
WELCOME!

The **Lincoln-Way Central H. S. Music Boosters** organization is part of the entire Lincoln-Way Central High School, District 210 program of extra-curricular activities.

It is important to recognize that the Music Booster's success is based on the generous support of the Lincoln-Way Community High Schools District 210 Administration,

Dr. Lawrence A. Wyllie, Superintendent,

And the

Board of Education

Working together for the benefit of our youth.

All members of the Lincoln-Way Community can be especially proud of the Marching Knights. Recent accomplishments include performances in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio in 2006, Presidential Inaugural Parade 2004, Gator Bowl on New Year's Day 2003, Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA on New Year's 2000 Day, Illinois State Marching Champions at ISU in 1999, followed by a second place finish in 2000. Hard work, dedication and support from everyone involved makes this possible!!

The Lincoln-Way Central Music Boosters WELCOME YOU TO OUR MUSIC FAMILY!!! You and your child are joining an organization that is recognized as a premier high school music department. The degree to which you choose to participate is left up to you. However, for our youth to participate at or above the level for which this organization is recognized, parental support and involvement is paramount. You, along with your child, will make lasting friendships and learn the true meaning of our slogan 'SIAM!'

The Lincoln-Way Music Boosters is the parent/community support group for the music department. Boosters are a dedicated group of parents/friends who enjoy seeing this prestigious group perform. Boosters support their child's success as well as the total success of the groups. It is through the efforts of the Boosters that all the various avenues for participation are available to our students. These *extras* provide opportunities not available at many schools and aid in keeping this music organization at its high standards. Along with L.W. Central Music Boosters, other citizens and 'Friends of the Music Department' participate and provide support for our endeavors.

The Lincoln-Way Community has one of the strongest music programs in the state of Illinois. Maintaining this standing requires moral, financial and physical support by each Booster member.

Current annual membership dues are \$25.00 per family. Half of the funds received are placed in the Robert C. Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund. Robert C. Taylor was the first Band Director/Music Dept. Chairman at Lincoln-Way and organized the original "Band Booster" organization. It is the intent of the organization that the fund becomes self-sufficient. As a paid member of the Music Boosters, you will receive a membership card that entitles you to free entry to the fall home football games where the band performs.

The Marching Knights travel extensively during the time between July 4th through November. The high school provides transportation for the band. During this time, many parents choose to follow the Marching Knights to their competitions and parades. This travel is one of the most enjoyable parts of the year. As a Booster, you will encounter tears of sadness and joy. It all begins when temperatures reach the upper 90's and comes to a close when the mercury falls into the 20's and 30's and snow flurries begin.

The information is provided to assist you in understanding the TOTAL BAND PROGRAM, with focus on the Marching Knights and the Music Boosters.

We want you to be prepared for a wonderful time with family, friends, and new experiences!

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The music staff at Lincoln-Way Central is among the best! The Marching Knights Director, the Assistant Director, and the Music Department Chairman are employed by District 210. Additional staff is brought on board to perfect and refine the talents of our youth. This additional staff, including instructors for percussion, color guard, brass and woodwind specialists, and marching, and maneuvering specialists are under the jurisdiction of District 210 and the music department chairman. The Music Boosters provide the funding to secure these specialists. More staff members are hired specifically for use at Band Camp, and throughout the year to provide expertise on music, marching and advanced technical skill. Their salaries are a major part of the Booster's budget and are important to continue musical and marching excellence among our various bands.

BAND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Not everyone is willing to commit to the Marching Knights rigorous schedule. That doesn't mean that there isn't a great band program available for your student to further develop his/her talents. The Lincoln-Way Music Department offers a variety of distinct musical opportunities.

The bands of Lincoln-Way Central are divided into four bands, consisting of the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band. The Marching Knights is an extra curricular activity, which does not meet during the normal school day. As a member of the band program at Lincoln-Way Central, students audition for band placement in one of the concert bands as well as the Marching Knights (if they choose) in April or May.

Let's not forget the many other programs available: Winter Guard, Winter Drumline, Jazz Band, Orchestra, String Ensemble, Pep Band, Intuition and small instrumental and vocal ensembles.

The Booster's provide support for the many activities taking place in the music department throughout the year. Parental support is VITAL to the success of the entire music program at Lincoln-Way.

Rehearsals

Marching Knights rehearsals are the groundwork for their goal, and a vital and necessary part of our children's lives. Rehearsals can be rough, especially for incoming freshman. This is a whole new program to them, and they have probably never been asked so much of them in their lives. Comfortable, appropriate clothes, socks, and shoes are essential. Cooler style jugs of water as well as towels, energy snacks, and sometimes lunches are important items to be taken to practices.

It is not unusual for the Marching Knights' Student Section Leaders to hold (what is lovingly called) "Sectionals". The directors determine the number of section leaders in the band. To improve sound, increase participation and adherence to rules and requirements, Section Leaders will call sectionals to be attended by members of that particular section. If one section is out of step, not keeping time, or not providing proper sound, it destroys the entire presentation of the band. Section Leaders are responsible for keeping their sections functioning appropriately under the Directors.

OVERVIEW OF SUMMER

Marching Knights and the Boosters are always on the MOVE. Summer is an especially hectic time for our kids. Get ready to pack up the family (parents and grandparents included), and have a great time! If you have never had a child in THIS band program, you are in for a whole new experience.

Don't miss a minute of it!

This is a brief listing of what's on the horizon for the Marching Knights and Boosters this summer and into early fall.

JUNE

- Booster meeting (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month.)
- Leadership Retreat (Section Leaders and selected leaders by invitation of the directors)
- Instrument issue
- SIAMORAMA (Code of ethics Seminar B all Marching Knights and parents. This is a requirement of District 210 for participation in any extra-curricular program.)
- Car Wash Fund Raiser

JULY

- Market days pick-up
- Independence Day parades
- NASCAR at Chicagoland Speedway
- Three weeks break, enjoy!

AUGUST

- Booster Meeting
- BAND CAMP!!!
- Illinois State Fair Parade
- Practice after school

ALL ACTIVITIES

- Booster Meetings
- Markets Days pick-up
- Frankfort Fall Festival parade
- Field show competitions (almost every weekend)
- SIAM Card Sale - MAJOR fundraiser
- LW Field show hosted by LW

And we are just getting started at this point. More about these events will be talked about as each event approaches. PLEASE if you have questions they can be answered anytime by any of the Board Members or your mentor.

On The Move

The students will have many great experiences in the years that they are involved in this program. This part of the booklet will attempt to take you through some of the major events you will encounter and the approximate sequence that they will happen.

Oh, don't forget to wear your Lincoln-Way summer band shirt/parent shirt/section shirt so you can be easily identified! Boosters are easy to find. Join in! Introduce yourself! We are a proud bunch and have reason to be.

4th OF JULY STARTS US OFF.

This is the first performance of the year. This year we will be performing in the Mokena, Morton Grove and Skokie parades.

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

The uniform committee will be distributing uniforms, including gauntlets and hats. At this time additional gloves can be purchased if needed. See more info on uniforms later in this booklet.

BAND CAMP

The most significant event in your new Knights adventure will be Band Camp. All band members making the Marching Knights are required to attend a one week Band Camp during the summer. A list of supplies and special instructions from the directors and/or section leaders will be made available to the student. Information sheets will be distributed at rehearsals and through the mail. Set up a system in your home to stay informed. A 'Band Bulletin Board' posted somewhere usually works out great to post calendars, notes, etc.

We will all hear about the 'bonding' that goes on at Band camp. This one-week sets the tone for the entire season and carries through the rest of the school year. Their day at camp starts at 7 a.m. and continues to at least 9 p.m. This week is spent working on drill, music, and learning the field placement for the show. They will be totally immersed in what it takes to become the Lincoln-Way Marching Knights. They also get to know their instructors and what is expected of them.

Until you see the positive emotions of this group of kids, you cannot understand the full effect that this one-week has on them as a total band unit, the individual and the performance level as a team. Your son/daughter will learn about themselves and how much they can accomplish with dedication. When camp is over, freshmen are transformed into Marching Knights!

The Band Camp/Band Travel Medical Information Form must be returned (dropped in the Band Mailbox in the Band Room) before the student can travel with the Knights. Insurance provisions and common sense dictate that every Band camper have a general physical examination prior to Band camp.

Some of us drive further south to visit the knights at camp. You are welcome to watch the kid's practice but don't expect them to pay too much attention to you. They are focused on the job they need to get done. It is important to understand that parents, friends and family are NOT allowed to dine with the band members, enter the student's camp housing or take the student from the campgrounds. While at camp, the students are under the jurisdiction of District 210 and are expected to act accordingly. All District 210 rules and regulations are in effect.

Make your medical appointments early!!!!!!!!!!!!

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

The Marching Knights perform at the Twilight Parade that opens the Illinois State Fair. The parade is 3 miles long and is a test of the member's stamina, endurance, and character. As our Knights enter the main gate of the fairgrounds, they see a mass of red (parents with Lincoln-Way shirts) and hear the cheering of friends and family

who have made the trip down. After this parade, things will settle down for a week or so. School starts and more practices and field shows are now on the agenda.

POINTS THAT EVERY BOOSTER SHOULD KNOW.

These informational points were provided by other Boosters to help incoming freshman parents.

Buy black pants EARLY in the season for use for the summer uniform.

Frequently check out the **web site: www.lwcmb.org**. There is a wealth of information, schedules, candid photos, and insights into the entire program.

Commitment - We have tried to illustrate the major time commitment these organizations (both the Knights and the Boosters) require from June through December. This organization involves the entire family, not just the student. Your understanding, support and cooperation is essential to the success of the entire program.

Volunteer, join the fun and get to know the other Boosters! Don't be afraid to volunteer for events and jobs. There's always support and help from other Boosters and event chair people. With a group as large as ours, no one ever has to carry the load alone!

Schedules and driving directions for each event will be provided by the directors. They make every effort to get them to you as soon as they can. Often, unfortunately, performance times are not received at the school until a day or two prior to the event.

Travel Releases are necessary if your band member wants to return home with you from a performance. The form can be used to transport only your child (no friends or acquaintances.) They can be obtained from the band room, web site, or faculty. They must be submitted prior to departure.

Confused? – If you don't understand something (times, dates, what, when, where) check the web site or simply ASK! Anyone will be more than happy to answer ANY of your questions. The Booster board Members made their phone numbers available. See the last page of this booklet – use them!

The Booster Meetings are held monthly, usually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7p.m. at Lincoln-Way Central in the north cafeteria. If there are changes to the date/time, you will be informed well in advance via the phone/communication tree.

Code of Conduct (known as SIAMORAMA) attendance is required of all Marching Knights and parents/guardians. At this meeting the Code of Conduct Contract, the Marching Knights Performance contract and the Lincoln-Way School Travel Policy forms need to be signed and returned to the directors. A parent/guardian **MUST** be present **WITH** the student at this meeting.

Photo Release Form - This form must be signed by the parent in order for the band members' photos to be placed on the web site.

Communications - The Boosters have a system in place to assist with getting information to the members. Make sure to let the Communications Coordinator on the Booster Board know if you are not receiving monthly reminders.

Get acquainted - Don't be shy about joining the groups that form waiting for rehearsals to end. Come over and introduce yourself. Watch and enjoy ANY practice, but remember, **PLEASE** keep the noise to a minimum - after all, you are in a classroom situation!

Busy Weekends! -During the fall parade and field competition season, you can count on your son/daughter being busy every weekend with a Marching Knights activity through November.

Booster fundraising is designed to give the students every possible means to acquire the financial support they need to meet travel expenses or incidentals. Fundraising allows each student the opportunity to earn sufficient funds to cover any and all expenses associated with this program. In a travel year, many students can pay for their entire trip through their Individual Bank Accounts (IBA's). IBA's are explained later in this booklet.

Field Show Competitions (usually) consist both of a preliminary performance and a finals competition. This can mean that our Knights can be out there early in the pre-lims only to wait most of the day to perform in the evening finals competition. Don't worry! They will be kept busy with practices for a good part of that day. Smaller competitions start and conclude in a much faster time frame. At the longer events, Boosters often get together for a 'tail-gate' or meet at a local restaurant for a get-together or dinner.

Be Prepared for the weather. Stadium seats are a must for some people since few have backs on the seats. Your travel pack should include blankets, snacks and comfortable clothes and shoes. **RED** outerwear is optional but encouraged!!

Meals - When the Knights are on the road for a typical one-day competition, meals are at the individual's expense. Instructions prior to each travel performance will include information as to whether sack lunches are needed or if concession stands are available. Eating on the band busses is not allowed, but time is always provided to stop for necessary meals.

Nutrition - It is strongly recommended that band members be provided with good, high energy, sensible food, especially for breakfast, on the day they perform. They will be pushed to the physical limits on occasion. Eating a proper meal can make the difference between a good performance and a *great* performance. Missing breakfast or eating junk food won't get them through the day.

FRESHMAN PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

To welcome and ease the first year transition, the Boosters have implemented a 'Freshman Mentor Program'. This is designed to help incoming Freshmen PARENTS adjust to the season with little or no stress. We all have been freshmen parents, and we know how intimidating or overwhelming the first year can be. Veteran Parents for each section will have their phone numbers available for freshman parents. If there are any questions or concerns, the veterans can answer them or lead you to the people with the answers. Along with showing you the ropes, the veterans assist in making the adjustment easy and very enjoyable. Additionally the Booster Board Members are available. ANY AND ALL questions can be directed straight to one of the Members. We can't repeat this enough - we were all freshman parents once. You'll have a lot of questions. (we did!)..please call your mentor or one of the Board Members with ANY questions/comments you may have!!

MARCHING KNIGHTS UNIFORM INFORMATION

The basic marching band uniform consists of trousers (bibs), jacket, hat, gauntlets, black drill master shoes, gloves (depending on the section) and plume. Color Guard uniforms are created based on the show being performed. Parents sew the guard flags and sometimes costumes. If you know your way around a sewing machine, they can use your help!!

Additionally, a hat box and rain coat are issued. The uniform is assigned in the summer and kept at home during the year. Shoes can be purchased early in the season. You will get uniform information when you receive your Marching Knights acceptance letter. Gloves may be purchased by the students throughout the season if needed.

Care of this uniform is essential to the total look of the Marching Knights, the comfort of your child and for the extended life of the uniform. It is suggested that the jacket and trousers be dry cleaned after every performance, especially in hot weather. Any local cleaners can process the uniforms. We suggest that you take a look to see what cleaners are on the SIAM CARD and patronize them first!! Cleaning the uniform prior to a major performance is encouraged.

Replacement cost of the uniform is more than \$600.00. This amount increases at about 30% per year so please assist your child in the care of his/her uniform.

Please make sure that the uniform is taken out of the garment bag to dry after a performance in wet or warm weather.

Uniform Fee -At the time of issue, you will pay a once a year fee to cover cost of cleaning and repair to the uniform, gauntlets, and hat box. The entire uniform issued will be returned to the music department at the conclusion of the year.

Uniform Damage Deposit-If the uniform is returned at the end of the season in excellent condition your \$50 deposit will be refunded.

Marching shoes (~\$25 per pair) are necessary for all winds and percussion and can be ordered early in the season. Guard shoes will be ordered after it is determined what will match the guard uniform. These shoes are required for the uniformity in appearance and are designed specifically for marching to prevent blisters and sore feet. Watch for additional information as it becomes available.

Section shirt – It is necessary to wear a section shirt under the full dress uniform jacket. Students design the section shirts...if your son/daughter is artistic, have them submit a design!

Summer Uniform is a specific shirt and black slacks. It is required for parade performances in hot weather. The decision on whether to wear the summer uniform will be decided by the directors prior to the performance depending on weather and/or parade distance.

Other band logo clothing (jackets, hats, sweats, etc.) is optional, although many band members and boosters invest in these items. Many items are available at the Music Booster boutique. The red and black (Lincoln-Way Central colors) help to create masses of red that the band can see from a distance. It means support!

Questions? - The uniform committee can answer any questions about uniforms. Don't hesitate to call upon any of them to answer your questions.

Individual Bank Accounts (IBA)

Opportunities are provided for individual members to earn money through both Music Department and Music Boosters fundraisers. After the cost of the product, and a small administrative fee that goes into the Booster's general account, profits are put into the student's IBA. This account, which is non-interest bearing, may be drawn upon for any band related expense. In order to withdraw money from an account to pay for an expense, a

completed IBA Transfer Request is required. This form can be obtained in three ways, from the Treasure-Elect, the band room, or the web site. It must be signed by a parent/guardian. Money is always transferred from account to account for the student B never is there any cash given out of an IBA.

Any money that is left in a senior's IBA after graduation is available to be 'willed' to another Music Department member. However, any 'willed' funds must be done ***in writing*** and completed prior to graduation. Money not used or willed cannot be refunded and will be transferred to the Booster General Account.

MAJOR BAND TRAVEL

The band frequently receives invitations to perform at major events. In the past years Lincoln-Way Marching Knights have appeared in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena (1982 & 2000), The Orange Bowl Parade in Miami (1984), The Fiesta Bowl Parade and Competition in Phoenix (1986, 1990 & 1994), The Citrus Bowl Parade and competition in Orlando (1992 & 1996), The Holiday Bowl in San Diego (1997) the Gator Bowl Parade and Competition in Jacksonville (2003), and most recently the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio (2006). They have also performed at Disney World, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Circus World, Special Olympics and in many nationally televised events.

A tradition has developed with major travel about every two years. However, in order that the very best musical and social experiences be provided, major travel every two years is not guaranteed. Depending on invitations, major travel may happen two years in a row, or may not happen for several years.

When there is major travel, band members and families are held responsible for funding the trip. The Music Boosters underwrite this expense, and depending on available funds, may be able to reduce the actual cost per person. There have been many families in the past who have 'paid' for their student's entire trip through fundraisers.

APPROXIMATE MARCHING KNIGHTS COST

A cost estimate has been prepared to give parents a good idea of what money is needed per person to be in the Marching Knights. Keep in mind that *this is just an estimate!* Costs will vary from year to year, especially if it is a major travel year.

Clothing:

Uniform Fee	\$30
Marching shoes	\$ 25
2 pairs of black gloves	\$ 6
Several pairs of black socks	\$ 10
Summer band shirt	\$ 30
Black dress pants	\$ 30
Section shirt worn under Uniform*	\$ 20

Clothing sub-total: \$ 150

Several uniform cleanings throughout the year	\$ 25
Instrument rental**	\$ 15-25
Band camp (1 week)	\$ 350

Total estimated cost: \$ 540

* A shirt must be worn under the dress uniform. The shirt is selected by the Music Department.

** Instrument rental is for the season, i.e. Marching Season or Concert Season. Students may play a different instrument in each season. Cost depends upon the value of the instrument being used, i.e. a piccolo as compared to a marching sousaphone.

This is just an estimate for the Marching Knights. Costs for Winter Guard and Winter Drumline are not included. You can now see why fundraising is such an important part of the program. It would be impossible to move this many people and equipment without the volunteer help from every Booster parent.

LINCOLN-WAY DIST. 210 MUSIC BOOSTERS

Steering Committee

Because of the high school split in the 2001-2002 school year, we found it necessary to form a district 210 Music Boosters Steering Committee. Our goal is to keep the Lincoln-Way High Schools' music booster groups together in spirit and in some of the fund raising efforts. As you will soon discover, there are many traditions that we will attempt to keep alive by joining forces.

Our effort is to help smooth the transition of the split. Additionally, our aim is to solicit total support without overburdening the community.

This committee includes the following members:

1 District 210 Representative

2 Department Chairs

2 Music Booster Presidents

2 Music Booster President Elects

2 Music Booster Treasurers

Plus ad hoc members as needed

In addition to this change the two Booster organizations have categorized all current fundraisers and events into three classes:

District-wide

Separate but simultaneous

Independent

Details of these changes can be found on the web page under amendments. The following volunteer activities, events, and fundraisers, are identified as such.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

NON-FUNDRAISERS

Phone Tree: The Communications Coordinator advises the webmaster of pertinent information regarding the upcoming month. All band parents are advised to check the website often. If you don't receive these monthly reminders, please notify the Communications coordinator.

Web site: The site is maintained by a booster coordinator. It not only is a photo-journal of the year's extra-curricular music activities, it is a wealth of information concerning schedules, booster information, meeting minutes, and community links. Photographers, photographs, graphic designers, web site gurus are always welcomed.

Tail-Gate Party: Every year, at the Illinois State Marching Band Championships, at I.S.U., the Boosters host a tail-gate party. The purpose of this event is to draw together the students, alumni, and Boosters at one of the year=s biggest competitions. This massive undertaking takes place between the preliminary and finals competition. In the past, more than 600 people were served during the party. This is an important and enjoyable event for all. Don't miss it!!! The tickets for this event will be on advanced sale only. No tickets will be sold on site.

Uniform Distribution and Return: At the start of the band season and at the end of the school year, volunteers are needed to assist with the processing and distribution of 200+ uniforms.

Color Guard: It has been past experience that parents/friends get involved and be ready and willing to assist with the production of flags and/or guard costumes for the current season. If you sew, cut, and pin or iron, your help is needed!

Pit Crew: During field show competitions, time is limited to set-up percussion instruments used in the 'pit' area. Parents are needed to assist the percussion section carrying and rolling equipment to and from the field. Don't worry, the students have it down to an exact science, so they can instruct you on where things go.

Chaperones: There are numerous times during the season when adult chaperones are needed to supervise activities. Volunteers are normally recruited at the monthly Booster meeting prior to the event that chaperones are needed. The commitment required to be a chaperone varies by event. Some of the events that require chaperones are:

Band Camp: One-week commitment. You live with the band on site at camp. The Boosters help pay for your meals and housing and your main responsibility is the supervision of the students in your 'unit' during 'free time' and during the night.

Major Travel: One-week commitment or longer. Travel with the band on extended trips outside the State of Illinois. You pay the same trip cost as the students for the 'privilege' of chaperoning. You have supervisory responsibilities during transportation as well as for the students assigned to you at the hotel.

Bus Travel: One-day commitment to ride the school buses and accompany the band to competitions. You will be expected to be with the band throughout the day so you probably won't get to view the performance from the stands, but you do get an up-close-and-personal view of the competition and some things that go on that the general audience at shows don't get to experience.

Winter Guard / Winter Drumline: One-day commitment, sometimes an entire weekend. Housing has traditionally been with the students at the host school i.e. floors of classrooms - bring your air mattress!

Football games, IMEA, Concerts, Festivals, Art-Works are other activities that need Chaperones as well.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES - FUNDRAISERS

This is a brief description of our Booster fund raising activities as they have occurred over the past few years. Everything changes, and our activities are always subject to change for the sake of improvement, time/date constraints, responsibilities and profits. Lincoln-Way Music Booster fundraisers are not just 'work' but they are a great way to meet great people, and a great way to support our kids!

SIAM Card Sales: Our largest fundraiser of the year (nets \$70,000+). It is a combined district profit. On 2 Sunday afternoons in late Sept./Oct. All Music Department members are expected to sell SIAM cards. The chairpeople are responsible for recruiting a team of adults to solicit businesses to be listed on the annual card. They also coordinate two captains that coordinate the door-to-door canvassing of their respective communities. Adult volunteers are needed to drive groups of 3-5 students throughout the assigned neighborhoods selling the cards. In the evening of the 2nd Sunday, a pizza party is held for ALL that participated in the event. All profits are placed in the general account of the Boosters.

Car Wash: On the last Saturday in June, a car wash is held in each community within the Lincoln-Way district. Each area has a town captain to coordinate the activities of the day and to make sure more water is used on the cars than being sprayed on each other! Each student is asked to solicit for pledges for total cars washed or straight donations. A record is kept of the amount each student solicited and money is collected and turned in to the chairperson. This is an easy and fun activity for the students to raise a lot of money for their IBA.

Market Days: All funds from this monthly event go into the general fund. The chair person(s) distribute, collect and process all orders submitted. In addition they coordinate all volunteers who set-up and fill orders. Every band, choir and orchestra are assigned a month during the year to assist in setting up, distributing and help with carrying out orders to customer's cars. Adult volunteers fill orders and double check the orders as they are completed. Orders can be picked-up in early evening to accommodate those whose schedules prohibit late afternoon pick-ups. This event takes in approx. \$6,000 annually.

Winter Guard/Drumline Show: In February/March, we have hosted 1 and 2 day WGI (Winter Guard International) circuit and regional competitions. The chairperson(s) organize and manage the workforce. This is a fundraiser that goes into the general account and benefits the entire program, not just the Guard and Drum line.

Holiday Wreath Sale: In late fall, Booster members are able to sell Holiday wreaths. This is a major fundraiser and profits go into IBA's. There are a variety of items to sell with different price ranges and profit margins. Chairperson(s) prepare, distribute and collect order forms and arrange for delivery to a distribution point. Volunteers are needed to move the product from the truck and to assist with distribution.

Flower Sale: During the Spring, prior to Mother's Day, a flower sale is held. The Chairperson(s) is responsible for distributing order forms, collecting the completed forms and money, placing the orders and arranging the delivery of the plants to the pick-up point. Volunteers are needed to move the flowers from the truck and to assist with distribution. Like the wreath sale, all profits, after paying for the product, go to the student's IBA.

Field Show: This fundraiser is a co-operative effort with the Lincoln-Way East Music Boosters and is used to benefit both Lincoln-Way High Schools Marching Bands. (Our thought: Why not showcase our Marching Band Program, our school facilities, our organizational abilities and make some money at the same time?) Since its' inception, NUMEROUS comments have come in from participating schools about how nice it is to compete at a show with other bands at their level. It is becoming a very popular competition for bands that may not be able to compete with the giants like Lake Park and Lincoln-Way. Profits go into the general account.

These are our main fundraisers for the coming year. We are always on the lookout for new and better events to strengthen the Boosters. Ideas? - Let a Board member know.

LINCOLN-WAY MUSIC BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Have Questions About Whatever???

Call One Of The Board Members Anytime!!

The Music Boosters are guided by an Executive Board, which is elected from the general membership each year in April according to the guidelines of the Music Boosters Constitution. The current Board for the 2007-8 school year consists of:

President (one year)

*Dottie Presutti 485-6253
e-mail:Presutti82@comcast.net*

Coordinates and oversees all functions of the Boosters. Presides at the monthly meetings.
Establishes or appoints all necessary chairpersons for activities, fundraisers, steering committees, etc.

President-Elect (two years)

Dani Madon
e-mail: DaniMadon@aol.com

Assists the President in any and all ways possible during the first year. Assumes the Presidency the following year.

Secretary (one year)

Chuck Doll
e-mail: cdoll107@ameritech.net

Transcribes the discussions at all meetings and maintains a file of past meetings. Prepares minutes of the past meeting for the membership. Attends to all official correspondence.

Treasurer (one year)

Andy Turay 485-9259
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Manages the financial activity of the Boosters. Assists in the preparation of the annual budget. Provides and presents income statements, cash flow statements and balance sheets to the membership for acceptance at monthly meetings.

Treasurer Elect (two years)

Judy Panozzo 727-2541
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Assists the treasurer in any way during the 1st year. Maintains the IBA's. Assumes Treasurer position the following year.

Ways and Means Director (one year)

Deanna Blyth 462-3832

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Manages the coordination of all fund raising activities, and seeks new methods of fundraising to support Music Department activities. Additionally is in charge of all fund raising chairpersons.

Ways and Means Director Elect (2 years)

Jean Bauer

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Assists in the coordination of all fund raising activities, and seeks new methods of fundraising to support Music Department activities.

Communications Coordinator (one year)

Patti Mackey

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Provides updated important information to booster members via email or phone

Remember, this booklet was designed to help our new booster members be prepared for this new experience. We were all freshmen in this program at one time.

One of the best ways to become acclimated to this program is to attend the monthly Music Booster meetings. They are on hour (or so) well spent! A lot of information is given out and questions can be asked about anything you need clarification on.

“We never regret our involvement in our children’s accomplishments. Let’s work together to help our youth accomplish all they can dream of: SIAM!”