

# Weightman Middle School Band Program

30649 Wells Rd.

Wesley Chapel, Fl. 33545

**Teamwork...**is what it takes to have a successful band program. Our team consists of reliable students, committed parents, generous community sponsors and a dedicated Band Director. When you were in school do you recall that one class you lived for? Well, our Wildcat members have the same desire to do their best and show school pride through musicianship and competition.

**The facts....** We need you on our team! We need to raise funds to provide instruments, music, travel expenses, competition fees and much more. Our program boasts some of the finest students in Pasco County. Please consider joining us in the form of a monetary donation.

**As we all know...**the funds for public school arts programs are constantly being cut. Funds received from the county consists of salaries and facilities. This means the students and parents must raise the additional funds required for a successful year. It is not our intentions to simply ask for a hand-out, but for an investment in our greatest asset – **OUR YOUTH.** We are not only preparing these students to play music, but also to become extraordinary musicians, students and citizens. We emphasize the importance of team work, problem solving and personal responsibility.

**It's easy...**to sponsor Weightman Middle School Band. Please complete the following forms and indicate which level you would like to partner with the band. It has been our experience that business leaders appreciate the opportunity to join in local activities that promote positive youth involvement.

**Thank You...**in advance for your support of our band program. We look forward to seeing your company's name in our concert programs.

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## **2017-2018 School Year**

### **Wildcat: \$400**

- ❖ Appreciation certificate for you to display community involvement
- ❖ Half Page Ad in our concert programs

### **Blue: \$200**

- ❖ Appreciation certificate for you to display community involvement
- ❖ Quarter Page Ad in our concert programs

### **White: \$100**

- ❖ Appreciation certificate for you to display community involvement
- ❖ Company name listed in our concert programs

# Thank You For Supporting Weightman Band Program

Please Print

Business Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person\_\_\_\_\_Title\_\_\_\_\_

Business Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone\_\_\_\_\_Business E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

We would like to sponsor Weightman at the following level

\_\_\_\_Wildcat      \_\_\_\_Blue      \_\_\_\_White

- For all Wildcat and Blue sponsors please include information you would like used in the advertisement

Please make checks payable to:

Weightman Middle School

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Attention: Weightman Band

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## Donation Request Form

Dear Weightman Band Parents, Families, and Friends:

Weightman Band Parents are seeking donations to help with the costs of running a successful program. The funds for public school arts programs are constantly being cut. Funds received from the county consists of salaries and facilities. This means the students and parents must raise the additional funds required for a successful year. We rely solely on fundraisers and generous donations received from our families, friends, and local supporters. It is not our intentions to simply ask for a hand-out, but for an investment in our greatest asset – **OUR YOUTH.**

Our band offers many benefits to the community. We entertain at various community events, promotes education in music and encourages the next generation of musicians through outreach and recruitment at the elementary schools.

Your generous donation will help with the following expenses:

- Uniform maintenance, repair, and replacement
- Competition entrance fees
- Musical instrument repairs/maintenance
- Transportation to competitions
- General expenses

Weightman Band Parents want every student to have the opportunity to elevate his or her musical skills and abilities. We need your help and support.

Thank you in advance for supporting our children! We look forward to an exciting year! Please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return in an envelope with your check made to Weightman School Band. The envelopes may be dropped in the black mailbox in the band room or brought to any band parent meeting.

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Yes, I will donate to help support the Weightman Band Program.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are pleased to offer this donation to Weightman Band Program.

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Weightman Band Families,

I am looking forward to another spectacular year with the Weightman Middle School Bands. I hope you are as excited as I am. I know this year will be our best year yet!

As you may know band is about much more than notes on a page. The students are developing responsibility, self-discipline, teamwork and leadership skills, higher level reasoning skills, building strong bonds with one another while having fun. They will participate in concerts, competitions, social events, fundraisers and community service activities. Above all, they are all becoming fluent in the language of music, and they will astound you with their abilities by the end of this year (if they haven't already!).

It is not easy running a program this multi-faceted; it requires lots of physical and financial support and I cannot do it alone. There is a lot of time and money that goes into creating the outstanding program that we have at WJHS. As the program grows, that amount only increases. Funds received from the county consists of salaries and facilities. This means the students and parents must raise the additional funds required for a successful year. It is not easy, but we can do it!

Here are some examples of the expenses that we incur each year just to maintain our current program:

**Sheet Music - \$60-\$100 per song**

Each new band piece we purchase cost approximately \$-\_\_\_ each x 3 bands.

**Transportation and MPA Fees – \$2,000**

Busing to festivals, parades, competitions and other field trips ranges from \$350 - \$800 per trip. For our bands to participate in band festivals and competitions, it costs approximately \$150 for each.

**School Instrument Repairs and Maintenance - \$3,000+**

Instruments “wear and tear” when they are heavily used, and must be properly maintained in order to play well. Many students use school-owned instruments such as French horns, tubas, baritones, tenor and baritone saxophones, etc.

**Uniforms - \$1,000+**

It is important for us to look good ----no matter how good we sound; our visual appearance makes the first impression on an audience!

### **End of Year Band Banquet - \$3,000+**

We have a wonderful celebration at the end of each school year at which we will enjoy a great meal with great ambience. Many awards will be given—every student will receive recognition for their participation and dedication to the band.

**Every one of these expenses is imperative to our success this school year. Without these items, we cannot be competitive with other local school music programs, and more importantly, our children will lose out.**

In addition, the above listed expenses do not include ways in which we should be expanding our program to plan for the future. Some of my goals for additional expenditures include:

Additional school instruments: As the program continues to grow, we need to have a proportionate selection of school instruments for student use, including both large and expensive instruments (i.e. tubas, French horns, etc.) as well as common instruments that students may not be able to purchase (trumpets, flutes, clarinets).

The list could go on and on! This is where you come in. As you can see, we are in dire need of your help in these rough economic times.

**No student shall be excluded from participation in the band program or penalized in any way due to financial difficulty.**

**Thank you for your support of the Weightman Middle School Band Department!**

**Donald Scott,**