



What is IMB?

The Instrumental Music Boosters (IMB) are families of students who participate in any aspect of the instrumental music program at Westminster High School. Boosters plan and organize events, raise money, and assist staff in any way possible to generally look after your students when you aren't there. We are volunteers who rely on all parents to contribute a helping hand. All the information about IMB and WHS Instrumental Music activities can be found on our website, owlband.org.

How do I join IMB? If you are the parent or guardian of a student in the instrumental music program, congratulations! You are a member of IMB.

When are the meetings? Boosters meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (summer schedule may vary) in the music rooms at WHS. Try to attend if you can. This is the best way to keep up with what is going on and to learn about instrumental music program activities. The minutes from the meetings will be posted on the owlband.org website.

How can I keep up with information? Newsletters are emailed home weekly with information from the boosters and music teachers. Make sure we have your email address. Weekly schedules, calendars, expenses and due dates are available on the website. These items can be also usually found on the table or bulletin board outside the instrumental music office near the payment drop box (mounted on the wall outside the office). Occasionally, dates and times will change. The changes will be announced at practices and in music classes and are often emailed home as well. There is an Owlband facebook page where information is frequently posted. Ask your student for new information regularly as information is often sent home from school. And remember to check the website regularly!

Isn't IMB only for Marching Band? No. IMB supports all ensembles. Our fundraising provides for professional clinicians, lessons, music, copyrights, equipment purchase and repair, and other costs associated with all aspects of the instrumental music program.

How can I get involved? Participate in something! There are many opportunities to volunteer and the boosters can always use help with something. Introduce yourself to other parents! We don't always recognize each other, especially in a crowd. Even if you're shy, try to meet some other people. Learn the names of other students in your student's ensemble and section!

I don't have time. How can I help? Throughout the year, IMB has fund raisers at least once a month – often times every few weeks. Whether simply attending a restaurant night, helping sell a few pizza kits, or donating items for IMB events and fund raisers, every little bit helps. We also have positions in committees that don't require a lot of time at school and work that can be done easily at home – just let us know how much you can help and we will find a task for you!

Are boosters really needed for these things? Absolutely! There are numerous areas where you might help for every activity, fund raiser, and performance, don't be shy. Parents interested in helping the IMB should email president@owlband.org or call the instrumental music office at (410) 751-3630 Ext. 262.

Check out the IMB website, www.owlband.org for lots more information!