

**Volunteer Opportunities:** There are many ways that parents can support and contribute to the Avon Grove Music Department. The Music Boosters organization is made up of volunteers and helps coordinate volunteer opportunities including:

**All Music Department groups:**

**Auditorium Improvement Fund Committee (All Groups):**

Volunteers work to raise funds specifically targeted for improvements to the High School Auditorium. Corporate solicitation letter is available for possible donors. The first goal is to purchase portable acoustic shells for use on the auditorium stage during choral and instrumental music performances.

**Booster Apparel / Spirit Wear (All Groups):**

Optional items offered for purchase for students and parents, include jackets, shirts, polos, hoodies, and sling back packs. Volunteers distribute order forms, collect, submit and distribute orders.

**Color Guard Flag Sewing (All Groups):**

Volunteers are needed to sew the Color Guard flags. This involves working with the Color Guard Director to design the flags, create patterns, cut fabric, assemble pieces and sew fabric flags. Repairs may be needed during the season. Volunteers should know how to use a sewing machine and have access to one.

**Fundraising Oversight Committee (All Groups):**

This group of volunteers maintains a schedule of Music Booster fundraising activities, reviews proposed new fundraising ideas, and evaluates the return on investment after a fundraising activity concludes. Based on the return versus effort evaluation, the committee makes recommendations to the Booster organization regarding future fundraising activities.

**Homecoming Booth: (All Groups)**

On the Saturday of the Homecoming Football game, school organizations set up booths in the High School parking lot prior to the game. Booth set up begins prior to the parade and the booth stays open until the end of the Homecoming game.

Two volunteers are needed as homecoming coordinators. They reserve the Music Booster Booth, solicit food donations from local businesses and booster parents, purchase food, drinks and paper products, rent a grill, and organize parent volunteers for the booth. Volunteers are needed to set-up the booth, cook food, sell food, fill food and drink orders, and clean up.

### **Home Outdoor and Indoor Show (All Groups)**

The Marching Band, Color Guard and Indoor Drum Line usually host one home competition in the Fall and one in the Spring. Many volunteers are needed to hold these shows. Co-chair people coordinate scheduling, advertising, collecting donations, purchasing supplies, and organizing parent and student volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist with programs, entrance ticket sales, parking, registration, assisting and escorting judges, escorting participant band and color guard groups, sale and delivery of treats for participants known as "grams", and raffles, and post-show clean up.

### **Music Concert Receptions (All Groups):**

A dessert reception is provided in the Lobby outside the High School Auditorium after each Winter and Spring Music Department Concert. Parents are asked to bring a dessert to share for their student's concert. Parent volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up the refreshment tables. The Concert Reception Coordinator sends Email messages reminding parents to provide dessert donations, requesting volunteers, and organizing parent volunteers to ensure each concert has reception helpers. (Parents from band help with the choir concert, parents from choir help with the orchestra concert reception, parents from orchestra help with the band concert reception.)

**Nut Sale (All Groups):**

An annual nut sale is conducted by the Music Boosters. The nut sale orders are collected in October and delivery is in early November. Nuts are purchased in bulk and then separated into one pound bags for orders. A coordinator distributes order forms to the Music Directors for distribution to students. The coordinator also schedules use of the cafeteria, obtains supplies and organizes volunteers to assist in weighing, filling nut orders, clean up and monitoring order pick up. Each order is double checked prior to pick up by parents.

**Photo Sales (All Groups):**

A Photography volunteer takes individual and group photographs of the Music Department members. Individual pictures can also be taken of music students in uniform or concert attire as requested by parents. These photos are then available for purchase by music students and their families. The proceeds above cost are contributed to the Music Booster budget, thus providing a service to parents as well as a fundraiser. A Video volunteer provides video of the Marching Band field show for the Marching Band Directors to use in providing feedback and instruction to the Marching Band. Videos of the field show cannot be posted on the internet or sold to parents due to music and field show copyrights.

**Santa Breakfast (All Groups):** The Santa Breakfast is a charity fundraiser held on a Saturday in mid December. All the proceeds (above costs) go to local needy families identified by the High School Nurse's Office. It is held at the Avon Grove High School in the cafeteria. Avon Grove High School band and choir students who belong to Tri-M club provide musical entertainment and Santa is present to meet with younger guests. Music students and Music Booster Parents help with set-up, food donations, food preparation and serving food. Pictures with Santa are also offered.

**SCRIP (All groups):**

Scrip is a Music Booster fundraiser that sells gift cards with participating retailers. Families purchase and redeem gift cards at face value. Families also receive a rebate that gets split 50/50 between the Music Boosters and their child's student account.

Scrip chair persons collect, process and deliver orders. Due to the amount of orders processed, a choir, orchestra, band and guard representative is needed to help insure safe and prompt delivery of gift cards.

For questions or information, visit the scrip website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or contact the booster representative at [aghsscrip@comcast.net](mailto:aghsscrip@comcast.net).

**Marching Band Specific:**

**Away Band Camp Chaperones: (Band only)**

4 women and 4 men are needed. Volunteers assist Band Director in setting up stands and chairs for rehearsals, transporting equipment, supervising students. A nurse is needed to provide basic first aid advice and to assist in making judgment call regarding whether a trip to the hospital is necessary in the event of an injury. Students must store and administer their own over the counter and prescription medications. Requires own camp fee and transportation. The chaperone camp fee is less than the student camp fee because it does not include the bus transportation costs.

**Water Bottles for Performances (Band only)**

Parent volunteers clean and refill squirt water bottles which are provided for the band students during parades, football games and competitions. Bottles must be run through the dishwasher after events to sterilize them. They are transported in coolers.

**Equipment/Transportation Crew (Band only) :**

Volunteers transport the pit percussion instruments and stands, ladders for drum majors, first aid kit and other supplies to and from the stadium for

band practices and performances. They assist students in loading and securing pit equipment and color guard props onto the trailer, and then moving and assisting in unloading the equipment. Volunteers utilize a golf cart and tow a small trailer to and from the Band Shed. Must be able to lift up to 20 pounds by themselves or 50 pounds with assistance from another person.

Volunteers tow the large equipment trailer that transports all the instruments and color guard equipment to away competitions. Volunteers also tow the large trailer and Fry trailer to and from a storage facility in Avondale.

### **Chaperones for Football Games: (Band only)**

Responsibilities include reserving a section of the stadium for our Band and visiting Band prior to the game; supervision of the First Aid kit and student medical information binder; walk alongside the band from the band room to the stadium and managing traffic if necessary to allow band right of way; distributing and collecting plumes for hats (four people); providing students water from squirt water bottles; supervising band section containing students belongings while the students are on the field or getting concessions; and taking attendance on buses for away games. Please note: While chaperones are needed for away games, most chaperones must provide their own transportation to the away games as there is not enough room on the buses provided for students.

### **Chaperones for Away Competitions and Parades : (Band only)**

Volunteers take attendance on buses before departing, ensure the First Aid kit and student medical information binder is taken along, walk alongside the band during parades, distribute and collect plumes, provide students water from squirt water bottles as needed, and supervise students before and after step off. After the parade, volunteers distribute cookies and water to the students. Requires own transportation to the event.

### **Fry Trailer: (Band Only)**

The Music Boosters are able to sell french fries at Home Football games, Home Outdoor and Indoor Shows. During operation, a volunteer must be present that is certified in Food Handling. Volunteers are needed to order supplies, set up, prepare, and sell the fries. Clean-up and storage procedures also need to be completed after each use.

**Halloween Candy:** (Band only)

The Band usually practices in costumes on Halloween, and after practice each member of the Marching Band and Color Guard are provided a Halloween candy goodie bag. Band parents are asked to donate candy.

**Band Banquet:** (Band Only)

At the conclusion of Marching Band season, the Band holds a pot-luck dinner for all the families of Marching Band and Color Guard. The banquet is held in the school cafeteria, and is followed by a brief recognition ceremony in the auditorium, where a video of the final field show is shown and seniors are recognized. Two coordinators are needed to contact parents, and organize food donations, and set-up and clean-up.

**Post Memorial Day Parade Picnic:** (Band Only)

During the Memorial Day Parade, parents of senior band and color guard members are invited to march behind the band. After the band returns to the school, the Music Boosters provide refreshments and food for the band members and senior parents in the parking lot near the band room. Volunteers are needed to donate desserts, purchase food and supplies, prepare, set-up and distribute the food, and clean up after the event.

**Uniforms:** (Band only)

Coordinators maintain database of uniform inventory, collect dry cleaning slips and organize parent volunteers to assist in distribution, documentation, fitting, repairs, collection and storage of uniforms. Before uniforms are checked back in, all uniforms must be dry cleaned. Volunteers also coordinate marching band shoe and glove purchases,

scheduling a vendor to size students for marching band shoes, collecting orders and distributing shoes when they arrive.

A volunteer is usually available to sell replacement gloves before football games and competitions.

**Choir Specific:**

**Choir Camp:** (Choir Only)

Coordinator needed to work with choir director to provide food and drinks to students during choir camp.

**Choir Robe Distribution:** (Choir Only)

Coordinator needed to round up volunteers to distribute choir robes to students before winter and spring concerts. After the concert is over the robes then need to be hung back up.