

History of the Band Program

The West Pride Bands have been exceptional for over fifty years. Shortly after the school opened it made its first appearance on the national scene by being invited to perform at the Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. Since then it has consistently received Superior ratings at state, regional and local music festivals and performed in front of international crowds on no less than ten occasions. The Marching Band has performed in the London New Year's Day Parade in London England. The Overland Express Jazz Ensemble has performed across the city entertaining thousands of people while also sharing the stage with some of the country's top performing Jazz soloists and ensembles. The Wind Ensemble was recently invited to perform at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, home of the Kansas City Symphony. We have approximately 150 students involved in the band program at Shawnee Mission West.

Meet the Staff



Bill Thomas Ed.D. (Baker Univ.) - Director of Bands, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Lab Ens. And Marching Band.



Kevin Hupe M.M. (Boston Conservatory /Berklee College) - Assoc. Director of Bands, Symphonic Band, Overland Express, Marching Band.



Kyle Brown B.M. - Director of Percussion Studies, freelance percussion artist in Kansas City

Our Bands...

- West Pride Marching Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Symphonic Band
- Concert Band
- Pep Band
- Overland Express Jazz Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble



The great Glenn Miller Orchestra appeared with our own Overland Express in our Concert Series concert in 2011

Excellence in Leadership

- Band develops leaders of tomorrow.
- Student leaders learn empowerment and responsibility.
- Students learn valuable skills of:
 - Logistics
 - Teamwork
 - Conflict resolution
 - Motivation of self and others
 - Solving complex challenges
 - Blending hard work with fun!

Shawnee Mission West Bands



Sponsorship Information

A program administered by the Band~Aides West Band Boosters, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

Purpose of Sponsorship Program

To identify and cultivate sources of funding within the local community to enable the band to participate in activities at a level that Shawnee Mission School District is unable to fund.

To provide opportunities for community supporters to join the band in giving back to the community.

To regularly encourage the band community to actively support and refer business to sponsors.

2 Easy Steps to Become a Sponsor

1. Complete Sponsor Commitment Form provided with this brochure, or download a form from the www.bandaides.org web site.
2. Fund the sponsorship with a check or other financial arrangement or donation.

Contact Information:

Bill Thomas, Director of Bands
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Phone: 913-993-7852

April Abbott or Carrie Johnson
President Band~Aides
Email: president@bandaides.org

Corporate Sponsor Benefits

Crown Jewel Level \$5,000+

- Special performance from Band or Jazz Band # (See below)

Platinum Level \$3,500-\$4,999

- All of the listings below PLUS
- Individual Full-Page ad in the SM West Fall and Winter Sports programs

Artist Level \$2,500-3,499

- All of the listings below PLUS
- Custom-made banner displaying business logo(s) displayed at most concerts and events throughout the year.

Director Level \$1,000-\$2,499

- All of the listings below PLUS
- Public address recognition/announcement at home football game halftime shows
- Public address recognition/announcement at the December and May concerts
- Inclusion in a Half page ad in the Fall and Winter Sports programs

Drum Major Level \$400-\$999

- All of the listings below PLUS
- 4 FREE tickets to the annual Pasta Dinner or Pancake Breakfast (February)

Section Leader Level \$200-\$399

- Listing in concert programs
- Recognition on the Band~Aides Website sponsorship page: www.bandaides.org

If you need a receipt in addition to the copy of your completed pledge form, just let us know. We will happily send you one.

If you are sponsoring at the Artist Level, the performance option should be worked out prior to completion of sponsorship agreement. Band performance must be during the school year and at an agreeable time to the sponsoring organization and the band's performance calendar.

Some practical application of donations:

Scholarship for one band students' fee	\$120
Guest Artist to solo with Jazz Band	\$300
Entry fee for concert or marching competition	\$500
One set of flags for marching band	\$800
Backdrop for Marching Band	\$1,500
Charter bus for Jazz Festival	\$2,500
Drill design for marching band	\$2,500
Music for Marching Show	\$3,000
Group Lesson staff for concert season	\$3,000
Oboe purchased for Concert Band	\$4,500



How it Works...

The Sponsorship Program is designed to give companies and individuals within the community the opportunity to participate.

Sponsorship commitments are made on a yearly basis. (August-May)

Funds contributed through the program are administered by the Band~Aides West booster organization on behalf of the West Pride Bands.

Join with one of the most notable school groups in the Kansas City metro. Be associated with a winner and a group that is highly visible in the community.