

# 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:

**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 potluck dinner in August.

**SNACK BAR** - Operating the snack bar during all home football games is another one of our major fundraisers. The band students sign up to work with one or two parents at the Freshman and JV games and parents work the snack bar during Varsity 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

**GREENS** - The students are given catalogs and take orders for various decorative holiday greens such as wreaths and centerpieces. Most of the money raised by each student goes in their individual account to be used to help pay their fee for the spring band trip. We have a coordinator for this event but can use more parents to help

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

**OUTBACK DINNER** – Outback Steakhouse provides 150 steak dinners at no cost to the band. We sell tickets, provide drinks and dessert, set up and clean up. Last year we had middle and high school student solo and ensemble performances as entertainment during dinner.

**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.

**REDSKINS GAMES** – This is an opportunity provided by the PTSA to work concessions at FedEx Field during Redskin games. Each student receives \$25.00 for each game worked and all the money goes into their individual accounts. The students must be 16 years old to participate. Parents are needed to drive and supervise.

**GIANT SCRIP** - A parent is needed to organize this new fundraiser. Giant Food gift cards are purchased at face value from Giant and sold to people at the same cost. The band receives 4%.

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

**CITRUS SALES** – This is a new fundraiser and we already have a parent volunteer willing to be in charge but she will need help. Most of this money will go into the students' individual accounts.