



Northern Music Boosters

MEMBERSHIP

Have you ever watched a movie without a soundtrack? Gone through a day without humming a tune or hearing a jingle on the radio? NO?? Music surrounds us daily, if we just stop to listen. Here at Northern, our music students are the HEARTBEAT that keeps the soundtrack moving along. But, they can't do that without help!

The Northern Music Boosters is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to "support and advance the academic and educational interests of the Music Program" and to "build and maintain an organization of parents which will help promote interest in the Music Department." The Boosters support students from that first squeak of the recorder to the last note at graduation.

What do the Music Boosters do, exactly? As in any Booster organization, the main source of our support is the funds to get what students need. Ukuleles for elementary classrooms? Sure! Flags for the marching band? No problem. A bus for chorus students to go sing in Hershey? You've got it! But it's not all about money. Our music programs need the *financial and physical help* of parents, friends and family members to help them do their best work. Moving equipment, fitting uniforms, building props, chaperoning...these are all things that Boosters do!

Thanks to the hard work of our educators and the soundtrack our students have produced, Northern has once again been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education once again by the NAMM Foundation. This is also a testament to the outstanding support we receive from our community and parents!

Paid membership in the Northern Music Boosters builds the *human support system* for our music students and gives you a voice in how you think we could best serve them. **Membership dues are \$5.00 for the year. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the High School Band Room.** We invite you to come out and join the conversation about how we can help our kids!!

Checks should be made payable to Northern Music Boosters. You can submit your payment to Northern Music Boosters, P.O. Box 46, Dillsburg, PA 17019. OR find a Booster officer, hand them your form and strike up a conversation! We would love to meet you!

Shelly McCartney, President

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NORTHERN MUSIC BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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It's not just monetary support! Our kids need our hands to guide them and our support along the way! The following committees are established to share the workload among the Boosters. Please **circle one or more** where you feel you could help support the music programs.

- 🎵 End of Season Banquet: A celebration of accomplishments at the end of the competitive season. Our kids work so hard and they deserve an evening of recognition. Help plan a meal, decorations, etc for an awesome finale!
- 🎵 Uniforms: Those snazzy outfits don't take care of themselves. Help size students for new uniforms. Help clean dirty pant legs after competitions, sew on buttons, take care of those big feathery plumes. It takes a lot of work to make those uniforms shine! (Chorus parents, this includes choir robes, too!)
- 🎵 Ways and Means: Otherwise known as fundraising... The Music Boosters has a working budget of more than \$30,000 annually to keep these programs running! That's a lot of subs to sell! Do you have ideas about new fundraisers? Can you count sub or pizza orders from your home? Would you be willing to run a car wash? We are looking for many sets of hands to help minimize the work for everyone.
- 🎵 Scholarship: Did you know that the Music Boosters awards a scholarship each year to a graduating senior who has participated in a music program while at Northern? We need help to continue raising money for the scholarship fund and also to read the essays and choose the winner(s).
- 🎵 Chaperones: Our students are surrounded by the best support system...even when they are somewhere else! Chaperones are needed to ride buses to "away" events, keep groups together, help provide water, fix crooked hats, and cheer loudly from the sidelines. Get a sneak peek behind the scenes at how your students get ready for a performance! (We realize this year will be a lot different on the traveling front, but we are preparing to be ready for anything thrown our way!)
- 🎵 Student Activities: It's not all about the performing, our kids need to have fun and just "hang out" sometimes, too! The group that bonds well outside of rehearsal will be a more tightly knit performing ensemble. Help us plan fun things for the students... pizza parties, movie night, Kona Ice after practice. (Again, we are presented a challenge this year, but with some creative thinking we can still make our own socially distant fun!)
- 🎵 Disney Trip: M-I-C...we sure hope we see Mickey real soon! Planning a trip for more than 200 people is A LOT of work! Our current Disney committee is made of 2 very dedicated ladies... join us to help support them. And for parents with younger children, this trip happens EVERY FOUR YEARS. Maybe you can learn something and help to plan the next one!
- 🎵 Indoor Performing Arts: Did you know that percussionists and dancers can also perform in a gym?? We have teams of talented musicians giving their all year-round, outdoors AND indoors!
- 🎵 Nominating: Each spring, the Music Boosters must elect new officers. Help choose motivated people to keep our programs moving in the right direction!
- 🎵 Home Show: Hosting a show right here at home is a great way to show other groups how much we love and support our music programs!! It is a long day of work, but when the crowd cheers loudly for our band as the hosts at the end of the night, it will send chills down your spine! Underclassman parents, if you think you could help us organize a show for the fall of 2021, it is not too early to start planning!