundraising efforts. Marching Band Students are required to participate and other band students are encouraged to participate. There are also jobs for parents who don't want to drive. Please look for the sign up sheet the night of the marching band preview show and pizza dinner on Friday, August 26th. We can make up to 25% of our budget for the band in just one day. This year Tag Day is on Saturday, September 10th. Please mark your calendars!

SNACK BAR - Operating the snack bar during all home football games is our second largest fundraiser. Parents work the snack bar during all Varsity games; band students sign up to work with one or two parents at the Freshmen and JV games. If everyone signs up for a game we shouldn't have to work more than one or two games each. We are also looking for people to shop for the snack bar, coordinate the volunteers, arrange for delivery of sodas and hot dog buns and cook taco meat

CAR WASH –Parents are needed to find locations and coordinate car washes.

CRAFT SHOW – All FCHS student organizations are given free space at the FCHS Craft Show in November. Parents are needed to help prepare craft items for sale and supervise selling the day of the show.

GIANT SCRIP - A parent is needed to organize this new fundraiser. Giant Food gift cards are purchased at face value and the band receives 5%.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS – Parents are needed to arrange dates at local restaurants for us to receive a certain percentage of the night's sales.

Do you have other fundraising ideas/suggestions? We'd LOVE to hear them! Please contact Holly Williams to share your thoughts (hchongwms@cox.net) or join us at our first Band Aides Meeting on August 31st at 7:00pm in the Band Room to share your ideas.