

# Cochrane High School Band Program

## Helpful Information from the CHSBPA

*Welcome to all the wonderful new and returning music families!*

### What is the CHSBPA?

The Cochrane High School Band Parent Association (CHSBPA) is a charitable society made up of ALL parents/guardians of the music students at Cochrane High with a governing board comprised of a smaller group of parent volunteers who meet once monthly. The goal of the organization is to support and enrich the music program at CHS, making it an amazing, accessible experience for all students! Our fundraising efforts allow for unique opportunities for all students to participate in camps, festivals, clinics and trips, the purchase of special instruments, music, and equipment, the hiring of exceptional clinicians and accompanists to work with students, subsidizing students with financial need, and so much more. Also, the CHSBPA provides support to the incredible staff in the music department by taking on tasks such as uniform ordering, travel co-ordination, etc, so that they can focus more of their time on working with our children!

***\*Please consider joining the CHSBPA Board as we are currently in strong need of volunteers to fill many positions in order for the CHSBPA to continue\****

Chair: Cheryl Ward (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Vice-Chair: Dawn Kingshott (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Secretary : NEEDED ASAP - Records minutes of monthly meeting and distributes them prior to following meeting.

Treasurer: Andrea Legere

Fundraising Director: NEEDED ASAP – Oversees various fundraisers as approved by the board and CHS administration and coordinates donations. Much of this is all in place and ready to go and just needs someone to make it happen!

Communications Director: Brian Russell (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Casino and 50/50 Director: Karen Henry (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Tour Director: Cheryl Ward

Student Accounts Director: Brian Russell (replacement needed next year, consider shadowing this year)

Uniform Co-ordinator: Dawn Kingshott (replacement needed, consider shadowing this year)

Grocery Card Co-ordinator: Dawn Kingshott

As you can see, our numbers are low as we are saying goodbye to wonderful parents whose students have moved beyond high school. We have several volunteers filling multiple roles and occasionally don't have enough members in attendance to even vote on important business. Please consider stepping up for one of the above positions or simply attending meetings on a regular basis as a member at large. ***Meetings will occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm for the 2023-24 school year and can be attended via ZOOM where necessary.*** New board members will be voted in at the AGM later in September. Please contact [general@chsbpa.ca](mailto:general@chsbpa.ca) to volunteer, nominate someone, or simply for more information on the roles.

### Fees

There is a \$40 administrative fee charged each year to each band/music student to cover operating costs of the CHSBPA. This fee is paid by e-transfer directly to the CHSBPA at [treasurer@chsbpa.ca](mailto:treasurer@chsbpa.ca). It can also be paid using your student's fundraising account (see below). ***\*Please note this fee will not appear on School Cash Online.\**** Unpaid fees will be withdrawn from student fundraising accounts if funds allow and alternate payment has not been made by the end of the school year.

### Student Accounts

As a member of the music program, students have the opportunity to participate in various fundraisers to help earn their own money to pay for trips, uniforms, fees, etc. The Student Accounts director and the Treasurer keep track of exactly how much your student has earned in their individual account. Please contact [studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca](mailto:studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca) at any time to inquire about the amount in your child's account or to request the use of those funds. ***Please note that unused funds remaining in an individual account at the end of the student's participation in the music program cannot be withdrawn.*** They can be transferred to another music student (i.e. a younger sibling) or donated back to the music program. Make sure to take full advantage of this awesome opportunity to keep costs low for your family!

## Grocery Card Ongoing Fundraiser

An excellent way to get FREE money (that's right, FREE money!) in your student's account is to participate in the Grocery Card Fundraiser. Grocery Cards can be requested at anytime during the school year by email to: [grocerycards@chsbpa.ca](mailto:grocerycards@chsbpa.ca). When ordering, please include card type and value required, along with student's full name and grade for record keeping.

We carry: COOP	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$200	Discount of 6%
Safeway/Sobeys	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250	Discount of 5%
PC/No Frills	Denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250	Discount of 5%
Save-On	Denominations of \$50, \$100	Discount of 6% (8% limited availability)

Cards are purchased by you at face value and the discount percentage goes directly to your student's fundraising account. For example, every time you purchase \$100 in Safeway cards, we pass on the discount we received when purchasing (in this case 5%), and \$5 goes into your student's account. Free money!! You are buying groceries anyway! Forms of payment are cash or e-transfer to [grocerycards@chsbpa.ca](mailto:grocerycards@chsbpa.ca). *E-transfer is preferred.* Again, please note student name and grade in e-transfer message for record keeping.

Once payment is confirmed, we will contact you to meet and deliver cards in person. Cards and payment may be exchanged through your student if you feel you have one of those extremely rare, responsible teenagers. That is left to each parent's discretion.

## Uniforms

Each student in the band and/or choir requires a uniform which is worn at all music festival and concert performances. Vests, shirts and ties are purchased from the CHSBPA. (Black dress pants or skirts, black socks or tights, and black dress shoes are also required as part of the uniform and must be obtained individually.) Students will be measured for their uniform during the first few days of band/choir. (If you would prefer to measure your child at home, please email [uniforms@chsbpa.ca](mailto:uniforms@chsbpa.ca) for exact measurements required.) Once uniforms arrive at the school, **they will be handed out to students only after the uniform fee has been paid in full.** Uniform fees are as follows:

Vest \$42

Shirt \$38

Tie \$20

Total for all 3 = \$100

E-transfers can be sent to [uniforms@chsbpa.ca](mailto:uniforms@chsbpa.ca) or you can use student account funds if available. These fees will not appear on School Cash Online.

*\*Please note, we do have several used, and consignment uniforms available at a reduced cost for interested parents.*

Email the uniform coordinator or check them out in person at the orientation evening in September. These are usually in quite good condition and are available on a first come, first served basis for about half the cost!

## Email addresses:

If you would like more information, here is the contact info for the CHSBPA:

General Inquiries: [general@chsbpa.ca](mailto:general@chsbpa.ca)

Chair: [chair@chsbpa.ca](mailto:chair@chsbpa.ca)

Treasurer: [treasurer@chsbpa.ca](mailto:treasurer@chsbpa.ca)

Student Accounts: [studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca](mailto:studentaccounts@chsbpa.ca)

Grocery Cards: [grocerycards@chsbpa.ca](mailto:grocerycards@chsbpa.ca)

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