

# FHN Knight Pride Bands



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## **Francis Howell North Band Boosters Association (FHNBB)**

The purpose of the band booster organization is to promote opportunities for musical development for band members at FHN by providing financial support, moral support, and other forms of assistance.

### **Band Booster Officers 2023-2024**

President	Rex Anderson	<a href="mailto:president@fhnbands.com">president@fhnbands.com</a>
Vice-President	Christine Murphy	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@fhnbands.com">vicepresident@fhnbands.com</a>
Secretary	Lisa VanDyne	<a href="mailto:secretary@fhnbands.com">secretary@fhnbands.com</a>
Treasurer	Liz Schmidt	<a href="mailto:treasurer@fhnbands.com">treasurer@fhnbands.com</a>

### **Family Financial Commitment (FFC)**

**FFC** is the **Family Financial Commitment** required to fund your child's marching band, color guard and/or winter guard experiences. No fundraising is required if you would rather pay costs out-of-pocket. Some families may choose to fundraise the entire cost. Others fundraise some and pay some out-of-pocket. It's your choice. You may start fundraising while your child is in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, if desired. We will have an annual Commitment Night every spring in which we will require a down payment to show your commitment to the marching band.

The **FFC** or **Family Financial Commitment** is re-evaluated each year by the FHNBB executive committee. All costs are considered, and all efforts are made to keep the FFC as low as possible without substantially reducing the scope of the band and guard programs. The FFC covers virtually all costs of participation, including uniforms, shoes, show shirt, transportation, lodging, band camp snacks, and one meal on competition days.

We do not want economic factors to keep any student from participating in band. Please talk to the director or a Band Booster officer before deciding band is too expensive.

## **Why the Financial Commitment is Necessary**

The school district does not provide all the funding that is required to operate a successful band program. Some expenses are paid by the participating students/families, and some are reduced or eliminated. Examples of band booster expenses include:

Competition Fees  
Student Meals, Transportation, and Lodging  
Guard Uniforms  
Staff Salaries  
Music Rights  
New and Replacement Instruments  
Vehicles to Transport Instruments and Guard Equipment  
Fuel and Insurance

## **Fundraising Opportunities for Families**

**Scrip:** Purchase online gift cards at face value and get a percentage placed into your FFC account as points. The contact is Rachel Anderson at [scrip@fhnbands.com](mailto:scrip@fhnbands.com)

**Family Arena Concessions:** Work a shift to earn points for your account, shifts pay approximately \$75 and up. The contact is Shannon Schmitt at [familyarena@fhnbands.com](mailto:familyarena@fhnbands.com)

**Fundraising Sales Opportunities:** Various fundraising sales opportunities will be available to earn points for your FFC account. These fundraisers typically begin and end at band booster general meetings. The contact is Rachel Anderson at [fundraising@fhnbands.com](mailto:fundraising@fhnbands.com)

## **General Meetings**

You are invited to attend FHN Band Booster Association meetings to learn more about the program and fundraising opportunities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the North band room. Occasional changes to this schedule are posted on the website, [www.fhnbands.com](http://www.fhnbands.com).

## **Why Band is Important**

Middle school and high school students who participated in instrumental music scored significantly higher than their non-band peers in standardized tests. Studies found significant correlations between the number of years of instrumental music instruction and academic achievement in math, science, and language arts.

Source: University of Sarasota Study, Jeffrey Lynn Kluball; East Texas State University Study, Daryl Erick Trent