



Band Families of Seaforth Marching Band: Update

Greetings from your **Seaforth Band Association (SBA)**,

September 12, 2021

We hope that your student is settling in at Seaforth High and learning the ins and outs of Marching Band. We can all be very proud of their accomplishments thus far...they survived and excelled at Summer Band Camp, and they have successfully performed at their first event under the lights of the Seaforth Football field. They also had the honor of being the very first students to introduce and sing our Hawks School Fight song! (composed by our very own Mr. Gilbert). In addition, our kids have graciously adjusted to the loss of two band members who transferred to other schools. This has meant switching instruments and adjusting drill for a few of the students. We hope this update will address any unanswered questions or information you need regarding the band.

Student Schedule:

Marching Band Class: Fourth Period (or last class of the day)

After school band practice: Students stay in the band room directly after school and practice runs until 4:45pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays (when there is not a game). On game days students can stay after school and report to the band room early if they are unable to go home and come back. We will have some type of snack or pizza provided for them. (They won't go hungry- we promise!)

More detailed **Game Day Expectations** can be found on the Seaforth Band Website. *Note: After school practice is mandatory and part of the students' grade for participation.*

Seaforth Band Association: Who are we and what is our mission?

The SBA is a nonprofit group comprised of parents and staff whose mission is to enhance and advocate, both financially and through volunteerism the Seaforth Marching Band. Traditionally marching bands have limited financial support from the school district for things such as bus transportation or equipment. In order to cover these necessary costs marching bands across the country commonly have a band association or booster club to raise funds as well as an annual student "fair share" fee to cover these expenses. The band absolutely counts on the fair share monies and fundraising dollars to function. Our fair share fee is \$500 per student per year. After surveying other schools, this figure is on the low side. We prefer the fee be paid in full, but we will accept divided payments as needed. Please contact an SBA board member for flexible payment schedules or Mr. Gilbert directly for any concerns around this fee.



Fair Share: What is it used for??

More specifically at Seaforth High School your Fair Share dollars are needed to cover the cost of the following:

- Marching Band Shoes
- Marching Band baseline equipment including some instruments, music stands etc.
- Transportation, equipment trailer for events
- Music and copywrites
- Drill books and Charts
- Equipment and Maintenance (we are currently borrowing some equipment from Northwood HS)
- Sound system accessories and Color Guard Items
- Miscellaneous

Fundraising Efforts: More to Come

To date we have had several fundraising events from Dining for Dollars to a joint PTSA opportunity to T-shirt sales. In addition, we have ongoing food donations from some local grocery stores and vendors. We have pending donation commitments from other local establishments and businesses. We plan to run a 50/50 raffle at the home football games where the winner takes home half, and the band receives the other half. Not bad! Do you know anyone who would like to financially contribute to the band? Let us know and we can contact them! (Business or personal). Be on the lookout for more fundraisers!

We need YOU: Parental involvement is KEY (no pun intended)

If you want to **volunteer**, have a fundraising idea, or want to contribute your talents, let us know. Please contact any of the board members to participate. More specifically we need chaperones at each home football game and any event the band attends. To volunteer the Chatham County School District requires a completed volunteer online application and a subsequent background check. It's an easy process and the link here will take you directly to the site: <https://www.chatham.k12.nc.us/Page/21004> We also need a TREASURER! Matthew Wilson sadly had to step down from the SBA president when his child transferred to another school and our current treasurer, Kate Bice, is stepping up to fill the role, leaving a vacancy in the treasury department! If you are looking to get involved, this is your chance. Many of the initial tasks have been done and the association can advise you on our future needs. Please reach out if can help!

Ways to pay your Fair Share:

- ✓ Check: Seaforth Band Association: mail to P.O. Box 1622 Pittsboro, NC 27312
- ✓ Venmo: @seaforthband
- ✓ Seaforth Band Association.org (Click on DONATE. Note: PLEASE indicate that the money is for Fair Share and include your child's name)



Practice to Prepare, Prepare to Perform

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Remember to Stay Connected: Here's how

Seaforth High School Website: chatham.k12.nc.us/seaforth
Seaforth Band Website: seaforthhawksband.com
Seaforth Band Donation Site: [Seaforth Band Association.org](http://SeaforthBandAssociation.org)
Twitter: @seaforthband
Facebook Group and Page: Seaforth Band Association
Instagram @Seaforth Band Association #WeAreSeaforth

Sempre Legato. Our tag line is *Sempre Legato*...a musical term that means to *always stay connected* (no pause between one note and the next).

Your Seaforth Band Association Board Members,

Keith Gilbert, Kate Bice, Brad Flowers, Amy Leigh Paul, Beth Vaughn

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