



## 2017-2018 Student Contribution Information & Sponsorship Packet

Welcome to the Falcon Band Family! Our **award winning Marching Falcons** had an amazing 2016-2017 year and continues to grow. This success was possible because students and parents collected donations, secured sponsorships, and participated in fundraisers offered by the **Independence High School Falcon Band Boosters**. This year will be no different with bigger goals and a growing student body, as we are limited to what we can do by what we fundraise.

The Boosters (*IHSFBB parents & family members*) are the largest funding mechanism proudly supporting the Marching Band, Concert Ensembles, Drumline, and Color Guard. To run these successful programs it requires several thousands of dollars! **In fact, the cost to fund the 2017-2018 year is projected at over \$45,000!** Here are just a few of the many items these funds will cover for over 145 students:

- **Transportation**
- **Prop materials**
- **new drumline/guard uniforms**
- **Instructional staff**
- **Music writing**
- **Competition entrance fees**
- **Drill writing**
- **Uniform cleaning**
- **Musical equipment**
- **Competition meals & snacks**
- **Instrument repairs**

Mr. Green and his staff are committed to providing the finest opportunities for musical and personal growth possible. We wish this could be done within the budget allocated by the school district, but it is not. We, like all other schools in Kern County, must supplement our budget with outside funds. These include business/individual **sponsorships, fundraising** by students/parents, and **donations**.

Your contributions to the IHSFBB, whether by donating or fundraising, will help fund the IHS Instrumental Music Programs! Therefore, we suggest that each student ensemble fundraise and/or donate at least \$300 to help ensure that all of our programs are fully funded.

*(No student will be denied participation in Band & Color Guard due to the inability to pay or fundraise the entire contribution; however, we encourage all members to make every effort to contribute.)*

There are many opportunities for students/families to raise funds toward this contribution! Also, there are **incentives for students who meet AND exceed their contribution goals**. The following are sources used to meet our budget goal for 2017-2018:

**Student Fundraising** – ALL fundraisers will have incentives to encourage participation! When we start a fundraiser we'll set a goal amount to be raised by each student.

**Student Sponsorships** - Family & business sponsorships are one of the main sources of funding the programs. Please see the attached **"Friends of the Band" Sponsorship Form** and **Sponsorship Drive Form** (*Due on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>*) for opportunities to reach your student's goal! Every cent of your contribution is spent directly on the needs of our students and all monetary contributions are tax deductible!

Our goal is to reach the targeted budget in order to provide an enriching experience for everyone. Your commitment is essential in allowing us to plan and sustain this program, and is extremely appreciated by Mr. Green, his staff, our students, and the IHSFBB! Thank you for your support!



## 2017-2018 FUNDRAISER DESCRIPTIONS, STUDENT GOALS & INCENTIVES

One of the IHSFBB's main responsibilities is ensuring the Band & Color Guard program has enough funds to operate and achieve award winning success all year long. We know this is not possible without the hard working and dedicated students and families of our programs. In addition, we are committed to providing students and their families with opportunities to raise funds toward their contribution goal!

There are two types of fundraising:

1. **General Fundraisers:** General funds are those which are operating costs pertaining to the overall band program. The general fundraising activities are intended to benefit the Independence High School Band & Color Guard program as a whole (not just one student or activity). Without these fundraisers, we are not able to offset the cost of the suggested student contribution fee or provide our students with everything needed throughout the year. Examples of General Fundraisers are:

- Food Concession Sales at Football Games
- Noon Sales at School
- Membership Drive
- Spirit Wear & T-shirt Sales
- Chipotle Night
- Fireworks Booth Walk-up Sales



2. **Student Fundraisers:** These fundraisers go directly towards your student's contribution goal! These funds raised are to cover costs (transportation, uniforms, instructional staff, drill writing, music writing, musical equipment, prop materials, competition entrance fees, and much more!) associated with your student's participation in all the instrumental music programs. These funds are critical to the program's success as we are unable to operate without them. Money raised or donated through the Student Fundraisers are credited directly to your student for incentive purposes. It's VERY possible for a student to reach their contribution goal (and beyond) with these fundraisers! Examples of Student Fundraisers are:

- Fall Sports Program Ads
- Sponsorship Drive
- Krispy Kreme
- Tahoe Joes
- Spring Festival Dinner Pre-sell
- Fireworks Booth Pre-sell



To encourage the students and families to fundraise there are incentives in our student fundraisers! Students who reach their suggested **contribution goal of \$300 will earn an exclusive t-shirt**. Additionally, when a student exceeds that amount they will earn gift cards to participating outlets at the end of the school year. The following is an outline for those achievements as they continue to raise money:

<b>(Suggested Fall Semester Student Contribution) \$300:</b>	<b>Exclusive Marching Falcons T-shirt!</b>
<b>\$500:</b>	<b>\$25 Gift Card!</b>
<b>\$750:</b>	<b>\$50 Gift Card!</b>
<b>\$1,000 or more:</b>	<b>\$75 Gift Card!</b>