



Jupiter High School Band

2019-2020 Concert Band Class Fees (Ross)

Dear Jupiter High School Band families,

Jupiter High School has four “concert band” classes taught by Mr. Ross: Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble.

The band program receives VERY LITTLE financial support from the school district to fund these ensembles. The budget for the concert band classes is approximately \$26,000 in 2019-2020, and includes sheet music, artists-in-residence, workshops, travel to and registration in annual Music Performance Assessments (MPAs), instrument repairs and replacement, and other expenses that are not paid for by the school district.

To help cover these costs and provide an enriched experience for all band members, this year Concert Band Class Fees are divided into:

- a **\$50 Band Materials Fee from ALL concert band class students** (including those in co-curricular groups such as Spirit of Jupiter marching band) payable by check or by credit/debit card via SchoolCashOnline
- a **\$200 Fundraising Commitment** from concert band class students who are NOT in any co-curricular groups. *This fee can be reduced to \$150 by earning a Volunteer Credit (see below).*

See “Concert Band Class Fees: What Do They Include?” on the back of this page for an explanation of what these funds pay for.

We strongly encourage students to utilize the many fundraising opportunities offered throughout the year. All fundraising information is announced via emails. Fundraising information is also available on the Fundraising page of JupiterBands.com.

If you choose not to fundraise, then you are welcome to contribute directly. Payments may be made by check made payable to JHS Band. In addition, payments may be made by credit card or debit card using the “School Cash Online” system through the school district. (Look for the Jupiter High School Band Fees item.) **Direct payments are considered tax deductible contributions. The tax id for the School District of Palm Beach County is 59-6000783.**

Volunteer Credit: Receive a \$50.00 credit towards a student's \$200 Fundraising Commitment by volunteering for JHS Band activities. To encourage volunteering, parents/guardians can earn up to \$50 credit (\$1/volunteer hr) towards their student's fundraising account. **Credits will be issued to the student's fundraising account at the end of each month for the hours volunteered that month.**

If a family has more than one student in band, then additional hours are necessary to earn the credit on the other student(s) account(s). Multiple parents/guardians can volunteer for one student, thus pooling their hours towards the credit. *Note that this credit cannot be used for the \$50 Band Materials fee.*

ALL FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ONE ADULT VOLUNTEER TO WORK ONE SHIFT AT THE JUPITER FESTIVAL OF BANDS (October, 19, 2020) **and an SFWGA WINTER GUARD EVENT** (at a date to be determined). These hours DO count towards the Volunteer Credit.

Students who attend a full year of band class and whose band fees are paid in full by March 31, 2020 are eligible to receive an invitation to the annual Band Banquet held at the end of the school year.

Fundraising account balances are available via Charms, the web-based database we use to track contact information, inventory and fundraising. For instructions on accessing your student's Charms account, please see the Band Handbook.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the payment of your fundraising commitment, contact Mr. Ross by email at ryan.ross@palmbeachschools.org. If you have questions about your student's fundraising account balance, please contact Student Accounts Treasurer Rosalie Jablonski at rljablonski@gmail.com.

Concert Band Class Fees: What Do They Include?



The Concert Band Class Fees are for all students in these “concert band” classes: Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble.

Your financial contribution covers the following expenses that are necessary simply to keep the band program going:

- Purchase of music performed at concerts and MPA performances
- Purchase of music made available to students to use for Solo & Ensemble festival
- Artist-in-Residence fees
- Competition and MPA entry fees
- Personnel and equipment transportation to MPA performances and JHS Graduation ceremony
- Music Performance Assessment fees for concert bands
- Purchase and repair of school-owned instruments and equipment
- Band Banquet awards (including chenille letters and chevrons)
- Annual user/domain fees for Charms Office Assistant, Smart Music, and JupiterBands.com
- Professional membership fees (FMEA, FSMA, etc.)
- Conference and training fees for band director and related travel expenses
- Office supplies

These expenses are the responsibility of the student/parent and can vary from student to student depending on the enrolled class and participation level in the program:

- Concert Uniform pieces - see the Band Handbook for uniform requirements
- Concert Uniform cleaning
- All-District and All-State audition fees and transportation
- District and State Solo & Ensemble participation fees and transportation
- Meals at rehearsals/competitions/festivals
- Mallets, sticks, reeds, oil, mutes and other instrument accessories
- Rental fees for school-owned instruments
- Admission to concerts
- Accompanist fees for soloists for Solo & Ensemble festival
- Disney Trip fees
- Jupiter Concert Bands Concert Workshop Fees
- Fun Depot activity fee (graduation day)
- Graduation cords

This list may not be comprehensive, but it is close to it!



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Fee Acknowledgement Form

DUE Friday, August 23, 2019

I understand that in order for the JHS Band to continue at its exceptional level, each student and his/her family is expected to:

- contribute \$50 for Band Materials (applicable to ALL students in concert band classes);
- contribute or commit to fundraise \$200 to support the band program (not applicable to members of groups with a separate Fair Share: Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band, Winter Percussion or Winter Guard);
- provide one adult to work one volunteer shift at the Jupiter Festival of Bands and at a South Florida Winter Guard Association event at date to be determined in the spring of 2020.

By signing below, we acknowledge that we will do our part in meeting these commitments.

Print Student Name

Print Parent Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Please sign and return this form by Friday, August 23, 2019