

Dear McNary High School Band Parents & Students,

On behalf of the McNary Band Boosters, I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 McNary Band program. For many of you, this will be your son or daughter's first time at McNary High School and we look forward to your participation in our wonderful booster organization.

McNary Band Boosters, Inc. is a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and must abide by all state and federal laws regarding non-profit organizations. Our Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, plus 3-7 Members at Large. This group manages the day-to-day operations of the Boosters including approving the annual budget, expenditures, contracts and the setting of policies and procedures.

The main goal of our organization is to provide logistical and financial support to the band program at McNary High School. We are a volunteer parent group, who work together throughout the year with Mrs. Bell, band students and parents to ensure that the needs of the band are met. This includes everything from feeding students at home football games, helping students get into and out of uniforms, organizing chaperones for competitions and financially supporting the bulk of the band program each year.

In order to meet the needs of the band, our annual budget is just over \$70,000 dollars a year. To meet this goal we run two main fundraisers. The first one is the **McNary High School Marching Band & Color Guard Fireworks Booth** in late June and early July and **Band Day** in early September. Over the years, both fundraisers have been huge successes for us, but will only have continued success with parent help and support. That is why it is imperative that each student and their parent(s) participate in these fundraising events. The funds raised through these events are used to purchase music, pay for bus transportation to and from competitions, clean and repair marching band uniforms, and help purchase and repair instruments.

Even with these large fundraising events, students still need to pay annual band fees. This year's Color Guard fees will remain at \$125.00 and band fees will increase to \$225.00. There are a variety of individual fundraising opportunities students can participate in throughout the year to help pay off their annual band fees. For families who may be experiencing a financial hardship, please ask Mrs. Bell for the Scholarship Assistance Application.

Included in this packet you will find 3 forms: (1) McNary Band & Color Guard Medical and Permission Form (color: blue), (2) McNary High School Band & Color Guard Enrollment Form (color: gold) and (3) a Band Boosters Volunteer Survey Form (color: yellow). Please fill out all forms and return them to the boosters in the self-addressed envelope enclosed in this packet prior to Marching Band Camp in August. Having these forms on file with us will help us ensure your son or daughters safety and/or inform us if they have a special medical condition.

I strongly encourage you to get involved with the Band Boosters! It is a great way to stay informed about what your student is doing in Band and a great way to meet other Band parents. Please join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Band room at McNary High School. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this packet, please feel free to contact me by email at [tjaardajen@aol.com](mailto:tjaardajen@aol.com) or by phone at 503-507-1230.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tjaarda

2014-2015 McNary Band Booster President