

Booster Basics | 2020-21

Bainbridge Bands
Chris Thomas, director

Hello band parents!

Every successful high school band program has a strong parent booster group, and ours is no exception. With over 100 student members, we are one of the largest organizations for teens on the island - we NEED your help to give our kids the best experience possible.

Volunteering to be a band booster might sound scary, but it's actually a fabulous way to develop community, and see a really cool side of your child's life that you might otherwise miss out on. As a former band student leadership team president whose mother was the booster treasurer, I feel like I can speak for most of our students in saying that even when I didn't want to acknowledge it, I always thought it was cool that my parents were so involved in our band program. I still have great memories of the projects my parents took on in support of the bands I was in, and I bet your kids would be no different. Please consider taking on a volunteer role next year. None of them are as scary as they might sound, and they're all so vital to your students and their experiences in music at BHS.

Following my signature line, you'll find a hyperlink to more details about each position, including a tentative meeting schedule, an estimated monthly time commitment for each position, recommended prior experience levels, and the basic duties of the position.

My very best,

Chris Thomas

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Executive Board

POSITION	NOTES
President	★ 3 hours per month average ★ 2 years prior band booster experience recommended ☐ Meet with Mr Thomas monthly to set goals & make meeting agendas ☐ Make sure our 501(c)(c) paperwork gets filed annually ☐ Encourage other parents to get involved! :)
Treasurer	★ 2-3 hours per month average ★ Familiarity with spreadsheets and budgeting recommended ☐ Write checks & make deposits ☐ Present monthly balance & transaction reports ☐ Track the budget as the year progresses
Secretary	★ 2 hours per month average ★ No prior band or board experience needed ☐ Take the minutes at booster meetings ☐ Provide action plans after meetings

Vice-Presidents

Performance Fundraisers → 2 Parents Recommended	★ 2 hours per month average ★ Experience with our Jazz and/or Honors Program recommended ☐ Help organize events and promote ticket sales ☐ Contribute to our Social Media accounts
Traditional Fundraisers	★ 2 hours per month average ★ Parents 10th - 12th grade band members ☐ Oversee our annual fundraisers (much easier than it sounds)
Uniforms → 2 Parents Recommended	★ 10 hours in the fall, and again in the spring ★ One parent should have prior BHS band experience ☐ Organize uniform checkout in the fall and check in in the spring ☐ Help students with uniform issues at performances
Community	★ 2 hours per month average ★ No prior board experience needed ☐ Coordinate volunteers & a newsletter ☐ Try to get more band swag into the world! ☐ Make sure concerts are recorded

Ensemble Representatives

Marching Band Logistics → 2 Parents Recommended	★ Heavy fall commitment, then nothing ★ One parent should have prior BHS marching band experience ☐ Help coordinate preseason logistics ☐ Help coordinate for band camp, football games, contests ☐ Be available to answer parent questions
Marching Band Food	★ 6 busy days in the fall only ★ Experience managing food for large groups recommended ☐ Coordinate two meals for three fall competition days
Percussion	★ 1 hour per month average ★ Prior BHS percussion experience recommended ☐ Help transport equipment to events & record performances ☐ Be available to answer parent questions
Jazz	★ 2 hours per month average ★ Prior BHS Jazz experience recommended ☐ Help transport equipment to events & record performances ☐ Be available to answer parent questions
Freshmen	★ 1 hour per month average ★ Prior BHS band experience recommended ☐ Be available to answer parent questions ☐ Encourage new parents to get involved!

Tentative Meetings Schedule

First *Wednesday* evening of each month that doesn't conflict with another band event or school break.

→ Tentative Dates:

www.bainbridgebands.org/events/calendar

6 PM	Seasonal Sub-Committee Meetings Small groups with student leadership
7 PM	General Board Meeting (All Board Members) 45-60 minutes of updates and need requests (NOT general planning)
As needed	Sub-Committee Follow Up Meetings Could occur at 8 PM, or at a follow meeting on another date.