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# The PHS Boosters Newster

The Bulletin for Band, Drum Line, and Color Guard

## Aug 22-Sept 4, 2015

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### Calendar

**Practice Sat Aug 22**  
Noon-5 pm

#### PICTURE DAY - NO PRACTICE

**Mon Aug 24** 3-5 pm  
☺ Band pictures taken ☺  
**Students bring shorts & band show shirt to wear under uniform**

#### Practice

**Tues Aug 25** 6-9 pm  
**Thurs Aug 27** 6-9 pm

**Fri Aug 28** 6-9 pm  
Home Football vs Terre Haute N. (see story)

#### Practice

**Sat Aug 29** Noon-5 pm  
**Mon Aug 31** 3-5 pm  
**Tues Sept 1** 6-9 pm  
**Thurs Sept 3** 6-9 pm

**Fri Sept 4** Honor Band Applications due

☺ **Mon Sept 7** Labor Day, no school ☺  
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#### Looking ahead

**Sat Sept 12** Band Contest @Fishers HS  
**Fri Sept 18** 6-9 pm Home Football vs Greenwood

**Sat Sept 19** Buick Event and Quaker Day Parade

### Marching Band Dues

The marching band fee for the 2015 season is \$450 per student, collected in staggered payments. \$150 was due in June and \$100 was due in July and Aug. The final payment of \$100 is due Sept 4. Please stay prompt on your payments to ensure we stay on budget. Make checks payable to Plainfield Band Boosters and drop them in the box outside Mr. Carpenter's door. You can also submit payment by credit card on our website [at this direct link](#). If you need to make special arrangements, please contact [Band Booster Treasurer Bill Wolfe](#) to discuss your options.

### Football Home Games

All home football games count as performances and band member attendance is mandatory. The following is the typical schedule of a Friday night home football game. If you are dropping off your student, they need to be in the band room by 6 pm, Pickup is approximate and dependent on the game, but your student should be finished around 9 pm.

We encourage parents and family to stay to watch the games and cheer the band and team on. It's a great way to see the marching show revealed in 'stages' week by week. The home audience is very enthusiastic. Attendance is \$5 per person. The band is seated to the far right side of the bleachers (it's roped off prior to the game). Most Boosters sit near the band.

If you volunteer to help during the games, you may get in for free. [Go here to Volunteer Spot to see which spots are still available.](#)

This schedule deviates on certain home games, such as Homecoming and Senior Night. We'll keep you posted on changes as they come up.

### A word on recording the show

It is perfectly fine to use your phone or tablet to record the marching show at football games and invitationals to share privately with family and friends. In the interest of keeping our competitive edge with other schools, we ask that parents and students please do not share links or post video that can be publicly accessed (YouTube, Facebook) during the marching season. Please wait until after State Finals to post your videos publicly.

Recording performances during ISSMA and BOA events is strictly prohibited.

### Fundraising Updates

PHS Band won an award during the DCI Walk for most participation and raised around \$200 for the band.

**Trash Bags are \$10 per role**, first order due Sept 4. Order forms also under the Fundraising tab [at our website.](#)

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**PHS Band Signs, Decals, Magnets, etc.** are also due Sept 4. [Click here to print the order form.](#)

**Scrip Cards** can be purchased from [Amy Griffin](#) during practice every Thurs night. She has an array of \$10 gift cards on hand to buy on the spot [or set up your account by following these directions.](#)

[Bev Flanigan](#) will have limited T-shirts and other spirit wear on hand Thurs nights, including new carrying sacks.

Make checks payable to Plainfield Band Boosters. Check the Fundraising tab [on our website](#) for details on Kroger Cards, Amazon Smiles, etc.

### **Bands of America Sale (BOA)**

Order forms come home Sept 2 and need to be returned Sept 16. Watch your email for details. 10 sales earn each student a ticket to the BOA contest Nov 13.

### **President's Corner**

Happy Marching Band Season!!

I know I've said this before, but here goes – "Where is the time going?" Have you been out on a Thursday evening to hear your student(s)? I continue to be amazed at their progress. As an extremely veteran parent, I can say that I have never heard them sound so good this early in the season. Let's give a shout out to our students, Mr. Carpenter and the staff for all of their hard work and dedication. I know the start of the school year and marching band season can be a very busy and difficult time for the students and parents/guardians. The thought may have crossed your mind or your student's mind to give up on band. Let me encourage you to help your student

through this time. Music has been shown to be a very important part of the student's academic life. If you want your student to succeed academically, encourage them to stay with music. Some really quick facts:

- The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SATs than students with no participation. (Association of Music Parents)
- The majority of the Plainfield Band Students are in the top 25% of their classes.
- Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education.
- Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons.

These are just a few of the outstanding facts about the impact of music on a growing mind. Please be encouraged about the choice to be in band and encourage your students to continue in band.

Happy Marching,

[Harriet Doss, Executive President](#)

### **Another Booster Introduction!**

[Harriet Doss, Executive President](#)

Reading the President's Corner, I mentioned that I was an "extremely" veteran parent. I am a Senior Parent, which makes me as veteran as you can get in the band.

My daughter, Ellen, is a senior this year and plays the Baritone and is the Baritone Section Leader. I've been married to my wonderful husband, Mike, for 23 years. Hard to believe that he's put up with me that long! He is the glue that holds a very busy family together. Currently, I work for Raytheon as a Program Manager, and Mike works as a Senior Auditor for the Department of Defense. I graduated from Anderson University (AU) with a B.A. in Accounting and later obtained an MBA from AU. I was born in Newport News, VA and transitioned to Indiana to go to college and, as they say, "the rest is history." I do have strong roots in Virginia and visit my family there every chance we get.

### **Contacts and Links**

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