



## Color Guard from a Parents Perspective

<b>Cost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Band Directors and Boosters are good about providing you with detailed costs for your Guard member</li><li>• What isn't included that you should be prepared for are:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundraising events, the cost of your travel to competitions</li><li>• Food for your child and you when traveling (the Boosters pay for some of the meals for the kids or the Booster Parents donate for a picnic).</li></ul></li><li>• It is important to know that the Booster Organization does as much as possible to limit the cost for parents.</li><li>• When you attend a competition there will be items you may want to buy like T-Shirts, Buttons, Pins, etc. – You just can't help it! You're a Guard Mom/Dad!</li><li>• The Bottom-Line – BUDGET, BUDGET, BUDGET!!!!</li></ul>
<b>Volunteering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We all work and don't have much extra time but I can't stress enough the importance of volunteering whenever you can. Even if it is for 1 hour.</li><li>• We always need volunteers for our fundraising activities: Bull Roasts, Basket Bingos, Picnics, Home Show Competitions, Pizza Sales, etc.</li><li>• And volunteering can be for many different tasks from helping prepare food in the concession stand to selling tickets at the door to helping direct people to a certain location. There are many things to do. All volunteering is welcome!</li><li>• A volunteer coordinator that will ask for volunteers before each event/fundraising activity please sign up if you are available.</li><li>• And, the best part – You meet many wonderful new people!</li></ul>
<b>Donating Baked Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You will be asked to donate baked goods for our many fundraising activities. Don't despair if you are not handy in the kitchen!</li><li>• Many of our parents use box mixes, pre-mixed cookie dough or buy from BJ's or Sam's or other stores for their Baked Goods. All are welcome!</li><li>• This donation is extremely important because the band/guard receives full profits from the sales!</li><li>• So, let's get baking!</li></ul>
<b>What Does Your Child Get Out of the Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A sense of TEAMWORK</li><li>• Wonderful FRIENDSHIPS</li><li>• A sense of RESPONSIBILITY</li><li>• They learn DEPENDABILITY (how their actions can affect one another and the whole team)</li><li>• AND, in this parents opinion, the most important – a sense of ACCOMPLISHMENT!</li></ul>
<b>What Do You Get Out of the Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Words can't describe the feeling of watching your child perform on the field in front of a thousand or more people in the RCA Dome at the Bands of America GRAND NATIONALS Competition! The experience is the most rewarding thing I have ever done besides giving birth to my child!</li><li>• And, whether they are performing in front of the WHS Parents in our own stadium or in a huge dome, when those kids put on their uniforms and perform it is nothing short of AWESOME!</li></ul>
<b>A Little About Our Great Band Directors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oh and one last thing - The Band Directors work the kids really hard and at times it is difficult as a parent not to get upset BUT believe me, our Band Directors know what they are doing! Just wait until you see the kids perform in uniform and you'll know what I'm talking about.</li><li>• And, don't forget we also have wonderful techs that help our band directors.</li></ul>