

# Fighting Indians Band Boosters Fair Share Program

2008-2009



## Description

Over two-thirds of the VBHS band program regularly budgeted operating expenses are paid by the Fighting Indians Band Boosters (“FIBB”) through its fundraising programs. These expenses include uniform alterations, charter bus transportation, clinicians, truck rentals, website maintenance, upkeep of equipment, administrative support, copying costs, signs, banners, insurance, mailings, auditors, bottled water, refreshments, social/fun events, student awards and scholarships. FIBB’s direct payment of these expenses helps to lower the costs that must be paid by each band member for band camp, uniform cleaning and any rewards/honors trip.

Under the fair share program, each family will be expected to do its “fair share” of fundraising to cover the band’s operating expenses for the year. All band members and their parents will acknowledge this family commitment when they sign band contracts. There are four major fundraisers contemplated at this time for 2008-2009 and described on the next page.

Each fundraising event has been assigned a fair share requirement (“FSR”) determined by the FIBB board of directors and the chairperson of the fundraising event based upon historic band expenses and fundraising results. In order to satisfy the FSR, each family must participate in each of the four fundraising events at the level indicated.

## Fundraisers and Fair Share Requirement (FSR)

### *Football Program Ads* (April to July)

FSR: One full page or one half page ad or 2 smaller size ads (business card size or larger; does not include booster ads) Band members sell advertising for the VBHS football program, which is sold during all home football games. Ad packets are given out in April, with orders due in late July. Booster ads are available for parents or family members, but cannot be used to meet the FSR.

### *Apples* (October)

FSR: 10 bags

Band members sell five pound bags of red or yellow apples, which are delivered in early November.

### *Gift Wrapping* (December)

FSR: One shift (2 hrs)

Band members work in a gift wrapping location at Indian River Mall. Shifts are available beginning from mall opening the day after Thanksgiving until mall closing on Christmas Eve.

*Golf Tournament (March to June)*

FSR: Sign up a sponsor or a golfer or obtain door prizes valued at \$50 or more

Band members sell sponsorships and player entries, obtain door prizes and assist the day of the tournament.

*Dodgertown Update:* The FIBB board anticipates that due to the expected departure of the Dodgers from Vero Beach, the Dodgertown fundraiser will not occur in the spring of 2009. In the event that this fundraiser is reinstated at any time in the future, the board will revisit the FSR requirement.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why aren't the Crown Jewel festival and Red, White and Blue concerts included as fair share fundraisers?**

These events are school district activities outside the scope of FIBB fundraising. All profit goes to the general school district fund used to pay band expenses not directly paid by FIBB.

### **Do we have to participate in all of these fundraisers?**

Yes. In the past we have had a requirement to participate in 4 out of 5 fundraisers. With the loss of Dodgertown, we are requiring participation in each of the 4 remaining fundraisers. Dodgertown has been one of our most lucrative fundraisers in recent years, and with its loss, we will need help from all band families to raise sufficient funds to adequately support our students in the band program.

### **If we have more than one student in the band, does each student have to meet the FSR?**

No. The FSR is a family amount.

### **Do we get any money in our student accounts for the FSR?**

Yes. Once a family has met the FSR, they will be eligible for student account credits for total participation, including the FSR. The exact amount of student account for each fundraiser will be determined at the time of the fundraiser by the FIBB board of directors with input from the chairperson of the event.

### **Is there a consequence if a family doesn't meet the FSR?**

Yes. Band members who do not meet the FSR will be unable to participate in certain optional activities funded by FIBB, such as any rewards/honors trips or certain other special events, unless granted an exemption by the band directors. Students are required to attend with the band any competitions, festivals, or music conferences regardless of FSR. The FSR must be met to be eligible for VBHS band camp scholarships and collegiate scholarships. Current VBHS band camp scholarship recipients who do not meet the FSR in the coming year will be responsible for repayment of any benefits received. Fundraising participation is also a consideration in granting requests for assistance with rewards/honors trips, summer camp scholarships and in determining recipients of FIBB sponsored awards given at the end of the year.