

August 21, 2010

Dear Parents,

We are going to have to increase the student Activity Fee this year. Crimson Express runs each year with money from various fundraisers. Most of these fundraisers are “credit fundraisers” that give each of the students “credits” in their band account to be used for their Activity Fee and Band Tour. The “General Fund” earns 10% of all credit fundraisers. Over the past few years, fewer and fewer students choose to fundraise for various reasons. Unfortunately, this results in a reduced amount of money for the General Fund.

There are many expenses incurred during the year for Crimson Express. Listed below are this years projected expenses.

Awards	\$1,000.00
Food for Shows	750.00
Guard Supplies	750.00
Postage/Office Supplies	110.00
Staff Salaries	12,300.00
Supplies/Repairs (drum sticks, instrument repair, pit card repair, etc.)	663.71
Truck Payments (used to take student instruments/uniforms to shows)	3329.40
Tuxedos	500.00
Uniform Cleaning	350.00
Total	\$19,753.11

If this total amount of Crimson Expenses (which benefit your band child directly or indirectly) were divided up between each child, the cost per child that Crimson pays would be approximately **\$329.22**.

We are only asking for your child to pay a portion of that expense.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE for 2010-2011 is \$125 (\$100 if paid in full by September 1, 2010)

Payment Plan 1: Payment made in full by September 1, 2010. Total payment of \$100.00

Payment Plan 2: Payment in 4 equal payments of \$31.25 due the 1st of September, October, November, and December.

Families with more than one child: If payment plan 2 is selected, the first child will be \$125 and the second child will be \$100. If payment plan 1 is selected, both children will be \$100 each.

This Fee will be applied to the following expenses:

- Meals at Field Shows
- Budget expenses which include:
 - Marching music
 - Marching drill
 - Additional Instructors for Marching Band & Guard

Here is the breakdown of the Staff/Design Expense:

Staff	Spring Rehearsals	10 x 3 hrs	30 hours
	August Camp	10 x 7 hrs	70 hours
	Fall Rehearsals	20 x 3 hrs	60 hours
	Fall Performances	17 x 8 hrs (average)	136 hours
		TOTAL	296 hours
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Design	Drill	50 hrs (average)	
	Guard	50 hrs (average)	
	Music	50 hrs (average)	
	Percussion	50 hrs (average)	
		TOTAL	200 hours
		GRAND TOTAL	496 hours
	Total Salary/Design Cost		\$1537/496 hours
	Total Paid per hour		\$3.00

Fundraising opportunities will be provided during the year to offset this fee or you can choose to pay totally out-of-pocket. Any money raised by fundraising or paid into the student's accounts in cash will be applied to this activity fee before going toward their Band Trip.

General Fund fundraisers will be held during the year as well, to go directly toward paying for the other Crimson expenses. To insure a break even budget, these fundraisers **will be considered mandatory** (unless excused by Band Director). If a student does not participate, their account will be charged. The charge will be equal to the total amount of the funds raised by the fundraiser divided by the number of students in the band program.

Any trip scheduled would have to be paid for in cash or by credits left over after the activity fee.

We thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact any one of us.

Sincerely,

Crimson Express Officers

Kevin Beavers, President

Tracy Hartung, Vice President

Wendy Preece, Treasurer

Denise Beavers, Secretary