

Greetings Parents and friends of the TV Band Program,

Our next meeting is March 8, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Band Room.

So far, the feedback about this forum has been positive. We experienced more attendance at our February meeting, several great fundraising ideas were discussed, and participation was excellent! Thank you to all who attended and participated! We did well with our Potato Supper earning over \$500 but our financial picture is still critical and money is needed. Let's keep in mind band camp is only 4 months away and we continue to seek to replace income we've lost by not having the Band Classic. Here's the latest.

MARKET DAY – Here's our challenge. Julie Siddle needs our help. Julie has done an excellent job with Market Day thus far but this is not a one-person job. Along those lines, I offer a big "Thank You" to Jackie Beardsley who has agreed to serve as Co-Chair with Julie for our Market Day program. Please direct questions or volunteer assistance to either Julie (828-3575) or Jackie (588-0578). We need to focus and get this program built up! The word is school administration is going to cut out candy bar sales (over 60% of our kids raise money for band camp this way) district wide and may also limit the number of fund raisers clubs can do at school. Market Day must become a turnkey fund-raiser and it's up to each of us to make it profitable!! We need at least 35 sales per month or Market Day will force us to make changes. I ask, "did you buy anything from Market Day last month"? As a reminder, students will be provided order forms the first week of each month in band class. If your student is not in Jazz or Pep band have them visit Ms. B and get several order forms! Both students and parents need to **actively** distribute order forms to family, friends, neighbors, etc and encourage people to buy some product. Order forms should be distributed immediately but **WE MUST ASK PEOPLE TO BUY!** Our goal is to have each student in grades 7-12 get 5 orders per month. If you deliver an order form, offer to pick it up in a couple days. We can make alternative delivery arrangements (discuss with Julie or Jackie first) as needed. Don't forget to promote the easy ordering at www.marketday.com. If practical, offer to deliver a buyer's order. Be creative with your approach and remind people this is to help us keep operating since our funding is way down! Below is the Market Day schedule for the next 3 months. This is subject to change if we don't increase our sales! Market day offers great value products, convenient ordering and variety for all tastes. We need everyone's involvement to make this work. Let's get it done!

Market Day Month	Delivery Day	Sale Date	Pick Up Time	Order Forms Sent Home	Reminder Flyer Sent	Order Form Due Date	Internet Cut-Off Date	Internet Order Cut-Off Time
April	Wednesday	3/29/2006	7:00:00 PM	3/8/2006	3/20/2006	3/17/2006	3/24/2006	12:00 PM CST
May	Wednesday	5/3/2006	7:00:00 PM	4/12/2006	4/24/2006	4/21/2006	4/28/2006	12:00 PM CST
June	Wednesday	5/31/2006	7:00:00 PM	5/10/2006	5/22/2006	5/19/2006	5/26/2006	12:00 PM CST

SWINGS INTO SPRING JAZZ DANCE – Final arrangements are taking place for this event coming March 11, 2006. As a reminder, the event will begin at 7:00 PM and last until 10:00 PM and the cost will be \$6.00 per person and \$10.00 per couple. Our advertising is in place and several advance ticket sales have already taken place. We remind everyone that each student/family is required to obtain at least 2 items for the silent auction. We need those items immediately! Several students have been actively soliciting merchants for donations. Parents can ask employers, friends, acquaintances, etc for the same. When you obtain an item please contact Deb Starkey at 452-6914. Cheryl Maransky asks for the following food donations by grade: Senior/Juniors - chips, pretzels, etc. Sophomores – meat trays, Freshman – cheese, crackers, etc, 7th/8th – veggies and dips. Pop and water has already been purchased. Monetary donations are welcome and needed also. Direct any questions to Cheryl Maransky at 453-1904. Parents, we will need set up and decoration volunteers during the time before the dance too. A flyer is enclosed; please post it at work, your church or any other location practical.

IDEAS BEING CONSIDERED Ideas like the Car Show (helpers needed), a Spaghetti Supper (both in May), and candy bar sales (March) will happen during the remainder of this year. We had several excellent ideas brought up at the last meeting. Lisa Thomas (796-3949) provided information about selling window decals, Karen Bay (740- 638-4527) suggested a Donkey Basketball game, Katie West (588-0249) offered an idea to have a community yard sale and I suggested selling raffle tickets offering the opportunity to win a \$100.00 gas card. All are great ideas, but now we need to take them to the next level, which is getting them done! If one of these ideas appeals to you and your willing to assist with promotion, sales and doing some of the leg work please contact either Ms. B (819- 2144), Steve Starkey (704-6195) or the person who suggested the idea ASAP. We need work quickly to bring ideas into reality and get everyone involved. The more people involved, the more successful the entire organization becomes!

LONGABERGER DAYS- Georgia Robison informed the boosters recently that the Longaberger Company is seeking 8 volunteers for the upcoming “Homestead Madness” event. Thanks to Georgia, we will be helping with preparations on March 9 & 10 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Georgia still needs a couple helpers and possibly back ups for each day. Please check your schedule and call Georgia immediately at 754-2993 for specific details or to volunteer your assistance. Georgia also indicates another big Longaberger event is planned (April 28 & 29 I believe) and it represents an excellent opportunity for us to earn additional funds. Georgia will be providing more information in the near future. This is a quick and easy moneymaker for us if we can pull together enough people!

I again want to thank everyone for his or her efforts and support. Ms. B is encouraged by last month’s meeting attendance and feels we have positive momentum going and we need to keep it up. Thanks for sharing your time, talents and resources. The idea is to continue openly sharing and communicating information about our band program at Tri Valley. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving this communication, please let Ms. B (ablevins@tri-valley.k12.oh.us) or myself (steves5295@adelphia.net) know. We will attempt to keep the flow of information coming. We hope you agree it will help make this organization a stronger voice in support of our music programs at Tri Valley. As a reminder, please mark your calendar at for future booster meetings on the 2nd Wednesday each month during the school year, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

Steve Starkey
Band Boosters President