



# **FRANKLIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

## **BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band and Color Guard**

### **2020 Budget Information**

The **Franklin Community High School BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band and Color Guard** is an extra-curricular activity. The marching band is supported and funded by our school corporation unfortunately it is not enough for the size and scope of the program. Some important facts to know about our member fees:

- Even though the BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band is one of the largest extra-curricular activities in the high school, corporation funds cover only 15-20% of the group's expenses.
- Our largest single cost each year is additional instructional staff. Having additional instructional staff makes it possible to provide more attention to individual members and small groups.
- The fees are set each year as low as possible to cover our costs. While budgeting, the number of students participating and how much funding is available from the school corporation is estimated. Final numbers are not usually known until after the orientation camp in June.
- In comparison to many central Indiana band programs our fees are on the low side.
- There is a sibling discount for families with multiple siblings in the Marching Band/Color Guard.
- Many families have been able to pay little or no money out-of-pocket to have their children participate by using the various band booster fundraising opportunities.

### **PAYING FOR ACTIVITIES USING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

The directors and staff are working to improve the quality of the pageantry arts experience for our families. Our booster organization - the Franklin Community Schools Band Boosters - is a non-profit group that assists in providing volunteers, running fundraisers, and managing student fees.

The Band Booster organization tries to provide as many ways possible to help you pay your child's fees through programs that generate credit for your child's student account. Families have been able to cover their entire member fees without paying anything out of pocket.

If a family has a financial situation that makes it difficult to cover the costs of marching band, please contact the band booster treasurer at [treasurer@franklinbands.info](mailto:treasurer@franklinbands.info) and they will work with you to find a way for your child to participate.

### **WHAT IS COVERED BY MEMBER FEES:**

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| • Instructional staff and instructors         | • Color guard uniforms                       |
| • Drill design                                | • Color guard equipment                      |
| • Musical arrangements – winds and percussion | • Uniform maintenance and repair             |
| • Choreography (guard and band)               | • Food at football games/snacks at band camp |
| • Equipment and repairs                       | • Truck rental (box trucks and semi-cab)     |
| • Competition entry fees                      | • Fuel for vehicles                          |
| • Props/Backdrops – large and small           |  |

## WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY MEMBER FEES:

- Corporation transportation fee (\$30 student/season)
- Marching band members – new black marching shoes – approximately **\$33** (not needed each year).
- Color guard members – new marching shoes – approximately **\$37**; extra gloves **\$16**; body suit **\$20**
- BLUE REGIMENT marching band t-shirt – A new member's first shirt is included in the fee; additional or replacement shirts (if needed) are approximately **\$10**. All band members will be required to wear their black BLUE REGIMENT t-shirt under their uniform for each and every performance!
- Socks – every marching band member will be required to wear black socks for performances. These need to be crew type black socks.
- Extra gloves – the first pair of gloves is included. If additional or replacement gloves are needed a charge will be added to the student's account
- Spirit wear and student show shirts – *this is optional*.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- A sibling discount is available for families with more than one child in the marching band/color guard. A \$50 discount (per child) is given for families with two or more children – i.e. two siblings - \$50 discount, three siblings - \$100 discount, etc.
- Payments may be made via credit card on the band website ([www.franklinbands.info/paypal](http://www.franklinbands.info/paypal)), by check mailed to the band booster PO Box, or cash/check turned in directly to a director at the high school band office.
- A **\$10.00** NSF (non-sufficient funds) charge will be assessed on all returned checks.
- Anyone having difficulty in paying fees on time **MUST** contact the band booster treasurer to set up an alternative payment plan. We **NEVER** want a child to miss out for financial reasons. We have several fundraising opportunities that can help families.
- **Due to design, planning, and budgeting ALL fees will be NON-REFUNDABLE after July 10, 2020.**
- **After July 10, 2020, members who are removed due to discipline/behavior issues or drop out of the program will be liable for the ENTIRE member fee.**
- If the fall season is cancelled, the directors and band booster executive committee will determine any possible refund of fees based on the timing during the season.

