

Parent Survival Sheet

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Marching Band

We are the Marching Raider Brigade and we are here to help you and your student transition to the TRHSE Marching Raiders!

Who is the Brigade? The Marching Raider Brigade is a non-profit organization made up of parents and guardians whose main function is to assist the Toms River High School East Marching Raider Band in fundraising efforts. These efforts help offer students the opportunity to enter competitions during the fall season and support their music education. In addition, we provide scholarships to seniors and offer training to students in leadership positions within the band.

The Brigade organizes events, such as, a summer pool party, a meet and greet pasta party, a “breakfast of champions” in the Fall, the “Home Show” in October and an end of year banquet to name just a few. We help measure, fit and sew the band uniforms for your student. We handle the logistics of creating, building and moving band props and instruments. We organize fundraisers so your child can raise money to offset the cost of band trips. The band will be travelling to Walt Disney World in the Spring 2020! The list continues but only with your help. We are asking everyone to sign up and volunteer during the year. There are many opportunities and we welcome your experience and involvement.

Meet the Executive Board:

Daria Messina, President -The President’s responsibilities include scheduling and organizing band orientation and meetings. Reviewing and planning the annual budget with the Band Directors. Coordinating and overseeing restricted and general fundraisers. Overseeing membership and other committees. Ensures all financial and legal documentation is correct and current.

Bruce Campbell, Vice President - The Vice President keeps the records of restricted accounts. These accounts reflect the monies earned from fundraising for each individual student which are raised to cover expenses for Band trips and required supplies such as marching shoes, membership fees, gloves, lyres, etc.

Kevin Byrnes, Treasurer - The Treasurer will collect and disburse all monies associated with the Marching Raiders. He shall submit a monthly financial report to the Executive Board as well as to the General membership.

Cindy Casique, Assistant Treasurer - The Assistant Treasurer assists and reports to the Treasurer and works with the Vice President to update and maintain the student accounts.

Dena Campbell, Deputy Treasurer - The Deputy Treasurer acts as a means of “checks and balances” for the Treasurer. She is responsible for reconciling the checking ledgers with the bank statements. She interacts with and provides tax information to the accountant.

Betsy Bernstein, Recording Secretary - The Recording Secretary takes accurate minutes at all meetings and distributes them electronically to the members of the Board for corrections and approval. She also maintains the Constitution and ByLaws of the organization.

Joe Sasso, Corresponding Secretary - The Corresponding Secretary sends out cards and letters of thanks. He also sends out electronic emails listing important information and upcoming events.

Sherri Brown, Fundraising Coordinator - The Fundraising Coordinator organizes and coordinates the fundraising efforts of the Brigade. Some fundraisers will contribute to the general account. Some fundraisers will fund the individual student accounts. The more you sell, the more you earn.

Volunteer Positions - There are many opportunities for you to volunteer this year. We ask you to participate in as many activities and fundraisers as possible. We are in need of people to help with sewing of uniforms, concessions, bandwear, water distribution, pit crew, website maintenance, etc. Please speak with one of the members of the Executive Board and let them know how you can help.

How to prepare your student for band camp:

Please send your child with sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, enough water to last the day (a bottle of water is NOT enough) and supportive sneakers to band practice. Know that report time for practice is always at least 15 minutes before the stated time. This is “band ready” time. Dismissal times are not set in stone.

Please provide an email address that is checked on a regular basis. The Brigade sends detailed information regarding upcoming events and fundraisers. Please open and read your email so you will be in the know.

Please add the band’s website to your online favorite sites, <https://marchingraiders.org/>

“Like” our Facebook page, TRHSE Marching Raider Brigade, for more information.

“Like” the Facebook page for your section (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Color Guard)

Add the Band on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/treastband/>

Join the “remind” for updates. Text @hseband to 810-10

Membership fees:

There is a \$150 non-refundable, mandatory membership fee for each student participating in pep or competition band. This fee covers insurance, events such as the pool party, banquet and a complimentary show shirt.

Key terms:

MIM is the abbreviation for **Music in Motion** and is our home show. This competition is hosted at HS East and is scheduled for October 5. Volunteers are needed as this is our major fundraiser of the year.

“**Band ready time/Sanford time**” means the report time to any function is at least 15 minutes prior to the stated time. For instance, if practice begins at 6:00, the report time is no later than 5:45.

Director’s Chair: A weekly letter sent out by Ms. Sanford detailing dates, times and instructions for upcoming events during the marching season. Your student will be sent

home with a paper copy. In the event it never reaches home, it will be posted on the Band's website weekly.

Mini Band Camp: The week of July 9, 10 and 11 in which your student will learn how to march and read a dot sheet. Mini Band Camp is required for all band students, Pep Band and Competitive Band.

Band Camp: The week of August 12th to August 16th in which your student will learn the Marching program for this season. Expect your student to be hot, sweaty, dirty and exhausted this week! This week will also transform your student into a Marching Raider! Band Camp is only required for students participating in Competitive Band. Pep Band students do not need to attend Band camp.

Candy Grams/Air Grams: Candy Grams and Air Grams are available for purchase at each of the band competitions. For a nominal fee, you can send your student a sweet treat or a message which is read when our school takes the field in competition. Air Grams are usually limited in quantity and subject to availability, so don't wait until last minute on the day of competition to get yours.