

BALDWIN HIGHLANDER MARCHING BAND



PARENT HANDBOOK

June 2024

Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons, Inc.

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2024-2025 Officers

President – Melody Ovitsky

Vice President – Melissa Hackman

Treasurer – Fiore Perri

Secretary – Stephanie Esek

The Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons, Inc. (BHMP) is a parent support organization for the Baldwin High School Music Department. We are a non-profit 501C3 organization. All parents of music department students are encouraged to become members and to volunteer to help support the students involved in the Music Department activities.

The Music Patrons assist in nearly all aspects of the BHS Marching Band Program. We host competitions and fundraisers. We help with the movement of equipment and build props for shows. We provide chaperones for football games, competitions, parades, and trips; maintain uniforms and equipment; serve on committees; manage a comprehensive fundraising program to defray costs to families; and most importantly, provide enthusiastic support for all the students at all Music Department events.

MEMBERSHIP

All parents/guardians are asked to become members of the Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons. The cost of membership is \$5 per person, \$10 per couple, \$15 per family (current students do not need to join). Membership entitles you to be a voting member of the Music Patrons, receive the monthly newsletter, hold committee chair positions, and allows you to be a chaperone.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers who will come into contact with our students during the course of their work must submit a volunteer application through the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. We follow all volunteer policies set by the district. Application materials and instructions can be found online at bwschools.net, select Baldwin High School, then Parents, then volunteering in our schools to access. All chaperones, logistic, and uniform volunteers must have all clearances.

FAIR SHARE

Each member of the marching band is asked to fundraise or pay a “fair share” fee of \$125.00. This fee offsets the cost of uniform supplies, props, meals on competition Saturdays, halftime drink and snack, additional staff, entry fees and more. This “fair share” obligation can be met through various fundraising activities sponsored by the Music Patrons or by making direct payment on behalf of the student. Fair Share is due each year by September 30th. If your student participates in the indoor season, there will be an additional Fair Share fee of \$75 due by March 15th.

FUNDRAISING

The Music Patrons offer many fundraising opportunities throughout the year. All funds raised belong to the Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons, Inc. Credits earned through individual student fundraising are earmarked to assist that student with music related costs, such as purchasing necessary items and the annual trip. Individual accounts can be tracked using the student’s fundraising account. The first \$125 raised through fundraising will be used as your “fair share” payment, unless you choose to pay that up front. Profits earned through other fundraisers, such as hosting competitions, are put into our general fund and support the entire marching band.

Many fundraisers are now set up electronically. Payments for fundraisers will depend on the fundraiser and when payment is due to our vendors. We have direct to vendor, check at delivery, or electronic payment when the order is submitted. Payment information will be communicated when the fundraiser begins. All electronic payment fees will be subtracted from profits. If a fundraiser is paid by check we will only accept one check or money order made out to Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons (BHMP). NO CASH PLEASE! Please include your student’s name on the memo line along with the name of the fundraiser. For returned checks, the bank service charges will be assessed to the student’s account.

COMMITTEES

The BHMP also offers several ways to get involved and volunteer with our organization. Our committees include: Banquet, Chaperone, Concessions, Events, Hoagie, Logistics/Props, Scholarship, Social, Spiritwear, Uniform, and Fundraising. We highly encourage all families to get involved in BHMP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Pick-up/Drop off: The safety of the staff and students is of the utmost importance.

Please do not use the band lot for pick-up and drop-off.

BHMP membership meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm, in the high school cafeteria. There is no meeting in December or July.

Join our Facebook group at Baldwin Highlander Music Patrons for additional information, reminders, or to ask questions.

Join the band Remind updates by texting code below to 81010

@baldwinbrs (brass)

@baldwingrd (guard)

@baldwindrm (percussion)

@baldwinww (woodwind)

If you have any questions or would like additional information please email us at bhsmusic@bwschools.net

2024-2025 Meeting Dates:

June 18, 2024	November 19, 2024	April 15, 2025
August 20, 2024	January 21, 2025	May 20, 2025
September 17, 2024	February 18, 2025	
October 15, 2024	March 18, 2025	

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BHMP Secretary	Stephanie Esek	bhmpsecretary@gmail.com
Hoagie Chair	Jackie Lepperd	bhmpHoagies@gmail.com

HOAGIE DATES

September 14, 2024	January 11, 2025
October 12, 2024	February 8, 2025
November 9, 2024	March 8, 2025
December 14, 2024	April 12, 2025

Hoagie orders will be due 10 days before sale date by 8pm. Orders will be taken electronically and payment is due by 8am on the sale date. We will NOT accept cash payment, payment must be made by check or money order made out to BHMP. Please include the child's name on the memo line and use black or blue ink.