

**Rustburg Band Boosters
Meeting 3/10/2020**

- **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser kickoff**
 - Students will be selling World's Finest Chocolate through the end of March
 - 60 bars per box, \$1 each, \$60 per box
 - We can't return any open / unsold chocolate!
- **Fundraising:**
 - Chocolate (through end of March)
 - Donors Drive
 - Car Washes (summer)
 - Bus Wash?
 - Uniform Pillows?
 - BBQ
 - Chilis/BWW kickback night
 - Dinner & Movie night
 - Flea Market?
 - Raffles?
 - Other ideas?
- **Schedule for the remainder of the year**
 - Spring Concert -
 - 5/21 @7:00
 - Talent Show (date TBA)
 - Graduation - 6/6, LU Indoor Track, 2:00
 - More info to come
 - ***need someone to drive trailer***
 - Marching Band Practices
 - Schedule: April after SB / May - Practices once per week
 - Leadership Tryouts: April 6-8
 - Application Due March 30
- **Marching Band**
 - Show
 - <https://msconcepts.com/products/shades-of-latin-2>
 - \$300 for music
 - \$700 for drill (or Ayers writes drill)
 - \$600 for color guard choreography
 - Marching Band Camp:
 - Fees: Raise to \$150
 - Offer volunteer / fundraising option to lower cost
 - Still \$100 for families with multiple children in band
 - If all students paid the \$150 fee, we collect ~\$6,000
 - Band Camp Dates: Similar to last year, TBD
 - Shows / competitions dates: TBD

- Practice schedule - M,T,Th,F 3:15-5:30
- Needs / Marching Band
 - More uniforms - any new members = \$150 per uniform
 - Approximately (10?) new members
 - Guard instructor (check with Jelina)
 - Guard uniforms (\$) / Guard flags (\$)
 - Percussion Instructor: Needed
 - Props - Prop Committee
 - New / Repaired marching instruments for the season
- Trailer - donate to the school board? Need title

- Needs/ Concert Band:
 - Percussion:
 - Marimba, new xylo (x2), new bells (x2), timpani heads (x7)
 - Mallets / sticks /
 - School Instruments: Donation Drive @ Spring Concert
 - Ask community to donate unused instruments for students to use if they cannot provide their own
- Spring Trip
 - Busch Gardens, May 9, 8-HS and Marching
 - T-Shirts
 - Need some parents to drive separately
 - wouldn't have to pay for bus (\$45 cheaper)

Rustburg Band Reality Check:

We are given some funds by the school for the band program, but the reality is that most of our funding comes from fundraising efforts and community support. We need more parents to be involved in these efforts, and maybe even someone to advocate to the school board the needs of the growing program. Interest in band starting in 6th grade is growing, we have around 60 kids interested in signing up for band 6 next year, and I only anticipate that number to grow. We hope to build a culture of band parents and supportive community members that want to see the band be successful, and help promote our efforts to be part of the face of the school and community.

Band is a good activity to be in, and the more hands we have to help the better our community can be and the more benefits our kids get out of the program. If you or anyone you know would be interested in sponsoring a band student or donating to the band program here at RHS, please contact Mr. Ayers. We have a growing wish list of things (instruments and equipment) needed for the program that right now totals almost \$20,000. If you cannot help support the band financially, we could always use help with our band boosters in the concession stands, building props, chaperoning events, donating snacks, and much more to support our students.

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