

Murphy High School Band



Student/Parent Handbook 2023-2024

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2. Forward

The purpose of this handbook is to provide valuable information about the band program. To consistently achieve and maintain the high standard of excellence desired by this organization, members should familiarize themselves with the regulations, procedures, and traditions of the band. Band is considered a full year course and students are required to participate in band both semesters. The only exception is an academic conflict for a course needed for graduation. Students dropping out of band at the end of a semester will not be eligible to participate the following year. Auxiliary members will participate in Winter Guard or Symphonic Band during the football off-season.

This handbook was written to be a supplement to the Student Code of Conduct of Mobile County Schools, and at no time does it take precedence over or override school policies. It is hoped that some of the questions always prevalent with a band will be answered in this handbook. Given the complexity of human behavior, no publication of this nature can completely cover all situations, which affect the learning environment. Thus, the directors will reserve the right and responsibility to address any student behavior, which adversely affects the learning environment.

3. Expectations

The greatest single factor that determines the success of any organization is attitude. It takes dedication to reach goals. Students are expected to come to rehearsal with the right attitude of sincerity, concentration, and dedication to working hard to achieve success with their teammates. A good attitude and a strong work ethic make the difference between a successful organization and a mediocre group.

Members of the Murphy Band are asked to make a commitment to the program through their time and effort. Members are required to commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule and are required to show up on time and in appropriate attire. A member can withdraw from the program mid-year only under special circumstances. This usually requires a meeting with the member's counselor, director, and guardians. Members are also expected to dedicate time to practice outside of rehearsal. Examples are: mental practice with music before bed, stretching and conditioning, going outside and working on challenging maneuvers, and strength training.

Members must always represent our team positively. Following school rules (dress code, attendance, conduct, etc.) is a must. Remember, the actions of our members are always a direct reflection of our organization. If a band member is subject to disciplinary action from the school, the band staff has the right to remove that member from the performance ensemble. When members of a competitive group have pride, maturity, class, and style, it shows. Remember, it takes much longer to build a good reputation than to ruin one.

4. Standards of Behavior

To ensure a safe and productive learning environment, students must follow all Mobile County Public School rules, Murphy High School rules, and Murphy High School Band rules at all times. Section leaders do have the ability to assign the 1st Offense Penalty of 20 push-ups but may not assign additional penalties. Penalties may be altered depending on the gravity of the situation.

For the safety of all students, the Director and Staff have the right to remove any students from a rehearsal or performance for any reason they see fit.

1. Penalties

Students and parents should understand that unsatisfactory behavior will also have a negative effect on the student's grade.

If you are called up, the following levels of discipline apply:

1st Offense – 20 push-ups during break/after rehearsal.

2nd Offense – 2 laps during break/after rehearsal.

3rd Offense – 4 laps during break/after rehearsal and (3 call-ups = one write-up)

1st Write-up - Sit out of 1 show/assist guard and or front ensemble.

2nd Write-up - Sit out of 1 show/assist guard and or front ensemble.

3rd Write-up - Taken out of band.

The following offenses constitute call-ups:

- Food/Drink/Gum in Band Facility (other than water)
- Absence/Lateness due to rehearsal or event
- Bus Behavior Problems
- Classroom Disruption
- Cell phone possession during rehearsals or performances (the cell phone will also be taken up and given back at the end of the rehearsal or performance.)
- Failure to have necessary equipment on a continuous basis (instrument/equipment, drill charts, music, accessories, etc.)
- Late to Rehearsal/Class
- Public display of affection
- Inappropriate Behavior in the Stands
- Talking at inappropriate times
- Use of school or other personal property without permission.

- Uniform Infraction
- Breaking Band Facility rules including but not limited to food or drink in the band room, leaving equipment out, and touching other people's instruments.
- Poor behavior towards other students, chaperones, or staff
- Any other action the Director or Staff see as rule-breaking, even if not explicitly stated in the Band Handbook

The following offenses are very severe and will result in immediate removal from the program and referral to the administration following Mobile County Public Schools Behavior and Discipline policies:

- Alcohol – Possession/Use
- Drugs – Possession/Use
- Felony Acts
- Physical Fighting
- Cyber bullying
- Bullying
- Harassment of any type
- Destroying, Defacing School/Personal Property – restitution for damages as well as referral.
- Any other action the Director or Staff see as rule-breaking, even if not explicitly stated in the Band Handbook

2. Travel Guidelines

- A travel itinerary will be published before each trip. It is important that these instructions be followed so the band can move quickly and efficiently.
- Each student is responsible for their own uniform once the band arrives at a location to perform.
- Bus Captains will be responsible for calling roll and handling conduct problems. No bus should be permitted to leave a stop until the roll is checked.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages and possession of drugs, cigarettes or narcotics are not permitted while representing the band in any manner. Expulsion from the program will result from this infraction.
- Proper behavior is expected when on a school sponsored trip. Undignified conduct or reckless behavior may result in disciplinary suspension from school and dismissal from the band.
- Buses are loaded in an orderly fashion. No pushing or running will be tolerated.
- Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Do not kneel in seats or sit facing backwards.
- No loud talking or profanity.
- No horseplay.
- No playing of instruments going to the bus, coming from the bus or on the bus. This includes drumming on the seats, hats, etc.
- No switching buses.
- Do not yell from the buses.
- Hands, arms and other body parts inside the bus at all times.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Do not throw ANYTHING out of the bus windows.
- Bus windows must go up at the end of the trip.
- Leave no trash on the bus at the end of the trip.
- Chaperones are in charge during the bus trip; students refusing to listen to chaperone instruction will be punished accordingly.

3. 24-Hour Rule

It is the policy of the Panther Band that no student, parent, or student advocate may approach any director or staff member immediately before, during, or after a performance/event to discuss a potentially contentious topic. In the event of a concern over a topic related to the band program, please first seek out an audience with the band director before proceeding to the administrative level. Our administration is very active in attending band functions which could make them seem easily accessible to discuss matters. Please refrain from doing so and proceed through the normal chain of command. If an issue cannot be resolved at the band director level, then administrative assistance may be an option.

5. School Property and Facilities

The band will provide lockers for students to use for storing instruments and personal belongings. Directors and Staff may access the lockers at any point without student permission. The band is not responsible for any items stored in the lockers. It is suggested to not leave valuables in the lockers. Each locker will come with an assigned combination lock; no other locks are permitted on lockers. Students must reimburse the band for lost or broken locks.

The band will provide instruments and equipment for those students who play large instruments and are a member of the Colorguard. An Instrument Rental and Care Agreement (found at murphyhsband.com) should be filled out and signed by the student and their parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. Each band member is responsible for the proper care, condition, and repair costs of this instrument for the length of the agreement. Any damages or serious malfunctions should be reported to the Director at once. Damages due to the negligence of the student will be charged to the student. If the instrument is lost or stolen, the student must reimburse the band for the cost of the instrument.

A privately owned instrument is the responsibility of the student who owns it. Students should check with their parents to see that the instrument is included on their homeowner's insurance policy. Before purchasing an instrument, students **MUST** consult with the band director. If a student needs to bring their instrument to a music store to get it serviced or repaired, you **MUST** show the instrument to the Director before taking it, and bring a receipt proving it has been taken in for repairs.

All equipment should be kept in excellent playing condition and should be cleaned and polished before every performance. Inspections will be held periodically before the games and concerts. Never play another student's instrument without permission. Instruments should always be stored in the assigned locker/storage area or taken home after rehearsals and performances. Failure to do so will result in diminished grades.

6. Ensembles

1. Marching Band

The Murphy Marching Band enjoys a reputation for musical excellence that is aesthetically complemented by vivid visual images and movement reflecting the mood and character of the music. The band has been, and will continue to be, recognized as one of the top programs in Alabama. To continue this tradition of excellence requires a high degree of dedication, effort, and pride on the part of each person involved. The style of marching the Murphy Band replicates is that of Drum Corps International performance style. The Murphy band will perform at football games, contests, festivals, parades, and other performance opportunities in the area that will arise. All students in the Marching Band must be present for any and all performances associated with marching for the entire year. All Students must have a current AHSAA physical on file.

The Marching Band is a musical marching unit organized during the summer for the duration of football season. Membership is open to any interested student who has successfully completed enough prior musical training in the middle school band or other acceptable musical training, per the Director's approval. Transfer students must pass an audition for membership. Membership requires total dedication and maximum effort and involvement in all aspects of marching, playing, and performance. Failure to do so will result in the removal from the ensemble.

1. Overview

The Murphy Marching Band follows a regular rehearsal schedule; any changes are announced well in advance. This allows students to plan other activities and obligations around the schedule. Rehearsals are rarely, if ever canceled due to inclement weather. We will not usually rehearse outdoors in the rain unless it is just a drizzle or intermittent light rain. In the event of steady rain, we will rehearse indoors and go out at the first opportunity. Students should dress for the weather. Not having the proper attire is not a satisfactory reason for having a poor rehearsal and can result in a grade of "0" for the rehearsal. Students should wear comfortable shoes (low-topped tennis shoes) and socks for rehearsals. This is important in that the style of marching step we use requires that the foot and ankle be permitted to move freely. Flip flops, sandals, and bare feet are not acceptable for marching. Jeans, inappropriate length shorts, and bare midriffs are not allowed at any time. Hats and sun block are recommended. Water will be provided but you may bring water and/or Gatorade for breaks.

Horseplay, throwing ice or water, and other such activities will not be permitted. Each member is expected to have all necessary equipment, in working order, along with all music and coordinate sheets at all rehearsals. Students are expected to have a flip folder with their name on it in which to keep music and coordinate sheets (one can be purchased from the Murphy Band Boosters). Not having all necessary equipment for rehearsal will result in a grade of "0" for that rehearsal.

The marching band rehearses Monday through Friday during band class. Mandatory after school rehearsals are as follows:

Monday	Colorguard Only	afterschool-5:30
Tuesday	Winds and Percussion	afterschool-5:30
Thursday	Full Band (including guard)	afterschool-5:30

*Rehearsal schedules are subject to change at any time.

The call time to be completely ready in concert arcs, fully dressed with all required items, in the band room is announced the Monday before each game. It will be posted in the BAND app. and announced in class.

Please note that only students, staff, and chaperones helping at the game are allowed free admission to games. Any parents/family/friends wishing to attend the game must purchase tickets. All attendees (including students, staff, and chaperones) may be asked to go through metal-detectors and security checkpoints, per Mobile County Public Schools rules.

It is mandatory for each band member to attend these rehearsals. Band Camp is held for around two weeks during summer. Students learn to work together in total dedication to producing a superior band. Band Camp gives the student the opportunity to get acquainted and develop the feeling of belonging. The goal of band camp is to learn the drill and music to an entire show. Students who are employed should make necessary arrangements with their employers to attend all rehearsals and band camp. There will be a performance for parents on July 27 at 4:00pm. The band camp deposit of \$25 is due by July 27, 2023.

2. Football Games

Entering the Stadium and Pre-Game

- Students must be in full uniform upon arrival at the stadium.
- The band will assemble in formation at the designated area to warm up. Students will form ranks immediately upon hearing the drum major's command.
- The band will then march in a single file line to their designated seats.
- There will be no talking of any kind when waiting to be seated.
- All extra equipment, music, etc. should be carried into the stadium by band parents and students delegated by student leaders.
- Hats may be removed on the Drum Major's command.
- Ranks and files should be kept in perfect alignment.
- Students are required to stand and cheer during the game; in addition, they should be ready to play at any point.
- No individual playing is allowed.
- Non-band members are not allowed within the band section except for visiting band students or special guests.
- There will be no eating in uniform, other than the snack provided by the band. A snack and water will be passed out by the boosters during the 3rd quarter.
- Keep bibbers zipped and follow uniform guidelines at all times.
- No more than four students may go to the bathroom at one time. Students are not allowed to leave the band unless accompanied by a chaperone.

Half-time and Post-Game

- Band members should file from the stands in an orderly manner according to the seating arrangement. Running up and down stadium steps is prohibited.
- The band should move quickly to form the proper line-up and instrumentation (pre-set formation) behind the stadium before half-time. The band will march by file(s) to a point near the sidelines, forming a pre-set for the entrance to the field. The band will remain at attention until the Drum Major gives the command to move onto the field.
- After the half-time performance, students will move back into the bleachers and wait for the director to release students.
- Following the game, the band will march out of the stadium back to the buses. If you are leaving the game with a parent, they **MUST** pick you up at your bus, provided you have turned in your Student Riding Home with Parent Form at murphyhsband.com.
- Uniforms are to be taken off and hung up after games. Instruments, music and equipment should be returned to their proper storage areas.

3. Attire

- Shoes should be cleaned.
- Hair should be properly groomed. Long hair must be worn up inside the hat (shako) during marching performances. Hair should not touch the coat collar. Do not wear makeup.
- All buttons should be buttoned, all zippers zipped, and all hooks hooked.
- Suspenders should be adjusted properly so the trouser length is correct.
- Trouser bottoms should be worn no higher or lower than about two to three inches from the ground.
- Never wear an incomplete uniform in public.
- Piercings must have small studs or clear rings in them.
- Rings should be small and not interfere with instrument performance.
- Sunglasses, bracelets, baseball caps and other accessories may not be worn.

The Murphy Band Boosters provide a uniform for every band member. Colorguard requirements slightly differ. (see Colorguard addendum) When in uniform, no baseball caps, sunglasses, headbands, do-rags, etc. will be worn. Uniforms are always to be transported in a garment bag. If you are riding home with a parent after a performance, you must request a garment bag before we leave Murphy's campus and give your uniform to your section leader when you leave. Shoes should not be placed in the bag with the uniform. Shoes should be placed in the shoe bag provided with the shoes. Any lost, damaged, or destroyed articles of the uniform must be paid for by the student. All band members must have black marching shoes and black socks for performance. Shoes are to be ordered through the band. Shoes will be clean for each performance. Band T-shirts **MUST** be worn at all performances (including pep rallies).

The Director has final discretion of whether a student meets uniform criteria or not.

A formal uniform inspection will be conducted by student leaders and/or chaperones prior to every performance. Band members are expected to always wear uniforms properly. When the uniform is worn, a band member's personal appearance is to be impeccable. If a band member is missing an accessory, then they will be directed to the uniform room to collect the missing article (at cost). Band members will be expected to observe the following points to present a neat personal appearance.

2. Symphonic Band

This class will concentrate on the preparation and performance of the finest literature for the modern wind band. While students must already possess a high degree of ability to be a part of the ensemble, the further advancement of musical skills, both individual and ensemble will be paramount to the success of the student and the organization. This ensemble will perform in several mandatory concert programs, concert festivals, and other performance opportunities in the area. There will be after school time required for music pass offs, rehearsals, and performances. Failure to meet expectations in this class will result in students not being allowed to attend and perform the concert programs, concert festivals, and other performance opportunities discussed above. Auditions for the ensemble will generally take place during October and will consist of scales, sight-reading, and Alabama All-State audition music.

1. Lessons

Private music lessons are highly encouraged and at times may be required for a grade in symphonic band. Any student wishing to work on scales/All-State audition materials/college audition materials/etc. may request FREE lessons with the Director. If students wish to work with someone who specializes on their instrument, the Director can give instructor recommendations when requested.

2. Chair Placement

The Director and/or Section Leaders will assign students to parts or chairs to achieve proper balance. Generally, students will be placed on a part according to the student's ability. However, sections may be staggered to provide the best sound possible.

Students will be auditioned near the end of each semester. These auditions will determine chair placement. Seating is also determined by music check-off and the student's ability to play the music at rehearsals. The Director may reseat the student according to musical progress and preparation.

3. Challenges

Students who feel they are deserving of advancement within the section may challenge the person sitting ahead of them. The challenge procedure is as follows:

- Obtain a challenge form from the Director. Fill out the form completely and return it to the Director. Both participants in the challenge must sign the form.
- The Challenger chooses the selection of music from approved music.
- The challenge will be held approximately 2 school days after the challenge form is turned in to the Director (i.e. Turn it in Monday challenge Wednesday).
- A challenger or challenge who loses must wait two weeks before submitting another challenge form.
- A forfeiture will result if the person being challenged refuses to sign the form or if one of the participants is absent or tardy for the challenge.
- In case of a tie, the players will remain in their original order.
- No challenges may be held within one month of a contest festival.

3. Jazz Band

Membership in the MHS Jazz Band is reserved for those students enrolled in the regular band class/program for the entire year. Students must be enrolled in the band class to participate in jazz band. Any instrument can participate in the jazz band as long as they are comfortable improvising and take solos in front of others; however, no previous improvising skills are required, they will be taught during the course of the class. Auditions for part placement will be held during the first weeks of school during jazz band class.

4. Colorguard

Membership in the MHS Colorguard is by audition only. Students will have clinic days to learn basic technique and will audition individually and in groups with the Colorguard Director and guest adjudicators on those techniques learned at the clinics. All students must have a clean citizenship and academic record (must maintain a 2.0 GPA), as well as present three teacher recommendations. The audition will consist of learning flag and movement basic technique, as well as a choreographed combination of each. Membership selection is based on performance, attitude, and attendance during all audition sessions. The guard interprets the musicality of the band through dance, drama, and equipment performance. Members of the Colorguard use equipment such as flags, rifles, and sabres. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances, including summer activities. Students in Colorguard must be enrolled in the appropriate band class period for the entire academic school year, unless it is academically impossible to do so.

5. Winterguard

Only students that have paid band fees in full may audition. All requirements listed for cologuard apply to Winterguard. This group will be auditioned for separately. They will be held sometime in November. Winterguard is a separate season that consists of an indoor performance to pre-recorded music. They compete in 4-6 competitions throughout Baldwin County and North Florida. Not everyone that held a spot in the field show for colorguard will be chosen for the winterguard competition season. Student's not selected will be required to join the winterguard crew.

7. Attendance Requirements

Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Students should also be on time to all band functions. A calendar of all upcoming events is at murphyhsband.com. Please note last-minute performances occasionally will happen; however, the Director will try to give as much heads-up as possible in these situations.

After the school year begins, there are scheduled after-school rehearsals. Students who work are reminded that **JOBS MAY NOT INTERFERE WITH BAND REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES**. Schedule Dental, medical, and other appointments at times other than scheduled band rehearsal days; these appointments are not excused absences, even with a doctor's note, unless preapproved by the Director. Students taking the ACT or SAT in the fall semester should also be advised that missing a rehearsal or performance in preparation of these tests are also not excused. Parents should call or email the Director and students should text or call section leaders when they know they will be missing or late to a rehearsal or performance in an emergency situation.

1. Unexcused Absences

Students with unexcused absences of an afternoon rehearsal will be allowed to attend the game but will not march at halftime. Grades for unexcused absence cannot be made up.

Examples of unexcused absence would be: missing practice without filling out the appropriate form; talking to a director and not receiving clearance for that missed practice to be excused.; a scheduling conflict with work.

2. Excused Absences

Students with excused absences of an afternoon rehearsal will be allowed to attend the game Friday, but may not be able to march, depending on their attendance and behavior record in the class. Students must fill out the appropriate form (found at murphyhsband.com) before missing a rehearsal. Grades for excused absence can be made up.

Examples of excused absences would be: talking to a director and receiving clearance for that missed practice to be excused.

Only in case of extreme emergency or personal illness will a person be excused from a performance.

3. Tardiness to Rehearsals

Missing more than 15 minutes will be counted as an absence. Unexcused or excused status will depend on the reason for missing. To be considered an excused absence, the student must contact Mr. White at the time of the occurrence. Attendance will be taken by Section Leaders and submitted to the Band Captain daily.

8. Band Fees and Fair Share Assessment

The band fee and fair share assessment are non-refundable for all components of the band including guard. These funds pay for the day-to-day operations of the Murphy Band program. The annual budget is based on the needs of the band program divided equally among the program enrollments. Failure to participate in the band program will not relieve the student of their responsibility. Failure to maintain academic or discipline eligibility will not relieve the student of his/her responsibility. The Mobile County School Board provides \$0 in yearly funding for the band program. It is important that all families pay their band fee assessment of \$300.00. Band fees must be paid in full in order to participate with the Murphy Band on any trips, band banquet, All- State trip, and other activities that are based on band fee and assessment collection.

1. Payment Methods/Schedule:

Make checks payable to “Panther Band Boosters.” (• Write the student’s name and purpose of the check in the memo section of the check.

Exact Cash payments (no change will be given).

Electronic Swiper

Personal check, money order, cashier check

PayPal via My Music Office (must have login for access to student account)

Receipts (emailed or handwritten) will be given through the booster club and student account will be updated.

All checks returned for insufficient funds must be paid by money order/cashiers check, plus any bank fees charged to our account. Unpaid fees and debts to the Boosters which cannot be cleared through the student’s account will be carried forward from year to year as an outstanding debt.

2023-2024 Official Band Fee/Assessment Payment Schedule		
Band Camp (17-27 July Full band camp) Deposit	July 27, 2023	\$25.00
Next Payment	August 25, 2023	\$75.00
Second Full Payment	September 29, 2023	\$100.00
Final Full Payment	October 27, 2023	\$100.00
	total	\$300.00

2. Fundraisers

Fundraisers are held by the band and the booster association to raise funds in support of the band. All members of the band, including percussion and colorguard are expected to participate in these fundraisers. Profits from designated fundraisers may be offered to students at times to offset the cost of

trips. These profit percentages will be specific and noted in details of fundraisers and posted to student accounts. Please note: Instructors and equipment for all groups are paid for by these fundraisers.

3. Student Account Guidelines

No withdrawals will be made from the Student Account until band fee payments are up to date. (Note: No physical cash will be given to students/parents. Credits do not count as withdrawals). All withdrawals must be for Murphy Band related expenses:

Repair and maintenance of instruments currently used by the student in the Murphy Band.

All-State and Honor Band expenses where a student is required to be a member of the Murphy Band.

Student Account withdrawals end May 1st for seniors and non-returning students. Any balance will be rolled into the general fund.

Requests for withdrawal of funds should be made in writing a minimum of 7 days before needed.

Violations of the expectations and rules set forth in this handbook will result in disciplinary action that could include temporary or permanent removal from the Murphy Band program.

9. Band Banquet and Awards

Only students that have paid their band fees in full may attend the band banquet free of charge. Parents and guests of the students will be charged accordingly. At the band banquet, the Director and Band President will give out multiple awards including, but not limited to:

- John Phillip Sousa
- Most Outstanding Section
- Most Improved Section
- Most Improved Player
- Band Letters
- E.B. Coleman Scholarship

1. Band Letters

Band Letters are given when the following requirements have been met:

- Participate in two extracurricular band events.
- Perform two hours of band service. Those students meeting the requirements for a band letter will receive a band letter.
- Each subsequent year they receive a panther paw signifying another year's service and letter requirement.
- An unexcused absence from rehearsal or performance will automatically disqualify the student for band awards.

2. E.B. Coleman Scholarship

The Murphy Panther Band Booster Club honors the memory of one of our previous directors by awarding college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 to graduating seniors who plan on majoring or minoring

in music or music education. Generally, one scholarship is awarded yearly. Applications and information on this are found at murphyhsband.com.

Eligibility:

- All fees paid
 - Acceptance letter with major or minor in music or music education
 - Participated in band all four years
 - Recommendation letter
 - Average GPA of 2.5 and above
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10. Student Leaders

Leadership is an entity designed to help the Band Director run the band program as smoothly as possible. This is not a means to flex your power. By delegating power in this way, more things can be accomplished at a faster rate, making the success of the band even greater. This is also a great way to develop social skills. The leadership is designed to work together for a common goal in creating the best band possible.

All section leaders and captains will be selected by the band directors and staff - with the ultimate decision left to the head band director for all positions. Positions are chosen using various criteria. Attendance, obedience, fee payment, skill level, personality, seniority, auditions, commitment level, behavior, academic achievement and ability to work with others are all accounted for. From the moment you enter this program, your audition for a leadership position begins.

Leaders may be removed at any point for any reason the Band Director sees fit.

Leadership MUST be scheduled in the marching band and concert/symphonic band class(es) to remain a leader.

11. Band Boosters and Chaperones

By definition, the role of the booster organization is to “boost” the band program in a positive manner. The purpose of the Titan Band Boosters is to advance the best interests of the Titan Band Program by providing support, as requested by the band directors. All parents or guardians of students enrolled in the band program are eligible members of the organization. Maintaining a thriving band program requires support and funding beyond that of the school system. The band booster’s association, a non-profit corporation, was formed to provide this support. Specific objectives include:

- Purchase and maintenance of uniforms.
 - Provision of funds for purchase/repair of instruments, equipment, music, etc. requested by director
 - Furnishing chaperones/volunteers for band and guard events.
 - Organization and implementation of fundraising activities.
 - Encouragement of new parent involvement.
 - Stimulate and maintain an enthusiastic interest and support for all phases of the band program.
 - Support and advocate for music programs in the public schools.
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12. A letter from the Panther Band Boosters

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again when school is getting ready to start and band activities are cranking up quickly. We would like to welcome back returning families and welcome all new families to the program. We are excited for you to join us in support of all the MHS Bands and Colorguard/Winter Guard.

The Panther Band Boosters are the support system for all the band and Colorguard activities at Murphy HS. We would like to offer you an opportunity to help support an activity that helps your child be the best that they truly can be. We need YOU – ALL OF YOU – to make this year the best yet for these students! We know that everyone has a very busy schedule, but we want to ask that you consider volunteering a little time for the band program. You will not find a more rewarding way to be involved in your child's high school years than through the PBB.

We believe that if you take this challenge and spend a little time with the band and color/winter guard, you will see how rewarding it is for everyone involved. Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Join with us now and help all our band families make this a year to remember. Ask any of the Band/Guard staff or Booster Board members how you can get involved today!

Sincerely,

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