

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS

**Question:** What is the New Bremen Cardinal Music Booster organization?

**Answer:** *The New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters is a non-profit organization that raises funds to help ensure the growth and success of our school music programs.*

**Question:** Who are the Cardinal Music Boosters?

**Answer:** *The Cardinal Music Boosters are parents of students in the choir or band program at New Bremen School along with school and community members who are interested in supporting the music programs at New Bremen School.*

**Question:** Is there a fee to join the Cardinal Music Boosters?

**Answer:** *No, there is no fee to join the Cardinal Music Boosters. We consider the entire community to be members.*

**Question:** Who are the current officers of the Cardinal Music Boosters, and how can I contact them?

**Answer:** *The officers for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:*

*President..... Karla Wiedeman  
Call/Text: 419-305-5942*

*Vice President..... Katie Spragg  
Call/Text: 614-657-5338*

*Secretary..... Lisa Weigandt  
Call/Text: 937-538-0275*

*Treasurer..... Tanya Schlarman  
Call/Text: 419-852-9032*

*Assistant Treasurer..... Katie Eyink  
Call/Text: 419-305-2434*

**Question:** When are the Music Booster meetings?

**Answer:** Meetings are usually held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room in the high school, except for June, July, and December in which we usually do not have meetings. **HOWEVER**, due to COVID-19 and the need to socially distance, **meetings will be held in the band room this school year.**

**2020-2021 Meeting Dates (Subject to Change)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
August 31, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
September 28, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
October 26, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
*November 23, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
December.....No Meeting	----	----
January 25, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
February 22, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
March 29, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
April 26, 2020	7:00 pm	Band Room
*May 24, 2020	TBD	TBD
June..... No Meeting	----	----
July ..... No Meeting	----	----

*\*November and May meetings this school year are on the second to last Monday of the month.*

*\*We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the Cardinal Music Boosters to attend the meetings. Although attending these meetings is a great way to get involved, we assure you that you will not be pressured to volunteer.*

**Question:** What is my responsibility as a parent of a student in the band and/or choir program?

**Answer:** As a **parent of a high school band or choir student**, you will be asked to help at various events, most significantly the Cardinal Marching Band Invitational, which requires the help of all of our parents and many additional community members. However, due to COVID-19, the NB Cardinal Marching Band Invitational has been canceled for this year.

As the **parent of a middle school band member (grades 5-8)**, you will be assigned to work the concession stand at one high school boys basketball game. If you are not assigned to work at a game, you will be on the substitute list and may be contacted to fill in if needed. We make every effort to alternate the parents who are assigned a game to work and the ones who are put on the substitute list. However, depending on the number of home games and the number of students in the band (grades 5-8), you may be assigned to work at a game every year. By working at these games, the music boosters receive a portion of the sales which goes in our account to benefit the students and music program as a whole.

*Other responsibilities..... Support your child and the music program by attending the middle school and high school band and choir events. We invite all of you to sit together as a group when attending marching band competitions. We have a lot of fun!*

**Question:** How will the Music Boosters communicate with the band/choir parents?

**Answer:** *The Music Boosters will communicate with you in a variety of ways including...*

- **NEW THIS YEAR!!**
  - **\*\*Remind App\*\*** - please sign up to receive messages from the NB Music Boosters in one of the following ways...
    - Text @nbmus to 81010
    - Go to [rmd.at/nbmus](http://rmd.at/nbmus) and follow the directions to download the remind app and sign up to receive remind messages from the NB Music Boosters
- Facebook - Join New Bremen Music Boosters Facebook Group
- Letters sent to your home
- Letters sent home with your child
- Email (our email address is [nbmusicboosters45869@gmail.com](mailto:nbmusicboosters45869@gmail.com))
- Phone Calls and/or Text Messages

**Question:** What is the best way for me to communicate with the Music Boosters?

**Answer:** *If you have a question or concern, PLEASE contact one of the Music Booster officers or Miss Wrobbel (band director) or Mrs. Ruckman (choir director) directly. Please do NOT post your question or concern on Facebook or other social media.*

*Contact information for the Music Booster officers can be found above under the question "Who are the current Music Booster officers, and how can I contact them?"*

*Miss Wrobbel can be contacted through email at [rachel.wrobbel@newbremenschools.org](mailto:rachel.wrobbel@newbremenschools.org)*

*Mrs. Ruckman can be contacted through email at [patty.ruckman@newbremenschools.org](mailto:patty.ruckman@newbremenschools.org)*

**Question:** Who is in charge of the marching band uniforms and when will my child be fitted for his/her uniform?

**Answer:** Diana Varno is in charge of all of the uniforms. She will come to school (usually during one or more of the summer practices) and fit each student for a uniform. Diana takes care of all alterations and mending that needs to be done. If a problem occurs with a uniform, it is your child's responsibility to notify the band director immediately so Diana can be contacted and the uniform can be repaired right away. If a problem occurs while at a football game or contest, your child should notify the director, one of the assistant directors, or one of the Music Booster chaperones immediately so a temporary repair can be made on the spot.

**Question:** Who is in charge of the concert band and choir dresses and tuxedos?

**Answer:** Diana Varno is in charge of these also. She will, again, come to school and fit each student for their dress or tuxedo. Those wearing dresses will also be given a necklace and pair of earrings (regular or clip-on) to wear for the concerts. Just as with the marching band uniforms, Diana takes care of all alterations and mending that needs to be done to the dresses and tuxedos. If a problem occurs with a dress, tuxedo or piece of jewelry, it is your child's responsibility to notify the band or choir director immediately so Diana can be contacted and the dress, tuxedo or jewelry can be repaired or replaced right away. If a problem occurs while at a concert or contest, your child should notify the director, one of the assistant directors, or one of the Music Booster chaperones immediately so a temporary repair can be made on the spot.

**Question:** Who is responsible for taking care of the uniforms after a performance?

**Answer: *THE STUDENTS!*** *It is your child's responsibility to keep their marching uniform hung up neatly in their garment bag with all accessories with it at all times when not in use. Hats (for marching band) should be placed neatly in the box provided. Garment bags and hat boxes should be placed in the correct location of the band room after each use. Dresses for concert band and choir do not have garment bags, but should be hung up neatly with the jewelry (necklace and earrings) placed in the small bag attached to the hanger. Tuxedos should be hung up neatly, placed in the garment bag and then hung on the rack.*

**Question:** What other items does my child need for marching band?

**Answer:** *Your child will need to bring a pair of high black socks to wear with their marching band uniform. Students should bring their socks home to be washed in between uses.*

**Question:** What other items does my child need for the concert band or choir?

**Answer:** Students wearing tuxedos will need a pair of high black socks and black dress shoes. Students wearing dresses will need a pair of high black socks or black tights along with closed toe black flats or heels. Students should take their socks/tights home to be washed between uses.

**Question:** What are the costs associated with my child being a member of the marching band?

**Answer:** You will be asked to pay a fee for band camp, which helps cover the cost of the extra clinicians who work with the students during band camp along with providing your child with a frozen treat at the end of each day and lunch on Friday along with other things throughout the year. Your child will also receive a free t-shirt provided by the Music Boosters. This t-shirt will be worn when marching in the Bremenfest parade and is theirs to keep. You will also be asked to buy two pairs of white gloves, marching shoes, and black shorts for marching in the Bremenfest parade. (The black shorts are not needed this year due to the parade being canceled.) We make every attempt to provide your child with a pair of marching band shoes from a collection of used shoes that other students have left with us after graduating or leaving the band. If shoes that fit your child can be found, you will not need to purchase new marching band shoes. Color guard members will be asked to purchase color guard shoes and color guard gloves. Below is an itemized list of the fees for the 2020-2021 marching band season.

<b><u>EVERYONE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
Band Camp Fee.....	\$75.00
Marching Band Shorts.....	Not Needed this Year
T-Shirt.....	FREE

**WIND INSTRUMENTS ONLY**

Marching band gloves (2 pair @ \$3.00 each)..... \$6.00

**ALL BAND MEMBERS**

Marching Band Shoes..... \$35.00 (if needed)

**COLOR GUARD ONLY**

Color Guard Shoes..... \$32.00 (if needed)

Color Guard Gloves..... \$14.00 (if needed)

**Question:** What fundraisers do the Music Boosters do to raise money?

**Answer:** *The Music Boosters have two main fundraisers, neither of which require you or your child to sell anything. The first one is our Addicted to Music Campaign. This fundraiser allows parents, extended family members, friends, community members, and businesses to make a donation and be recognized as a supporter of the New Bremen Cardinal Music Program. Our second fundraiser is the New Bremen Cardinal Marching Band Invitational. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not be able to have the invitational this year. The funds that we will lose from not holding this event this year, may result in us doing an additional fundraiser, but that has not yet been determined.*

*In the spring we do a flower sales fundraiser, which is very popular due to the quality plants and flowers we have always received from our distributor. We have also done smaller fundraisers such as selling Krispie Kreme donuts at football games, selling pizza cards and doing raffles at concerts. We also, by having parents work the concession stand at boys' basketball games, receive a portion of the concession sales.*

*It has always been the Music Boosters' goal to limit the amount of "selling" we ask parents and students to do. We try to raise funds through donations, providing services, and when selling a product, not asking students or parents to do door-to-door sales.*

*\*\*The band and choir students will be involved in fundraisers through the school, which are not associated with the Music Boosters. These fundraisers include a Cheese and Sausage sale for the band (grades 5-8) and a Butterbraid sale for high school choir students. The choir also does a chicken dinner fundraiser in conjunction with the winter concert.*

**Question:** What kinds of things do the Music Boosters provide for the music programs with the money they raise?

**Answer:** *The Music Boosters use the money we raise to support the music programs in both big and small ways. Below is a list of some of the ways we financially support the music program.*

- *Purchase uniforms*
- *Purchase the music and drill for marching band shows*
- *Help to provide funds for the Disney Trip every four years*
- *Pay the fee or part of the fee for students to participate in school affiliated honors bands and choirs such as District-3 Honors Band and Choir, All-State Band and Choir, All-National Band and Choir, Mad River Vocal Festival, and various other honors bands and choirs*
- *Pay the entry fees for students to participate in solo and ensemble contests*
- *Purchase t-shirts for the marching band students and staff*

- *Provide food, water, snacks, treats and sometimes full meals for the band and choir students*
- *Pay for various costs associated with the Music Banquet*
- *Purchase awards given at the Music Banquet*

**Question:** How can I support the growth and success of the music programs at New Bremen?

**Answer:** *The best way you can support the growth and success of the music programs at New Bremen School is to encourage your child(ren) to stay in the band and/or choir, be a voice for the importance of music in our children's lives, and encourage others to respect and support our band and choir students and directors.*

*We hope this page has helped you better understand who the New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters are and what we do. We also hope it has answered many of your questions regarding your child participating in the high school band and/or choir. If you have additional questions, please reach out to one of us. We are here to help answer your questions. Our goal is for everyone to feel welcome, valued and appreciated.*

*The NB Cardinal Music Booster Officers*