Dear Band Parents and Students,



WELCOME to the 2024 Marching Rockets!

This packet contains the information you need to get your year started right. If you have questions about the information in this packet or about your student's finances, please contact either of the Band Directors or one of the Boosters Officers. The Boosters Officers' contact information can be found on LimestoneBands.com, under Band Boosters » Officers.

Forms to Return

Please carefully read the information in this packet, and **fill out your student's Google Doc Band Form**. This can be found on the Limestone Bands page under:

Student Info » Forms to Return » Google Docs

Each form has important information that allows us to best serve your student as they participate. Forms must be turned in by Saturday, June 1st, along with your first payment (see payment schedule following) to secure a spot in the Fall Show.

Band Fees & Other Expenses

The cost of the LCHS band program is shared between the district's taxpayers, the Band Boosters, and the individual students/families. This year's Marching Band Fee for each student will be \$350. The fee helps to pay for items that directly affect the student's success, such as Field Show expenses and competition fees.

Other expenses that apply to certain individuals or groups within the Marching Band:

- Marching shoes are required for all students in marching band. The fee (typically \$38 for winds/percussion) is charged to the student's account. **As long as shoes remain fitted and comfortable, they can wear these shoes from year to year. **
- Gloves are required for all musicians who march (this excludes pit/front ensemble, drumline, and Color Guard). Fee (approx. \$9) is charged to the student's account.
- Color Guard uniforms and shoes are included in the Band Fee.
- The first set of mallets and marching drumsticks is provided. If they break, the student is responsible for replacing them.
- School-owned instruments are provided and maintained by the school district. If repairs are required (other than "normal wear and tear"), that cost may be the student's responsibility.
- Students will be responsible for most meals at competitions and any additional snacks, souvenirs, etc.

We know that this is a significant expense, so we offer a payment schedule to help spread out costs.



If your family needs any assistance paying fees, please fill out Assistance Form found on the Limestone Bands page under:

Student Info » Band Fee Assistance » Band Fee Assistance Form

Any questions, please talk to either Band Director or Booster Treasurer. They will work confidentially with you to make sure your student can participate in Marching Band.

Payment Schedule

The payment schedule allows you to spread the Marching Band Fee across several months. It is greatly appreciated if you can make a full payment up front, as expenses do come in early. For the same reason, all payments are non-refundable.

1 Student (\$350)				2 Students (\$100 discount)		
Payment	Due Date	Minimum Due		Payment	Due Date	Minimum Due
1	June 1, 2024	\$100.00	Initial Commitment / Reserve Spot in Fall Show	1	June 1, 2024	\$200.00
2	July 1, 2024	\$100.00	2nd Payment	2	July 1, 2024	\$175.00
3	August 1, 2024	\$75.00	3rd Payment	3	August 1, 2024	\$75.00
4	September 1, 2024	\$75.00	4th Payment	4	September 1, 2024	\$150.00

Make checks payable to **Limestone Band Boosters**, and place it in a sealed envelope in the blue lockbox in the band room (**please note your students' name in the memo**). OR mail it to:

Limestone Band Boosters Treasurer c/o Limestone Community High School 4201 S Airport Rd Bartonville, IL 61607

To make a payment from your CutTime* student account, email our Booster Treasurer at Treasurer@LimestoneBands.com for instructions. You can add money to your CutTime account using a credit card via Stripe. (A convenience fee applies.)

*We use **CutTime** (https://gocuttime.com) to track your individual student account. Detailed information about CutTime, including how to set up your account, will be emailed to you after Google Form is returned and entered into system.

Fundraisers Available

To help offset costs and provide extra benefits to the entire band, the Band Boosters organize a variety of fundraisers throughout the year.

One simple fundraiser that you can begin right away is the *Kroger Community Rewards* program. You can find additional information about this (how to signup) and other fundraisers on the Limestone Bands web page under:

Band Boosters » Current Fundraisers » Kroger Community Rewards

Thank you. We look forward to having you as a part of the Limestone Band Community.

The LCHS Band Boosters Officers