



# HOOVER & MEREDITH Band Boosters Newsletter

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

**Present:**

Desmond Armentrout  
Tiffany Miller  
Bridgett Robinson  
Amanda Swangel  
Jennifer Walter  
Leanne Williams  
Nathan Williams

**501(c)(3) Status:**

Nathan said he had not been able to update paperwork and needed to meet with Amanda and Sharon Fife to update with the IRS. Amanda said she would bring documents and schedule a time with Nathan and Bridgett to go to the bank and transfer names over for the financial account.

**Jazz Fest—March 2nd:**

Desmond will check in on Jotform and who has registered for Jazz Fest. In the past, around 30 schools have registered to perform and compete. Desmond is interested in expanding by offering clinics for directors and students to build knowledge around jazz topics to run during performances.

We discussed volunteering needs and potential groups to reach out to—Hoover band is expected to volunteer, Meredith band is welcome to help, all parents between the two buildings, and potentially other community organizations (Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus, Des Moines Community Band, etc). Desmond and Jennifer will reach out to the Activities Directors at Hoover and Meredith to find out if it can be one of the volunteer opportunities for other teachers for the spring semester. Jennifer and Desmond will make sure to reach out to families using all possible channels (Infinite Campus, SnapConnect, website) to hopefully get more families involved.

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**Butterbraid Fundraiser:**

Desmond and Jennifer have not received order forms but will get them out as soon as possible for butter braid sales. Dates are:

Fundraiser Start - November 13

Fundraiser End - November 27

Submit Totals: November 29

Delivery Date: December 19

Other fundraising options include working concessions around performances, such as at the combined band concert on December 6th. We discussed reaching out to local businesses to sell products outside the concert or selling seasonal snacks (hot cider, popcorn, cookies).

**Performances:**

November 30th - MS Pep Band at Meredith Girls Basketball Game (4:30 pm)

December 6th - Band Performances (4 pm - MS, 6 pm - 5th Grade, 7 pm - HS)

Discussed Spooktacular and potential for livestreaming concerts and other broadcast options for families. Issues exist with licensing and equipment and could be an option for future fundraising ventures. Desmond will talk with Burke (Hoover Activities Director) about the possibility of livestreaming concerts for the future.