

Band Notes

From the Band Directors

Welcome back to the new semester! I hope everyone had a restful break. The December concerts, performances, and auditions went very well. The weather for the parade was excellent. The Band and Orchestra Winter Concert was successful. All of the students who auditioned for All-Region and Area represented the Shepton Band Program with highest honors.

The Winter Concert was a fun evening. Thanks so much to all who attended to support the Band and Orchestra programs. All of the performing groups did an outstanding job. The recordings that were sold that evening should arrive in early February. I think you will be pleased with the quality when it arrives. We will send those recordings home with the students as soon as they are delivered.

90 Shepton Band students tried out for the All-Region Bands in November and December. Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned. It takes a lot of courage and many hours of preparation to endure this audition process. The students who earned positions in these groups were recognized in the newsletter last month. The All-Region Clinics and Concerts were held in the Grapevine/Colleyville School District on Friday and Saturday, January 13th and 14th.

Our focus this month is geared toward the preparation for the upcoming Solo and Ensemble Contest. Students are playing for us in order to receive input on the progress of their solos. The contest will be on February 4th at Plano West. Students will be playing for the directors in sessions called "Listenings." The students have a schedule of this information.

Our Spring sectional schedule and Jazz Band schedule has been completed. Students will receive a handout of the schedule. The schedule is also posted at www.sheptonband.org.

The Midwinter Concert is scheduled for February 8th at 7pm. All three bands will be performing at this concert. The concert will be held at Caruth Auditorium at the SMU campus. The dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday, February 7th in the Shepton Band Hall. Specific information about the concert will be posted on the website. There will be a short booster meeting during the intermission.

The time of year is coming when the Booster Board begins to seek and identify parents who would be interested in joining the slate of officers for next year. ***Please consider offering your time and talents to this spectacular group of families.*** Our group is going to grow in size again next school year. We are hoping to have "all hands on deck" to continue smooth the transition and soothe the growing pains. There is a place for every talent in this group. No reasonable offer will be denied!!!

Thanks so much for your continued support of this program. Glenn Lambert and LaRae Duff

From the President - Priscilla Young

Happy New Year Everybody! January has almost become history, and the students are hard at work on their solos and ensembles. They are learning lots of great music in each of the bands, and, even though the pressure of marching season is over, there is still a lot happening this semester. We have a bunch of really sharp, talented, and committed students in the Shepton Band. Be sure to encourage your student to continue to do his/her best, and let them know how much you love and support them! They need our words of affirmation every day!

Thanks to those who attended the Booster Meeting on January 24. As parents we all need to be informed and engaged in supporting the band directors and the students. In the next few weeks we will begin planning for next year's Booster leadership needs. Freshman parents-consider what position you can fill to make it the best year ever. Everyone-encourage 8th grade parents you know to participate. It's a fantastic way to be involved in the life of your band student.

A lot is going on this spring. Be sure to read the whole newsletter carefully and visit the website calendar. The directors do a great job of keeping dates, times, and details posted. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. ***Thanks for your participation! Priscilla Young***

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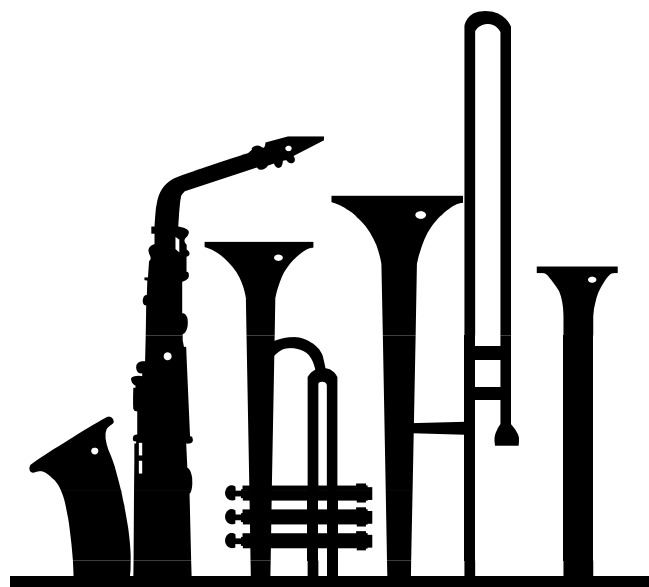
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Shepton Band Calendar



- February 4 Solo and Ensemble Contest at Plano West
- February 8 Midwinter Concert at Carruth Auditorium
- February 5 NO Symphonic Band Sectionals this week
- February 12 NO Symphonic Band Sectionals this week
- March 15 Clinic after school with Tom Bennett. Everyone should be present
- March 18 Percussion Spring Show
- March 21 Pre-VIL Concert at Eisemann Center in Richardson
- April 2 Spring Band Party @ Group Dynamix (see page 5)
Money due by March 15
- April 26 Shepton Band Spring Trip-Murchison Performing Arts Centers & Six Flags
Trip - Total Cost \$65.00

- See Wind Ensemble Spring Schedule on page 4
- Symphonic Band Sectionals
AM - 7:30 to 8:30
PM - 4:30 to 5:30
Full Band on Thursday AM



Wind Ensemble Sectional and full rehearsal Schedule Spring '06

Flutes

- Tuesday, February 21 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Tuesday, February 28 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Tuesday, March 14 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Wednesday, March 22 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Thursday, March 30 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Wednesday, April 5 - 4:30pm-5:15pm

Full Rehearsals (7:30am)

- Jan 30
- Feb 20
- Mar 13
- Mar 31
- Apr 3
- Apr 10

Clarinets

- Wednesday, February 22 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Wednesday, March 1 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Monday, March 13 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Monday, March 20 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Friday, March 31 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Tuesday, April 4 - 4:30pm-5:15pm

Dress Rehearsals – after school

- Feb 7
- Mar 20

Oboes

- Thursday, March 16 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Wednesday, April 5 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Thursday, April 6 – 4:30pm-5:15pm

Everyone – There will be a clinic after school on Wednesday, March 15 from 6-7:30. Tom Bennett will be the clinician on that day. Everyone is expected to be present.

Bass Clarinet, Bari Sax, Bassoon, Tenor Sax

- Monday, Feb 20 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Friday, March 3 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Friday, March 24 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Monday, April 3 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Friday, April 7 - 4:30pm-5:15pm

Trumpet

- Wednesday, March 1 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Thursday, March 16 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Thursday, March 23 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Thursday, March 30 – 7:15am-8:00am
- Tuesday, April 4 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Friday, April 7 - 8:00am-8:45am

French Horn/ Alto Sax

- Friday, February 24 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Monday, February 27 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Friday, March 17 – 4:30pm-5:15pm
- Wednesday, April 5 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Friday, April 7 - 7:15am-8:00am

Low Brass

- Wednesday, March 1 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Thursday, March 16 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Monday, March 20 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Thursday, March 30 – 8:00am-8:45am
- Tuesday, April 4 - 7:15am-8:00am
- Thursday, April 6 - 7:15am-8:00am

Important News
MidWinter Concert – February 8th



The MidWinter Concert is set for Caruth Auditorium on February 8th at 7 pm. Dress for the concert is Concert Black. Caruth Auditorium is located on the SMU Campus at the intesection of Ownby Drive and Dyer Street (3145 Dyer Street) Dress Rehearsal for the concert is February 7th from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Concert Black: Ladies—solid black dress, skirt/blouse, pantsuit; NO color unless small hints of white or silver; dress and skirt length must be below the knee when seated; black, closed-toe dress shoes, (no sandals), hose. Gentlemen—black or very dark colored dress slacks (no khakis, jeans, etc.); white, long sleeved dress shirt; conservative tie; black dress shoes and socks (marching band shoes are acceptable).

Banquet Video

We are already working on the year-end video, and we need your best pictures from all band events so far. Berk Smith is our official Video Guy, so please send pictures to him. If they are digital, you can send by email, as attachments to berk.smith@comcast.net. If you have more then just a few, please copy them onto a CD, clearly mark it, including your name. Send all pictures/CD's to the black box in the band office. Label with your name everything that you want returned. We want to include every band member in the video memories of the 2005-2006 year.

Congrats!! Winterguard

Congratulations !! The Shepton Winterguard placed First Place two weeks in a row at their Winterguard Competitions. They are doing a fantastic job on their routine. Please congratulate everyone in Winterguard for doing such a fabulous performance. Lots of thanks go to Mrs. Duff, Stephanie and Sam, the director. They love to bring home those trophies!!! Go Guard!!

Spring Band Party at Group Dynamix

An indoor challenge course that includes a rock climbing wall, amusement park size inflatables, group games, contests, relays, human foosball and more!

Date: Sunday, April 2 Time: 4-9pm Cost: \$30 (includes dinner, snacks and drinks) Location: 1215 Trend Drive, Carrollton

Note: Every student will need a Group Dynamix permission slip signed by the parent. They are available online at www.groupdynamix.com/resources.htm

Forms and payment due in the band office by March 15th.

If you have any questions or would like to chaperone this event, please contact Karen O'Donnell at 972-608-0409 or e-mail to: kpod614@aol.com

Thinking about the SAT?

Don't Practice on the Real Thing...
Join us for a SAT or PSAT **Practice Test** and
Strategy Session

When: Test - Saturday, February 25, 2006
SAT 8:30am-12:30pm
PSAT 8:30am-11:00am

Where: Plano West Senior High School Cafeteria
Register by: Tuesday, February 21st, 2006

Strategy Session: Thursday, March 2nd, 7-8:30pm

Cost: \$12- non-refundable and due by registration
Checks payable to Plano West Sr. High Band Booster
Walk-Ins accepted on a space available basis.

Bring your calculators

Extra forms available at the Shepton, Jasper, and West Counseling offices.

Send your registrations & fee to:

Plano West Sr. High School
c/o Band Boosters SAT/PSAT
5601 W. Parker Rd.

Plano, TX 75093

Sponsored by:

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For more information:

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I'm taking: SAT _____ PSAT _____ (choose one)

I will attend BOTH the exam & strategy session _____ I will only attend the exam _____

Parents are encouraged to attend the Strategy Session

Student's name _____ School _____ Class Yr _____

Parent's name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Shepton High School Band Boosters-Membership Meeting Minutes January 24, 2005

Call to Order: A meeting of the Shepton High School Band Boosters was called to order on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:40 pm in the band hall by president, Priscilla Young. Members present were Karen O'Donnell, Susan Talavera, Becky Stoughton, Lori Brenner, Michelle Kocurek, Carol Bradley, Michele Cavenee, Hazel Alterman, Rebecca Regian, Sharla Stack, Kathy Coates, Lorrie Groll, Trish Donaldson, Terri Mento, Arlene Freyman, Nancy Milliken, Amy Richards, Laura L. Michaels, Lynn Young Lawton. Also present were band staff members Glenn Lambert and LaRae Duff.

President's Report: Priscilla Young welcomed everyone to the meeting. Scrip orders are due tonight. Priscilla asked for a motion to approve the November 1, 2005 meeting minutes. Hazel Alterman so moved and Becky Stoughton seconded the motion. Motion to approve passed.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Kocurek reported we had \$15,005.80 in the Money Market Account and \$28,846.43 in the Checking Account for a total of \$43,852.23. See Budget Sheet titled "As of December 31, 2005".

Spaghetti Dinner Report: Lori Brenner reported there were three outstanding bills (School security, School custodians, School FANS staff) to be paid, so we did not yet have a net figure for the Spaghetti Dinner. She thanked all those who helped with the event.

Silent Auction Report: Susan Talavera reported the auction netted over \$8,000.00. She felt that putting the Auction bulletin on the Band website prior to the event was very helpful to bidders and also saved money as we did not have to print as many bulletins. The suggestion was made that next year we announce over the loud speaker an auction section closing fifteen minutes before we closed it to create some last minute bidding "wars" and increase what we make on some items. Susan thanked everyone for their help in making the auction a success!

New Business: The Band Booster Board is pursuing the proper authorization to sell a calendar that outlines preparations for college (created by Becky Stoughton's company) as a fundraiser for next school year (and maybe on a limited basis this spring). Watch for more information.

It was announced that the Renner Band is commissioning a piece of music by Bart Ghent in memory of Lori Peel. It will be played this spring by the Renner Concert Band. Hazel Alterman moved and it was seconded by Karen O'Donnell that we donate \$300.00 as a Memorial to Lori Peel--to be used for the commissioning or another need that the Renner Band may have. The motion passed.

LaRae Duff said she needs a person to work with her and form a small committee to plan the Pre-UIL Concert at the Eisemann Center on Tuesday, March 21st. It will be handled much the same as last year (there are very complete procedure notes by Sue Beck) with participation by Renner and Frankford, as well as Shepton. The committee will organize tickets sales, programs, and food for adult helpers and judges. Please contact LaRae to help.

Priscilla Young told the group that a packet of materials will be sent to all 9th and 8th grade parents in mid-February. It will include information on the various Booster jobs available. Our goal is to have each position filled with a 9th grade parent and an 8th grade parent.

The Band is having a Spring Social. It will be at Group Dynamics from 4 to 9 pm on Sunday, April 2. It will cost students \$30.00 to attend (\$27.00 to Group Dynamics for the programming and \$3.00 for dinner, snacks and drinks). Please contact Karen O'Donnell if you would like to help chaperone.

Hazel Alterman requested help with the Band Banquet scheduled for Thursday, May 4th at the Stonebriar Westin. Please contact Hazel if you would like to help.

Berk Smith is preparing a Year End Video. Please contribute any pictures you have. They can be sent in a clearly labeled envelope and put in the black box in the band office and they will be returned to you. You can also email them to Berk at berk.smith@comcast.net. For the Sophomore Tribute Portion of the Year End Video, all sophomores have to supply a current picture (doesn't have to be a band picture) and a baby picture. Place in a labeled envelope and put in the black box in the band office. You will get them back.

Shepton High School Band Boosters-Membership Meeting Minutes January 24, 2006 (continued)

Director's Report: Glenn Lambert said the late January Chamber recital has been canceled. Due to not having A/B days this year, there are only 3 ensembles preparing for contest and that is not enough to warrant a recital. Solo and Ensemble Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 4 at Plano West.

Winter Guard won their first competition last week. The kids are loving it and working hard. Consultant Sam Woodfield has been a good addition to our Winter Guard teaching team.

Because the Shepton Cafetorium and the Plano West Auditorium are not available, the Shepton Mid-Winter Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at 7 pm in Caruth Auditorium at SMU. After some discussion it was decided that at least one school bus would be offered to take band students to the concert. Priority would be given to Concert Band. Students would need to find their own way home from Caruth.

The Pre-UIL Concert on Tuesday, March 21 will again be held at the Eismann Center in Richardson. It gives band students the invaluable experience of performing on a large auditorium stage prior to experiencing that at the UIL competition.

Outside-of-schooltime sectionals have started for the bands. Jazz band is meeting regularly and Percussion is preparing for their own spring show on Saturday, March 18 with a guest artist. Band UIL will be at Flower Mound High School the week of April 10th. Our exceptional Orchestra will have their UIL competition just before Spring Break

The Band Hall construction is "on schedule," because of good weather. When construction and renovation is complete we will have an orchestra rehearsal hall, band rehearsal hall, an ensemble room, and a storage space.

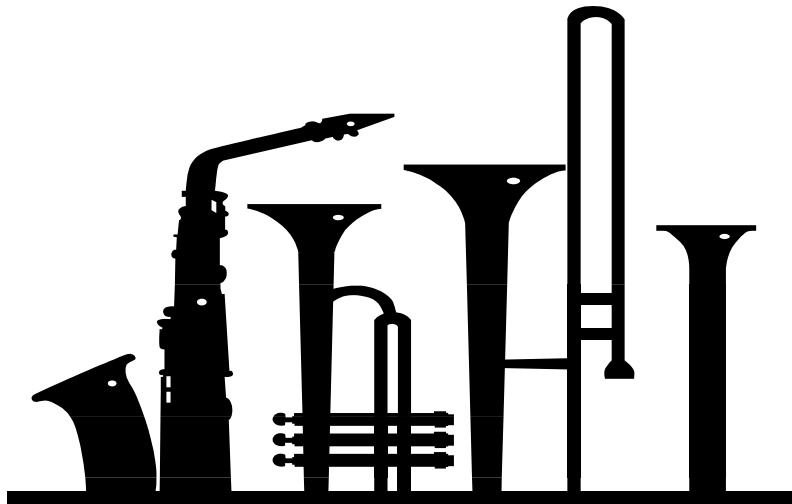
At this time the Band staff is preparing their budget requests for PISD for next school year. Glenn reported, with the new band hall, he has a lot of requests. He joyfully announced one request has already been granted—each of the PISD high schools will be receiving an English Horn!

Please keep checking the Band website for schedule details and information. The directors want to say thank you for all your support.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Our next Band Booster Membership meeting will be at the Mid-Winter Concert in Caruth Auditorium at SMU on Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Young Lawton, Secretary



Treasurer's Report—December 2005

	PROJECTED			ACTUAL			
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	
INCOME							
Booster Membership	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	183.28	2,216.72	
Fundraisers							
Car Wash	3,100.00	100.00	3,000.00	3,004.69	73.35	2,931.34	
Cookie Dough	3,800.00	2,300.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Eisemann Event	7,600.00	7,000.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other Fundraising	500.00	0.00	500.00	8,080.00	0.00	8,080.00	
Passbooks	6,500.00	3,500.00	3,000.00	5,180.00	2,602.50	2,577.50	
Raffle	6,500.00	1,500.00	5,000.00	6,280.00	1,886.65	4,393.35	
Reward Cards							
Kroger	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Tom Thumb	150.00	0.00	150.00	80.27	0.00	80.27	
Scrip	30,000.00	28,000.00	2,000.00	7,142.00	6,620.75	521.25	
Silent Auction	17,000.00	6,000.00	11,000.00	12,376.57	4,226.05	8,150.52	
Spaghetti Dinner	12,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	10,813.00	6,113.46	4,699.54	
Total Fundraisers	87,300.00	57,400.00	29,900.00	52,956.53	21,522.76	31,433.77	
Registration							
Jackets	2,300.00	2,000.00	300.00	2,920.00	2,323.85	596.15	
Yard Signs	1,150.00	1,000.00	150.00	1,110.00	970.00	140.00	
Decals	650.00	500.00	150.00	558.00	449.50	108.50	
Cleaning Fees	1,600.00	1,400.00	200.00	1,630.00	0.00	1,630.00	
Water	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,620.00	819.28	800.72	
Shirts, Shoes, Ponchos & Supplies	9,000.00	8,000.00	1,000.00	10,686.14	8,116.64	2,569.50	
Shorts & Socks	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,409.50	1,284.50	125.00	
Total Registration	16,100.00	14,300.00	1,800.00	19,933.64	13,963.77	5,969.87	
Interest (Money Market)/Bank Fees	100.00	0.00	100.00	61.72	85.74	-24.02	
TOTAL INCOME	106,000.00	71,700.00	34,300.00	75,351.89	35,755.55	39,596.34	
EXPENSES							
Administrative Expenses							
Insurance	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous Administrative	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	309.27	309.27	
President's Fund	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Website Hosting	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	20.04	20.04	
Total Administrative Expenses	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	429.31	429.31	
Clinicians/Supplies							
Band Clinic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	302.00	-302.00	
Color Guard/Winter Guard	7,000.00	10,500.00	3,500.00	2,666.00	8,580.00	5,914.00	
(Winter Guard)	0.00	0.00	0.00	161.27	0.00	-161.27	
Drumline	2,500.00	12,500.00	10,000.00	356.00	6,235.26	5,879.26	
Leadership	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Clinicians/Supplies	9,500.00	24,050.00	14,550.00	3,183.27	14,815.26	11,631.99	
Contest Fees	2,500.00	3,350.00	850.00	860.00	1,510.00	650.00	
Director Meetings & Conventions	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Director's Wish List	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	1,215.95	1,215.95	
Fundraising Surplus	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	7,467.00	-2,533.00	
Drill, Movement Package & Clinic	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Hospitality							
Banquet	10,600.00	11,100.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Concert Refreshments & Programs	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Ice Cream Social	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	95.91	95.91	
Fall Party	2,450.00	2,450.00	0.00	2,435.00	2,533.43	98.43	
Football Game Food	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	4,319.00	3,769.00	-550.00	
Leadership	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	250.00	50.00	
Swim Party	375.00	375.00	0.00	430.00	534.03	104.03	
Spring Party	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Hospitality	21,125.00	21,925.00	800.00	7,384.00	7,182.37	-201.63	
Marching Show Arrangement	0.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	0.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	
Music	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,118.40	1,118.40	
Off-Site Storage Rental	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	783.00	783.00	
Scholarship Fund	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	272.00	272.00	
Spirit	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	18.05	18.05	
Spring Trip	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Taxes Collected/Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.30	0.00	-27.30	
TOTAL EXPENSES	53,125.00	87,425.00	34,300.00	21,427.27	39,863.34	17,832.07	21,764.27
Account Balances	Checking	28,846.43	\$ Market	15,005.80	Total	43,852.23	
				96,779.16	75,618.89		

Budget Cat _____ Check # _____

**SHEPTON BAND BOOSTERS
REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

NOTE: SALES TAX IS NOT REIMBURSEABLE BY BOOSTER CLUBS

PROCEDURE:

1. Complete this form and attach receipts or invoices.
2. Place the request in the President's mailbox in the Band office for signature.
3. President will approve and give to Treasurer.
4. Treasurer will mail a check to you or vendor.

Requestor's Name: _____

Date: _____ **Amount:** _____

Budget Category: _____

Description: _____

Make and Mail Payment to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Booster President's Authorization to Pay: _____