

# The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters

## 2006-2007 Fundraising Information

Welcome to another season of Music and Motion!

Fundraising is an essential part of life with the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. Money raised during fundraising activities benefit the Marching Band, Color Guard, Winter Guard, Winter Drumline and Concert Band programs.

There are two basic kinds of fundraising: General Fundraising, in which all money raised goes to the General Fund, and Individual Commitment Fundraising which allows families to help raise money to defray the cost of their participation fees in the groups.

This guide is intended to give you a “quick start” to the wonderful world of fundraising.

### ***General Information***

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The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is a 501(c)(3) organization formed to support the Marching Band, Color Guard, Winter Guard, Winter Drumline and Concert Band programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP). These programs are primarily supported by funds paid by the participating students and other fundraising. The fundraising year runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ***Commitment Fees***

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There is a basic fee for participation in the PCEP Marching Band. Fees are: \$999 for first year marchers and \$1,400 for returning students. If there is more than one returning Marching Band or Fall Color Guard member in a family, the first member pays \$1,400 and all other returning members pay \$999 each. Following is the payment schedule for fees:

Date	Current Band Member	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Participant
April 1, 2006	\$350.00 *	None
June 1, 2006	\$350.00	\$333.00 *
August 1, 2006	\$350.00	\$333.00
October 1, 2006	\$350.00	\$333.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,400.00**</b>	<b>\$999.00</b>

\* \$250 of this fee is non-refundable

\*\* Early Bird Bonus: Pay this fee in full by May 1 and save \$100! (Returning Marchers Only)

While the Booster Board and Staff members try to budget as accurately as possible, sometimes there are budget shortfalls. In those cases, there is the possibility of an additional assessment.

### ***Individual Commitment Fundraising Options***

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Payment of your fees does not have to be in cash only. The Boosters have a number of ways that you can earn credit to help pay your fees: **Scrip, Spot Buy** and **Miscellaneous Fundraisers**. In fact, some families have been able to pay their entire commitment fees using this type of fundraising. Let's take a look at all three:

### ***Scrip***

Gift cards and certificates are sold for Kroger, Farmer Jack, Retail Stores and Restaurants through our Scrip program. These gift cards and certificates can be purchased on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00p.m. outside the Band Room at Plymouth High School. Orders placed on Thursdays are available for pick up one week later from the same location. There is always a one-week delay between order placement and pickup of your certificates. Scrip cannot be ordered online. Kroger Scrip is provided on rechargeable cards while many others are on "debit-style" gift cards. If you have any questions about the program, they can be answered on Thursday nights at the Scrip tables.

### ***Spot Buy***

In addition to the Scrip program, the Spot Buy program gives you an "instant" way to obtain your certificates and gift cards. A limited number of Grocery Stores, Restaurants and Retailers are available to purchase and pick up on Thursday nights. These are subject to availability.

### ***Miscellaneous Fundraisers***

In addition to the Scrip & Spot Buy programs, there are a number of other fundraisers that can help defray your commitment fees. These range from the sale of Little Caesar Pizza Kits to a spring flower sale. A percentage of your purchase will be credited to you.

The Boosters strongly encourage participation in all of these fundraising programs. They are simple ways to help you raise all or a significant part of your participation fees. Many students and their parents have completely satisfied their band commitment with these fundraising methods alone. You can even purchase Scrip or Spot Buy items for your neighbors, friends and relatives.

### ***The "Split"***

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For every dollar you raise through the above methods, 75 cents goes into your personal fundraising account while the remaining 25 cents goes into the Booster's General Fund to help cover some of the fixed operating expenses of the program.

### ***General Fundraisers***

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There are a number of fundraising events held throughout the year that take the help of many members, and benefit the entire program. Some of these events include a Spring Craft Show, Marching Band Competition in October and an Auction. Please remember... the more successful these general events are, the less money each individual member will need to pay in the future.

### ***Keeping Track***

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We have an accounting system to keep track of all your payments and fund-raising credits. Detailed monthly statements of your student's account will be emailed directly to you.

### ***Refunds***

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Should your student terminate their participation in the marching band program, we will refund your cash payments above the non-refundable \$250 fee and pro-rate your refund based on the date the student terminates participation. Please note that money you have raised through Individual Commitment Fundraising is not refundable. The PCMB Board of Directors must approve all refunds.