

TIGER BAND BOOSTER FAQ'S

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Who are the Tiger Band Boosters?

- Parents of students who are members of the Tiger Band Programs. If your child is in band and/or guard at AMCHS, you are a member! We do not charge dues because we want every student and parent to support their band program!

What groups do we assist?

- We help out the Marching Band, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, the Color Guard, and any other student group that is a part of the AMCHS band programs.

What do we do as an organization?

- We work as a team to provide things the band needs that are not provided by the annual school budget. We provide manpower to get the band to and from competitions, on and off the field. We help chaperone band events and field trips. We raise money to pay for clinicians, coaches, uniform maintenance, competition registration fees, travel expenses, sheet music, and to repair and replace equipment and instruments.

When do we meet?

- The Tiger Band Boosters meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (September - May) at 7:30pm in the AMCHS Band Hall. All band parents and students are encouraged to attend the meetings.
 - We don't have a general meetings during June and July. At these meetings, you will find out about the band and guard program and learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, events, fundraisers, and band functions. You can also have a voice in the decision making process.

What about fundraising and how does that help me?

- We offer many fundraising opportunities to help support our band programs. Fundraisers help provide monies for events, trips, student scholarships, music lessons and clinics, and to help students cover costs associated with band participation. We also use fundraisers to help with costs to repair and replace our band equipment not covered by the school budget. We have used fundraiser money to buy a trailer to haul band equipment so the band does not have to continue renting moving vans to get us to and from games and contests. The more the boosters makes for the band, the less we have to require of each student when we don't have enough to cover all expenses. Fundraising is a group effort as a band family, and funding information will be updated monthly as monetary goals are met for the items and trips the band is working towards. Access more information about fundraising on the fundraising tab at the top of the page.

How can you find out ways to help since you are one of us?

- Attend our monthly meetings, attend as many of your child's band activities as possible, participate in band fundraising events and activities and put your talents and skills to use for the band.

How do we communicate?

- Besides our monthly meetings, we send out information and reminders about upcoming events via Charms emails. We also post information on our website and Facebook

VOLUNTEERING

- look for sign up genius in emails
- Make sure you go to CSISD website to fill out Volunteer background check form so you are cleared to volunteer around the band students
 - Go to CSISD.org; then go to Parent Info; then scroll down to Volunteer under the Be Informed section. Follow the directions.

Look for and Read the weekly memo- comes out over the weekend

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Chaperoning things is easy. You just have to be present. Band kids are great kids.
- Washing uniforms is easy. We don't wash every week. Look for the first sign up for that. After the initial sign up a text group is created.
- There are quite a few chair positions open that we could use some help with. Make sure to come to all of the Band Booster meetings. You get to hear what is going on, ask questions and find ways to help your child and the band program.

WAYS TO GET CONNECTED

- The website is amcbands.com There is a photo album there that you can purchase pictures of your kid.
- "Like" the FB page (A&M Consolidated High School Band)

What is Aggie Flags?

- Aggie Flags is our biggest fundraiser and helps to keep the individual cost to participate in band lower than it would be without it.
- We put out Aggie flags on home Texas A&M game days. They have to be out by 8 AM and picked up no earlier than 6 PM on game day.
- There are only 7 home game days and all but one are on Saturdays.
- We need at least 30 band families out of the 119 to make this work best (letting everyone have 20 to 30 flags in a route ... you go to the addresses on the route you are given and stick an Aggie flag in a pre-placed PVC pipe in the ground).
- We only had 22 band families last year do all of the work that supported the rest of the band families and helped to keep the band dues as low as they are.
- To find out how to help with Aggie Flags, contact Laura Brittain at 979-450-0644 or Robyn Jones at 979-255-1512.