

May 26, 2011

Parents,

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Terry Waldron and I am your Wiregrass Ranch High School (WRHS) Band Booster President Elect for the upcoming 2011–2012 school year.

As an organization, the WRHS Band Boosters' purpose is to support the Band/Guard programs, students, and staff at WRHS. This support encompasses both financial and operational support. Examples of financial support that the Band Boosters provide include drying cleaning the Marching Band uniforms, entry fees into Band Competitions, stipends to the Band and Color Guard staffs, and transportation to Band Competitions and away football games when the school district's limits are reached. Operational support includes providing chaperones, setting up for home football games and concerts, pulling the band trailer to competitions, concerts, parades and away football games, and the end-of-year banquet.

As you can see, supporting the Band isn't something that the Band Boosters Board can do alone. We need your help. As President – elect of the WRHS Band Boosters and more so, as a fellow parent of a WRHS Band/Guard student, I encourage everyone to join the Band Boosters and become actively involved in supporting our Band/Guard, our Kids.

As a self-funded organization, the Band Boosters uses Student Fairshare and fund raising activities in order to provide financial support to the band. Over the summer the Board will be working to set out the vision, fundraising initiatives and Fairshare amounts for the upcoming school year. So at this point I'm not in the position to communicate what the Fairshare and fundraising initiatives for next year will be. What I can share is that we intended to continue the Raymond James Stadium fundraiser and provide what the costs were for the current year to help you plan. Below are some of the expenses associated with participating in the band and an approximation of what the amounts were for the current school year.

- Student Fairshare - \$225
- Dinkles - \$30 (Marching Band shoes)
- Registration - \$40 (paid to the School at registration)
- Locker/Lock - \$10 (for locker in Band room)

Please look for additional communications to come out mid-to-late summer that will include the Board's vision for the upcoming school year, the Student Fairshare amount, information on how to become a Band Booster, and current opportunities to help the Board support our kids.

Thank you for your continued support of the WRHS Band!

Sincerely,

Terry Waldron