

# Soddy Daisy



**High School Band**

**Parent Handbook**

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## **Message from the Booster President**

Welcome to all new and returning parents to the SDHS Band Boosters! We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that exists to support the entire band program at Soddy Daisy High School. Sign-up is not necessary – the fact that your child has chosen to participate in one of the bands (Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band), Color Guard, Winter Guard, and/or Indoor Percussion, you are already a member. The basic objective and purpose of the SDHS Band Boosters is to arouse and maintain an enthusiastic interest in band-related activities, to assist in fund-raising activities, and to cooperate with school officials in creating a fun, memorable, and successful band music program. We also promote the ways and means of providing for the needs of the Soddy Daisy High School band as funds are not supplied by the Hamilton County School System.

If you are a new band parent, prepare for one of the most amazing, rewarding, fun, and life-enriching experiences you will have the opportunity to share with your child during his or her high school years! The memories and benefits your child can get from a positive experience in an organization such as the Soddy Daisy High School band program can last them a lifetime. In a school such as Soddy Daisy, where individual students can easily get lost in the shuffle of over 1,250-1,300 students, the band program gives your child the opportunity to have many friends with common interests. Additionally, it is well known that students involved in arts education often excel in academics, as well.

The success of the Soddy Daisy Band Program depends upon our commitment, time, and resources. The band directors and staff are multi-talented, hard-working, dedicated teachers and mentors to our students. We are also very lucky to have a talented support staff to supplement the instruction of our primary directors. They depend upon the dedication and support of the band parent organization to continue the tradition of excellence exhibited by the bands at Soddy Daisy High School.

It takes a tremendous effort of volunteer support and, yes, a lot of money to run a highly competitive and nationally recognized band program. We need many committee chairpersons and volunteers. We want and need your help!

This handbook has been designed to provide information about the Soddy Daisy band program and to provide specific information about the booster organization. If you can't find the answer in the handbook, please feel free to call or e-mail any board member, check the website at [www.sdhsband.org](http://www.sdhsband.org) or contact the band office.

Again, welcome, join in, and come have a lot of fun with us this year!

## **Organization**

### **The Booster Club Overview**

This handbook has been prepared to: give an overview of the Booster Club, give a big picture view of the activities for which we need volunteers, help you to understand the mechanics of being a Band Parent, and to help you to decide where you can best contribute to the success of our wonderful band program.

We need all the parent support that we can get in order to keep the concert bands, marching band, jazz band, color guard, winter guard, and indoor percussion competitive. We need so many volunteers for service and fund-raising activities that there is truly something to interest everyone.

The Booster Club is composed of the parents of students who participate in the Soddy Daisy High School music ensembles. ***Booster Club Meetings are held in the band room at 6:00pm on the first Monday of every month*** unless there is a holiday conflict. Attending Booster Club meetings and reading the announcements on the band web site ([www.sdhsband.org](http://www.sdhsband.org)) are the best and most reliable ways to get information about upcoming events, deadlines, and fund-raisers. Please make every effort to attend the meetings. You can also sign up for our text message group for reminders and information. Details are located on the website.

The Booster Club is guided by an Executive Board of Directors, which is made up of officers of the boosters. Current members are listed on our website along with their contact information. The board meets on a regular basis to discuss business of the band boosters and the band program. Any booster club member who has an item that he or she would like to present to the board should contact one of the board members at least 1 week before the meeting to have the issue placed on the agenda.

## **A Year in the Life of a Band Student**

You are embarking upon a four-year journey which, in retrospect, will be one of the most rewarding yet sometimes strenuous activities you have ever endured. There will be times of great joy and bitter disappointments ahead; yet ultimately, you will be extremely proud and grateful that you were able to share this experience with your child. Here is a glimpse of your future. Band does not end with football season. There is much to do and experience. Please make an effort to be part of the fun.

### May

Rookie Orientation

### June

Rookie Orientation

Car Washes

Fundraiser

### July

Car Washes

Color Guard Camp

Percussion Camp

Full Band Camp (2 weeks)

Fundraiser

### August

Car Washes

School Starts

Football Games

Fundraiser

### September

Football Games

Marching Contest (Possible)

Fundraiser

### October

Football Games

All-Day Camp on a Saturday (possible)

Marching Contests

Fundraiser

### November

Football Games (playoffs)

Chair Auditions

Junior Clinic Auditions

Jazz Clinic Auditions

Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion Auditions

Fundraiser

### December

Holiday Concert

Junior Clinic

Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion

Fundraiser

### January

Senior Clinic Auditions

Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion

Jazz Clinic

Honor Band

Fundraiser

### February

Senior Clinic - Gatlinburg

Honor Band

Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion

Fundraiser

### March

Solo & Ensemble

BBQ Dinner

Festival Concert

District Concert Festival

Winter Guard/Indoor Percussion

Fundraiser

### April

All-State

Indoor Ensembles Championships

State Concert Festival

Spring Concert

Fundraiser

### May

Band Picnic

Graduation

Fundraiser

## Uniforms

Uniforms are a very important part of the band's overall appearance. The Band Boosters work very hard to ensure that the uniforms are properly fitted and maintained. Thanks to the continuing fundraising efforts of students and parents, the band program is always saving for new uniforms for the band program. This is an ongoing effort in order to keep up with the growing number of marchers in the band program here at Soddy Daisy High School. Uniforms are issued each year during Band Camp. Upperclassmen and students who have reserved their uniform from the previous year are fitted first. While we strive to properly fit each student, due to the number of students, some uniforms will need to be adjusted. The uniforms are stored in the band room. Students are responsible for these uniforms during football games, marching contests, overnight clinics, and trips which require the use of the uniform. Uniforms must always be carried in the zippered garment bag provided by the band boosters when not worn. To protect the uniform interior from unnecessary soiling, students must always wear the band T-shirt and lightweight shorts or pants under their uniforms. Any gross negligence of these uniforms will result in punishment and will also require reimbursement of the uniform. For cold weather situations, students are encouraged to purchase Under Armor (or something comparable) to wear underneath the uniform. Blue jeans are not to be worn under the uniform at any time. No visible facial hair is to be worn in uniform. **No hair dye except that of a natural hair color will be allowed at any time in the uniform. No Jewelry of any kind, including earrings or any visible body piercing, will be allowed while wearing the uniform.** Any student, who does not comply, will not perform with the band. Consumption of food is not permitted in any uniform unless permission is given by the director.

## **Summer Uniform**

Everyone will be issued a band shirt while in the SDHS Band program. The summer football game uniform will consist of the SDHS band T-shirt tucked in with a belt, khaki shorts, socks and tennis shoes. The SDHS Band Show T-shirt will be worn to ***all band contest performances***. This shirt represents and shows RESPECT to the school and the band. Students who chose not to wear appropriate attire will not perform! A student's grade will suffer for not performing.

## **Fall Uniform**

Instrument Players: instrument players wear the SDHS Band uniform. All incoming student members of the SDHS Marching Band will be required to purchase marching shoes and white gloves. These shoes will be worn during each performance of the band that requires the Fall Uniform and will be used all 4 years at Soddy Daisy High School. All members of the band are required have the shoes as specified by the director(s). All new incoming students will need to purchase these shoes and any members of the band that have lost or outgrown their current shoes. Other uniform item requirements are: **BLACK socks, WHITE gloves** for wind players (brass - woodwinds) as specified by the director(s). Percussion students do not wear gloves. For all performances, students will go through inspections to see if they have all uniform parts and accessories. Grades suffer for those who are out of uniform. ***Blue Jeans are not to be worn under the uniform pants***. Parent support is needed to maintain the nice new look of uniforms and the purchase of more uniforms to fit the growing number of students involved with the Soddy Daisy Band Program. Active fundraising and support is what will make this happen!

## **Color Guard Uniforms**

Color Guard Uniforms will be decided by the director. The director(s) will decide on the appearance and styles that the groups will wear. Weather acceptable uniforms for wetness and coldness will be considered as well. Appearance means a lot to the band, and we want to represent the school in the correct way.

**On away football games, students will travel with the uniform on. Changing on the bus is not allowed by any member of the Color Guard unless it is absolutely necessary.** Students should be more self conscious and respectful to other members of the band than to change in front of not only students, but parent chaperone volunteers. Grades will suffer for missed performances. At Football games and Marching Band contests, students should arrive at school with the Band T-shirt on. All members of the Color Guard Unit will also be required to purchase a warm-up suit to wear over uniforms at games. These will be ordered by the director so that all members of the group will match. Since color guard uniforms are designed to match the show each year, the warm-up suit serves as a standard uniform for this group. These warmups will come with a pair of pants and a jacket that is personalized with their name on it. If a student loses part of their warm-up, they will be required to purchase a replacement. The cost of the uniform is \$70 total, \$40 for the jacket and \$30 for the pants. The warm-up must be ordered through the band director/color guard director.

Students are required to purchase special guard performance shoes, any undergarments needed for the uniform, gloves, make-up, and any hair products needed to fulfill the look of the uniform. The band staff will be responsible for selecting the make-up styles and hair styles for the group.

## **What You Can Do To Help The Band**

Throughout the band year there will be several opportunities for you the parent to assist the band director and the boosters with the band. Some of these are: Band Camp, Equipment Crew, Special events, Marching band, Concession Stand Workers, Fundraisers, Fun Fest, Winter Guard chaperones, Uniforms and Trip coordination to name a few.

### **Band Camp**

The directors prefer to have two or more parents present at all times to help with assorted activities or problems that arise. These volunteers work in approximately three hour shifts to do whatever is needed. Tasks include filling water coolers, watch over students who stay at school during lunch or dinner breaks, attend to students who do not feel well, icing down overheated students, applying band-aids, answering questions and assisting the band directors and band camp staff.

### **Equipment Crew**

The equipment crew is responsible for building props, transportation and protection of equipment, instruments and all support items needed for all performances and competitions. For every performance or competition each band member has the primary responsibility for loading and unloading the band trailer. Adult volunteers are needed to assist the director and students.

### **Special Events**

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. The time commitments can range from one hour to several hours. Volunteers are needed to furnish food or supplies, water, help with set-up and clean up, etc. These events are organized by a committee which organize the event and gather the necessary volunteers.

### **Marching Band**

During marching season volunteers are needed for all home and away games. Duties include concession stand workers, uniform closet volunteers, and to assist the band directors in various tasks. These volunteers usually report to the band room or concession stand around 4:30.

### **Concession Stand**

Positions in the concession stand are assigned upon the volunteer's arrival at the concession stand. We need 10 volunteers to work the concession stand at each Freshman, Junior Varsity, and 20 volunteers to work at each Varsity home game. Duties are to assist the concession stand coordinator. Sections in the band are assigned to each home game. For example: The first home game is could be assigned to the flute section. The parents of flute students are expected to work that game.

### **Fundraisers**

Participation in fundraisers helps the band earn money to keep the fees as low as we can. We have car washes, BBQ dinners, a fall fund raiser, a spring fundraiser, have hopes of hosting a Marching Band Competition, a Silent Auction at our Spring Concert, and have several other fundraisers during the band season. It takes full participation from every member to provide the funds needed to keep the band program running.



## Uniforms

These volunteers hand out the uniforms to the band members before each performance. They make sure that the uniforms stay in perfect condition. They oversee fitting of the uniforms during band camp and maintenance of the uniforms during marching season. Parent volunteers provide routine maintenance including sewing buttons, making minor repairs, and periodic cleaning.

## Trip Coordination

The trip coordinator works closely with the band director and the event staff on all overnight trips. The trip coordinator is the primary source for information pertaining to the trip. They are responsible for arranging chaperones, assigning chaperones to the band members, working with the hotel, assigning room numbers, arranging meals, assigning duties, and keeping the itinerary current. Any changes during the trip, such as room changes, sickness, group chaperone changes, etc., need to be brought to the attention of the Band director and the trip coordinator. All adult Soddy Daisy Band Boosters members assume chaperone duties for all band functions.

## Chaperone Guidelines

- **All chaperones must fill complete a background check and be approved through Hamilton County Schools before being allowed to participate in a chaperone capacity.** If you are going to be alone at any time with students, you are considered a chaperone and must complete the background check.
- Every effort will be made by the Director and the Trip Coordinator to supply as complete an itinerary as possible. However, due to circumstances beyond their control, chaperones should be prepared for changes in schedules, accommodations, etc.
- Any booster member traveling to an event as part of the band program is expected to assume equal chaperone duties. This means if you purchase your room, tickets or receive passes with the band, you are a chaperone.
- Assignments will be made available as soon as possible before leaving for a major trip. If you have a conflict or personal preference regarding your assignment, please do not hesitate to contact the Trip Coordinator. He or she will be happy to work with you to make your job as easy as possible. It is much easier to make changes before leaving on a trip than to try to make adjustments after everyone has already received their assignments.
- Chaperones are responsible for their assigned group at all times—even while they are performing. You must be available and ready to respond when needed. Most events are fast paced, and we cannot be searching for missing chaperones when it is time to move. You will have time to sightsee and shop with your group at appointed times.
- If for some reason during the trip you cannot fulfill your duties (such as sudden illness), please notify the Trip Coordinator/Director. It is imperative that we know who is responsible for each student at all times. Please do not just ask someone to cover for you and stay at the hotel. We need to know where everyone is in case of an emergency, chaperones included.
- There will be absolutely no alcohol consumption during trips. That means no cocktails or beer with meals whether in the presence of students or not. This is a county-wide rule for school trips. Violation of this policy could cause the band to be unable to participate in future educational opportunities. Those who fail to comply will not be allowed to chaperone future trips.

- Hotel accommodations for the band are always made in non-smoking rooms when available. There is to be absolutely no smoking in chaperone rooms. Disregarding this rule sets a bad example for our students who would be reprimanded for such behavior. Any additional charges incurred to the band by the hotel for smoking in a non-smoking room will be the paid by the offending party.
- There is to be no smoking on school buses or chartered buses. Rest stops are scheduled about every two to three hours on long trips.
- Upon arrival, room keys will be distributed to chaperones for disbursements. You must inspect student rooms before allowing the students to occupy the room. Look for existing damage, appropriate number of towels, linens and amenities. Please remove any matches if available and check windows (especially on ground floors) for stops.
- Prior to dismissing students for check out, inspect rooms again for damage or missing items. Make sure there are no personal items left in the room. Collect all room keys and turn them in to the Trip Coordinator at the appointed time and place.
- You will be given a lights-out time nightly. Check to make sure that all of your students and only your students are in the room. Students are not allowed to be outside the room after the appointed time. This is also a good time to remind them of the next day's itinerary and wake up time.
- During "Free Time" students are allowed to visit rooms of the opposite sex under the condition that the door is propped open and all students in the room are visible. Please check in on these rooms periodically.
- Above all, be flexible and ready to pitch in when needed. Timing is always crucial when loading and unloading and getting a large group into restaurants and rest stops. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings.

## The Budget

The budget is established every spring for the coming year. Copies may be obtained from the Booster Club treasurer. The budget provides money to support the entire band program. Students who choose to participate in Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, and Winter Guard pay a fee to help cover the cost of their uniforms, instruction, equipment, and other facets needed to run the ensemble. The purchase and repair of school-owned instruments, the purchase of music, etc., benefit all components of the band program.

In order to supplement the concert band resources and to keep the extra-curricular activity band fees as low as possible, the Booster Club sponsors a variety of fund-raisers every year. We cannot possibly meet our budgetary requirements unless we have the support of all parents and students. Several of the fund-raisers require selling holiday fruit, onions, magazines, candies, etc. Other fund-raisers involve working at sponsored events, securing corporate sponsorships, or other fund-raising events.

## The Soddy Daisy Band Monetary Obligations

It requires a great deal of revenue to operate a band program. This revenue is split between band fees, fundraiser revenue, and trip fees. It includes the cost of the individual fundraiser, which is often half to 60% of the total revenue.

Approximately 65% of these funds are for Marching Season and 35% are for Concert/Winter Season. These monies go to provide adjunct staff salaries, music, lodging, clinic fees, instrument repair and other expenses. Guard members may be asked to pay an additional fee that covers parts of uniforms that are not provided by the band program and additional guard necessities like a warm-up suit.

No student is prevented from participation in the Soddy Daisy Band because of financial limitations. The Band Boosters are able to offer some full and partial scholarships. We are also able to offer **Payment Plans** for families in need. If your family has a need, please communicate with the Band Directors or a member of the Executive Board.

## Initial Cost

\$450.00 - Each member of the Marching Band is required to pay this fee. This will include payment for band camp; the band T-shirt

Discounts:

*Early Pay Discount: -- \$50.00 off if all band fees are paid in full by July 31st  
(Does not include shoe/glove/or extra equipment fees)*

*Multiple Student Discount -- \$25.00 off for each student in the band after 1. For example, if you have 3 students in the band, the first student will be \$450.00, the second \$425, the third \$400. This will combine with the early pay discount.*

## **Additional Charges for Instrumentalists**

- \$64.00 - All female instrumental students are required to purchase a concert dress to wear at all concerts for the band program. Order forms will be sent home in October.
- \$85.00 - All male instrumental students are required to purchase a tuxedo to wear at all concerts for the band program. Students will be given a website where these can be purchased. Students can find these cheaper but this is a reputable website with great products.
- \$40.00 - All members of the marching band are required to purchase a pair of marching shoes to be worn with their uniform. These are purchased through the band boosters to make sure that all shoes are of the correct style and that all the uniforms match. Orders for these are taken during band camp and a mass order is placed to cut down on the cost for shipping for all. Students are responsible for keeping up with these items.
- \$4.00 - All horn-line members are required to wear white gloves. These gloves can be bought at local music stores or through the band boosters. These can be washed. Students are responsible for keeping up with these items. These are available for purchase in the uniform room before every game when the students pick up their uniform. These are also available for purchase at Giant Steps Music in Hixson.

## **Additional Charges for Color Guard/Winter Guard**

- \$38.00 - All Color Guard members are required to purchase a rifle. This is a personal item they will keep. We will place a mass order of these at guard camp.
- \$18.00 - All Color Guard members are required to purchase a special glove for guard that includes extra padding and protects their hands from the impacts of flags/rifles/sabres that we toss.
- \$40.00 - All Color Guard members are required to purchase a pair of marching shoes to be worn with their uniform. These are purchased through the band boosters to make sure that all shoes are of the correct style and that all the uniforms match. Orders for these are taken during band camp and a mass order is placed to cut down on the cost for shipping for all. Students are responsible for keeping up with these items. Veteran members of the color guard may be able to use shoes from the previous season depending on the uniform and style of the shoe. All efforts will be made to make this happen.
- \$70.00 - All Color Guard members are required to purchase the guard warm-up suit. These suits are worn as a standard uniform for the group at various times throughout the season.
- On Your Own - All Color Guard members will be required to purchase proper undergarments to be worn underneath the uniform. These will be dictated by the color guard staff.
- On Your Own - All Color Guard members will be required to purchase their own show hair and make-up products. Colors and styles will be given by the guard director.

We have made every effort to keep band fees affordable while maintaining a competitive edge. These fees not only pay for music and drill for the fall, but also for additional instructors which provide assistance to the director, transportation and other costs incurred by the band program.

*Below is an example of what it will cost to be in the SDHS Marching Band:  
This is an example only and subject to change. These do NOT reflect Early Payment Discounts.*

**Freshman Student**

Fair Share - \$450  
Marching Shoes - \$40  
Marching Gloves - \$4

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Total - \$494

**10th -12th Grade Student – Non Rental**

Fair Share - \$450

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Total - \$450

**All Color Guard Members (Fall Only)**

Fair Share - \$450  
\*Guard Glove - \$18  
\*Guard Shoe - \$40  
\*\*Warm-Up Suit - \$70

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Total - \$578

**Winter Guard/Indoor Members**

Activity Fee - \$300  
\*Guard Glove - \$18  
\*\*Warm-Up Suit - \$70

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Total - \$388

\*Returning students **MAY** not be required to purchase depending on style and color

\*\*Students who already have a warm-up suit are not required to purchase a new one

**The prices above are without the early pay and multiple student discounts applied!**

## **Payments**

The schedule for making payments for band fees, trips, etc. will be communicated by an invoice and on event flyers sent home with students. Extra copies are available in the band room, via the web site, or the newsletter. **Please make sure that you get this information.** If you need to make special arrangements for a modified payment plan, please contact the director/treasurer in advance. We are always willing to work with you on a payment plan that may be more convenient. Payments may be made by personal check, online credit card payment, or cash. In the case that a student quits or is removed from the program, all monies paid or earned via fundraisers are non-refundable. Students who quit or are removed will be allowed to keep any personal items for which they have paid for.

**Personal Check** – Personal checks should be made out to the SDHS Band. Please be absolutely sure to write your student’s name and what the payment is for (band fees, fruit sale, etc.) on the check. **Payments should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student’s name and a description of what the payment is for, written on the outside of the envelope.** Envelopes should be placed in the lock box outside the band office, where the director will collect them. **All payments will be applied to the oldest outstanding balance.** Checks may be mailed to the following address:

Soddy Daisy High School Band  
618 Sequoyah Access Rd.  
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

**Online Payments** - Fees can be paid online through the band/school website. A small service charge will be added to process the payment.

**Cash** – If you must pay by cash, please seal the cash in an envelope. On the outside of the envelope, write the student’s name, the amount enclosed, the date, and what the cash is for. These payments should be placed in the lock box only. **Do Not Mail Cash.**

An invoice will be sent to all members of the band for each expense incurred by the band member. All invoices are due 30 days from invoice date. Please pay this invoice within 30 days of the invoice date or make payment arrangements with the director to avoid your students loss of participation or hold placed on their records. To help fund the band program throughout the year, each student must have the following amounts in their account by the date listed.

<b>1st Payment</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Due AUGUST 31st</b>
<b>2nd Payment</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Due SEPTEMBER 30th</b>
<b>3rd Payment</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Due OCTOBER 31st</b>
<b>4th Payment</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>Due NOVEMBER 30th</b>
<b>5th Payment</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Due DECEMBER 31st</b>

**A more detailed payment schedule will be posted online at [www.sdhsband.org](http://www.sdhsband.org)**

### **Fee Waiver Policy**

The band program at Soddy Daisy High School needs funds to be able to sustain its high level of competitiveness and supply our students with a high quality of music education. We understand that many of our students who participate in the band program are on Fee Waiver through Hamilton County Schools. Students who wish to be a part of the Marching Band Field show must pay the full band fee to be eligible to participate. Students who wish to be in the band classes, participate in the ball games, yet not march on the field or have a spot in the field show may apply for Fee Waiver through the band program. The band classes are used primarily as music rehearsals and students may still participate in all activities except for actually having a spot on the field. Fee Waiver students must be recognized by Hamilton County once they are enrolled at the High School before this exemption takes place. Exemption is also looked at as a yearly process with each student having to re-apply for Fee Waiver Status at the beginning of each school year. The forms are usually handed out within the first week of the school year at school and students must bring them home to parents and return them to the school for the Fee Waiver Process to take effect.

### **Extra-curricular Activities in the Band Program**

The SDHS Band Program works to provide opportunities for students to excel outside of the standard curriculum that is taught in the school system. This is done through offering several Extra-Curricular activities that the students have the option to be a member of. These usually take place outside the regular school day. These activities include: Marching Band, Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion, Honor Band Events, etc. Students who wish to participate in these ensembles are ***required*** to pay for these activities. Fee Waiver will ***not apply*** to these activities and students will be required to pay for these activities in full before the end of the season that the activity takes place. Students can be held from participation in events for these activities if the balance on the account is not paid by deadlines set by the director.

### **Student Sponsorship**

The SDHS Band program has a limited amount of money set aside for student sponsorship for families that are in need of financial aid. To qualify for sponsorship, the student must participate in ***ALL*** fundraising activities held by the SDHS band program. A student may only apply for sponsorship for one activity (Marching Band, Winter Guard, Indoor Drumline). A sponsorship will only be granted for a **maximum** of 50% of the price of the fees. To request a student sponsorship through the SDHS Band Boosters, the parent must fill out an application that is available on our website for download on our website at [www.sdhsband.org](http://www.sdhsband.org). The application is reviewed by 2 members of the executive board of the band boosters and the band director. Students who are selected to receive a sponsorship will be expected to continue to participate in all fundraising opportunities provided by the SDHS Band Boosters after sponsorship is received or the money granted will be expected to be paid back to the booster club.

## **Student Account Q&A's**

**What are student accounts?** Each band student has a student account to help parents and students know how much they owe toward participation in the band program each year. All students earn credit by participating in a variety of fund-raising projects that are specified to help with band fees. All students will receive the same amount of equal credit regardless of their level of participation. Accrued credit can be used to pay for fees and outstanding balances. The director may remove credit from a student's account to offset any outstanding unpaid debt that the student has incurred.

**How do I establish a student account?** All students entering the program will instantly be set up with an account and their band fees will automatically be applied to the account. Committee chairmen are responsible for reporting all credit earned to the director/treasurer by the end of each month. The director/treasurer then updates the student account list. The account balance can be known at any time by accessing your student's online account through Charms.

**How is credit earned?** Credit is earned by the student by participating in designated fund-raisers. All students receive equal credit on the profits that are generated from any fundraisers that are done to offset band fees.

**How will my account be affected when my sibling joins the band?** When two or more students from one family are in the program, each student in the family has their own separate account.

**Do the student account balances roll over from year to year?** As long as a student is in the program their student account will not expire. The debt that is incurred from one year must be paid in the year that it is incurred. All students who have an account balance at the end of the school year can be withheld from participation in the band program until all debt is paid. Student's grades, cap and gowns, and transcripts can all be held until all debt is settled with the band program. This is why it is so important to pay fees as they come.

**What happens to unused funds when I graduate or if I leave the program?** Unused student account credit reverts to the Student Sponsorship fund when a student graduates or leaves the Soddy Daisy Band program. This is a fund set up to help students who may have financial difficulties. Account balances may be transferred to a sibling in the band program but only to a sibling, not to a relative or friend. If a student quits or is removed from the band for any reason and has money left in their account, their account will be closed and all moneys will revert to the general fund. No refunds will be issued for any fees. If the student decides to rejoin the program at a later date, a new account will be opened for them with a starting balance of \$0.00.