

July 15, 2011

Dear RHS Band Parents,

The 2011-2012 school year is going to be promising for the Reno High School Band. Exciting plans have been created, and we see great things ahead. With big plans come big costs. In the past few years, Reno High School only has a budget of \$1000 for the band department. This next year, we need to do fundraisers along with band fees to make a quality program for our students.

The 2011-2012 per student fee structure will be as follows be \$100 class for the first 2 classes, and \$250 for 3 classes. Marching Band and Jazz Band are classes for credit. If your child is in Jazz Band, Concert Band & Marching Band, your child's music fees will be \$250.

In addition to band fees the RHS Band Boosters do several fund raisers during the year to help. These include: Air Races store Sept 12-18, 2011 www.airrace.org, fall & spring rummage sale, Night @ the Siena in the spring, and selling concert program ads. The RHS Band Boosters need your help with these fundraising events.

Things your band fees go to include:

Transportation	Trailer expenses
Band Tee shirts	Drill team costs
Meals at competitions	Uniform repair & replacement
New music for all groups	Additional staff to help band director
Instrument repair	Other incidental expenses

Also to make the year go smoothly for the band, we need your help with a few teams including:

- Chaperones (school district needs your paperwork on file)
- Uniforms (fitting, assigning, washing, fixing)
- Roadies (loading & unloading trailers & helping students take the field, 2 drivers with big trucks)
- Food (snacks @ band camp & events)
- Communication (programs, newsletters, phone calls)
- Webmaster (web site, emails, etc.)
- Fundraising (Reno Air Races, Fall Rummage Sale, Night @ the Siena, Program ads)

Extracurricular activities the students can participate in include: Winter Drum Line, marching drum & bugle corps, Solo Ensemble Competition, County Honor Band & Jazz Bands, State Honor Band, Reno Youth Symphony, and Lake Tahoe Summer Music Camp. **Each of these has their own additional cost.** All these activities along with private lessons make the students better musicians which improve the overall quality on the Reno High School Band program.

We ask that all funds be paid by Thursday September 1, 2011. We have funds for scholarships if you need them. If your student needs a scholarship for some or all of his fees, please contact Lora Stone. The scholarship form needs to be turned in by September 1, 2011

RHS Summer Band Camp will be in RHS in the band room and outdoor marching. Percussion, Guard and section leaders will start on August 17-19 from 1-5pm. Band Camp will start Monday 8-22 to 8-26 from 4-8pm.

There will be an **All Band Family BBQ** on Sunday afternoon August 21 at 6p.m. The BBQ is for anyone related to a band member. This is a time to meet students and their families as well as **the new band director**. All are welcome! See attached for what to bring and directions.

Together we can make this a great year for Reno High School Band.

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