

Edison Golden Brigade Contributions 2016-17

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased your student has chosen to participate in the Edison High School Golden Brigade Program this year. It takes energy, discipline, talent, and a wide variety of resources for a marching band to be successful. Your student will have the opportunity to grow, learn, and stretch through giving their personal best to the group. You also have an important role to play in the success of our Band & Color Guard. Each student is requested to contribute \$125 to the band program to help offset the costs of the season. In addition to that we are asking for an additional \$250 to be raised through various fundraising efforts with our primary fundraiser being Save Mart Center concessions. This brings the total contribution request to \$375 per student.

This amount is arrived at based on the expenses we expect to incur during the course of the year. Most bands our size have much larger budgets and request 2 or 3 times the amount we have requested. We work hard to keep our expenses down and utilize the resources we have available.

This contribution, along with other Band Booster fundraising* efforts, helps make possible the following:

- Participation & entry fees to competitions & parades for the band
- A new band t-shirt for the current season
- A pair of shoes & a pair of gloves to all *first year* band members
- Meals & snacks at competitions & parades
- Stipends to band and guard instructors to increase personalized instruction
- Music & drill expenses for the show
- End of the season party, incentives, & awards
- Trailer expenses
- Uniform Expenses
- Supplies for the various band events

*For a complete copy of the Band Booster budget for the current year, please make your request via email to Kimberly Marhenke

For your convenience there are three ways to financially contribute:

- ❖ Contribute \$125 by August 9th and fundraise \$250 at the Save Mart Center
- ❖ Contribute \$125 in 5 payments (see below) and fundraise \$250 at the Save Mart Center
- ❖ Contribute \$375 by August 9th

For the \$125 requested band contribution we are offering the opportunity for you to make 5 payments of \$25 each to ease the impact of this contribution on your budget. We will accept cash, checks (*made payable to "EHS Golden Brigade Boosters"*) and money orders. Of course you are welcome to make the entire contribution at one time, if this works for you. ***Note the new name for checks!**

Your \$25 payments should be made *by the following dates*:

- August 9, 2016
- September 6, 2016
- October 4, 2016
- November 1, 2016
- December 6, 2016

The \$250 requested in fundraising can be raised through working concessions at the Save Mart Center. Contact Josh Leong at joshualeong@sbcglobal.net with your name, your student's name, email address and cell number if interested.

Multiple people can earn for your student. Every time you work an event you can earn \$35 or more per event: \$20 goes toward your fundraising contribution and \$15 goes towards the general band fund. Some events can earn about to \$100 per volunteer. That means that if you only work an average of 1-2 events per month you can easily earn enough to cover your student's \$250 fundraising contribution.

Please contact me, Rhonda Dueck, EHS Golden Brigade Booster Board President (email, text, or call), with any questions, concerns. Please contact Mr. Madrid to make alternative payment arrangements regarding the *Band Contribution*.

In addition to this band contribution and fundraising, each student is also requested to pay a **\$50 transportation fee** to offset transportation costs to band events (***made payable to the EHS Band Club***). Contact Mr. Robert Madrid, Band Director, at 457-2740 or robert.madrid@fresnounified.org with questions regarding the *Transportation Fee*.

Use the enclosed envelope to deliver your payments (may be turned in to Mr. Madrid in the band room or handed directly to Rhonda Dueck). More envelopes are available to the students in the band room for future payments.

We realize that each of our families is unique – with its own priorities, needs, talents, and time constraints -- and so we try to provide as many different kinds of opportunities for parental involvement as possible. See the enclosed registration form for ways to be involved & don't miss out on the opportunity to support our band in ways that fit your family - together we make our band stronger!

Thank you in advance for your support, your contributions to the success of our group, and for sharing your student with us. We look forward to an exciting & rewarding Marching Band & Color Guard season!

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