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# The PHS Boosters Newster

The Bulletin for Band, Drum Line, and Color Guard

## August 1-21, 2015

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### Calendar

#### Marching band practice schedule

**Mon Aug 3** 3-5 pm  
See story

**Tues Aug 4** no practice

**Wed Aug 5** School starts  
no practice

**Thurs Aug 6** 6-9 pm  
**Sat Aug 8** Noon-5 pm

**Mon Aug 10** 3-5 pm  
**Tues Aug 11** 6-9 pm  
**Thurs Aug 13** 6-9 pm

**Mon Aug 17** 3-5 pm  
**Tues Aug 18** 6-9 pm

☺ **Tues Aug 18** 7:30-9 pm  
Booster Meeting ☺

**Thurs Aug 20** 6-9 pm  
**Sat Aug 22** Noon-5 pm

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#### Looking ahead:

**Mon Aug 24** 3-5 pm  
Band pictures taken  
**Tues Aug 25** 6-9 pm  
**Thurs Aug 27** 6-9 pm

**Fri Aug 28** Home Game  
Vs Terre Haute N.

**Sat Aug 29** Noon-5 pm

### Newsletter schedule

This issue will cover the next three weeks. The next issue will come out in time to cover the weekend of the 21st in more detail and the following two weeks. Then the *Newster* will be bi-weekly for the rest of marching season. As always, the *Newster* is as accurate as possible at the time we post it. Emails from Communications sent after this goes live should be regarded as a more accurate update.

### 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. Payments of \$100 each will be due Aug 7 and 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.

### Practice Mon Aug 5

Yes, this is before school, but PHS Band is holding a practice "after school hours" 3-5 PM. It is a mandatory practice.

☺ **Next Booster Meeting**  
**Tues, August 18**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Band Room ☺**

### New links and social media

Along with our [public](#) and [secret](#) (students and parents only) Facebook groups, we've added [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. Also new is an email address for general questions: [info@plainfieldband.org](mailto:info@plainfieldband.org). All of these links have been added to the **Contacts and Links** section at the end of the *Newster*.

### Fundraisers

Restaurant night at El Cerrito raised \$225. Watch for more restaurant night announcements coming soon.

Spirit Wear is still for sale. Besides the logo and show shirt, we're offering an array of products, including magnets, bumper stickers, jackets, hoodies, and more.

### New and ongoing fundraising programs:

**NEW The Amazon Smile program** means a portion of all future Amazon orders go toward the PHS Band. If you shop from Amazon anyway, it costs you nothing to use it, and the link can be shared with family and friends.

**NEW The Scrip Program** lets you purchase from an array of gift cards. A portion of each purchase is donated back to the band. The program is overseen and fulfilled by [Amy Griffin](#).

*Pro Tip: Amazon shoppers can get an Amazon gift card and then use it for toward an Amazon Smiles purchase.*

**ONGOING GFS Fun Funds:** Shop at any GFS Store (there's one in Avon at 8805 Rockville Road) and by using your GFS card, up to 10% of your purchases will be credited back to the band.

**ONGOING Your Kroger Plus Card** can be set to benefit the band with every purchase you make.

All of these fundraisers require planning and setup to get "registered" in the systems. Go to [Plainfieldband.org](http://Plainfieldband.org) and click the **Fundraising** tab to read the details of how each program works.

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These “no effort” fundraisers should help us reduce the need for the door-to-door style fundraisers. Any questions regarding our fundraising programs should be sent to [Director of Revenue Bev Flanigan](#)

### President’s Corner

Happy Marching Band Season! As a senior parent, I find it hard to believe that our last marching band camp is over and the school year has started. I am excited to see and hear the progress our students will be making through this season. As I reflect on the past and upcoming seasons, I wanted to offer some words of advice and encouragement to the parents/guardians. The hardest part of the season is done – band camp. Your students survived and maybe even thrived. They learned a lot of music, drill steps, and about themselves. If you ask your student, you will probably find out that they achieved more than they thought they could. So be proud of them.

As we move through the season, there will be times that your student will be discouraged. Please be their encourager and motivator. These students are balancing a demanding schoolwork load and a demanding practice/performance schedule. Please come alongside your student to give them encouragement and praise. Also, find the time to volunteer with the boosters, as this will give you an opportunity to get a front row seat to their “band life.” You will be amazed at their work ethic, attitude and teamwork. Your presence will be a boost to your student’s attitude. Believe it or not, they look for you in the stands and that smile on your face.

Just a quick reminder about an upcoming event that is a great fundraiser for the band. On September 19th, we will once again host the Buick Drive for the Student Event.” More information will be coming soon, but please mark your calendar for this day to drive a car to earn money for the band and to volunteer.

I really appreciate all you do to support the band program and our students. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me or any of the board members. March Proud, Play Loud, Plainfield Red Pride!

[Harriet Doss, Executive President](#)

### More Staff and Booster Introductions!

Hello! We are Clint and Teri Groeschen. Teri is in her third year on the Band Booster Board, and Clint is beginning his first year. Teri is the [Director of Communication](#), and Clint is the [Director of Operations](#). You will see most of the communication to the Boosters coming from Teri through emails and posting pictures and information on the Band’s [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Clint is in charge of the operations of the Band. This includes loading/unloading equipment, building and maintaining props, bringing equipment on and off the field for performances, and many other areas.

We have been married for 21 years. Our son, Patrick, is a junior this year, and he plays baritone for marching band and trombone for wind ensemble. Our daughter, Elena, is in 6th grade this school year, and she is learning to play trumpet.

We welcome everyone to the band this year, and look forward to working alongside all of the band families to give the kids a successful year!  
Clint and Teri Groeschen

[Secretary Carole Snyder](#) I have been involved with the boosters for two years, going on my third year. I have a junior saxophone player and a freshman mellophone player. During the time I am not with the band, I am a Realtor for Carpenter in the Plainfield office. My husband, Chris, has his own Commercial Restaurant Maintenance business. I am very excited to work with the board this year and help our kids perform to the best of their ability.

[Directors of Events Dana Commander and Tina Hays](#) Hello! I’m Tina Hayes, and I’m co-Directors of Events with Dana Commander. My youngest son, Adam, is now a senior who plays Mellophone/French Horn, and this will be my seventh year as a Booster.

And I’m Dana, and my son Brandon is a trumpet player. He is now a junior. This is my third year in Boosters and my first year on the board.

There is always something going on with the Events team and you will hear from us often, as we’re always looking for volunteers to support our amazing kids in both small ways and big.

What you may not realize, however, is how many parent friends you too will make when you get involved with Band Boosters. Dana and I first met as chaperones thrown together as roommates during the band’s 2014 weeklong Walt Disney World trip, and we’ve been having fun together ever since. More opportunities for you to get involved are coming up right around the corner with football games, band contests, the Drive for Buick, Quaker Day Parade and supporting operations this fall just to get things started.

We’ll be looking forward to getting to know you when you volunteer!! ~  
Tina and Dana.

### Contacts and Links

[www.plainfieldband.org](http://www.plainfieldband.org)

Questions: [info@plainfieldband.org](mailto:info@plainfieldband.org)  
[VolunteerSpot](#)

Twitter: [@PlainfieldBand](#)

Instagram: [Plainfield\\_Band](#)

[Public Facebook](#)

[Parents / Students Facebook Group](#)

### Email links

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