



Monday, June 20, 2022

Re: Concert and Marching Booster Fee Increase

Dear Cienega Instrumental Music Families,

Hello and happy summer! I hope everyone is enjoying a restful summer and finding ways to stay cool in the summer heat. We are excited to kick off another great year of music-making in just a few weeks! On Wednesday evening (6/15), our parent booster organization met to discuss and vote on the 2022-2023 budget. Through these discussions, it was agreed upon that in order to combat inflation of annual expenses, a minor increase in program fees is necessary. Below are the updated program fees for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Class/Lab Fee — \$100 (paid to CHS Bookstore)

Activity Fee — \$120 (paid to CHS Bookstore)

Marching Fee — \$175*

Concert Fee — \$50*

Marching Band member total: \$395

Non-marching band member total: \$270

This academic year will include a wealth of old and new performance experiences including the **marching band overnight trip to Las Cruces, NM**, the return of recruitment events such as **Middle School Band Night**, the installation of our **United Sound** chapter, and a **potential trip to Phoenix for the concert ensembles** to perform the national anthem at a professional sporting event. These experiences will constitute a larger need for financial support from our booster budget, in addition to the fundraising efforts that already take place. While I understand that this pandemic has presented great financial challenges on families, ultimately, this fee increase was deemed necessary in order to continue to provide musical experiences that are educationally enriching and socially memorable.

Thank you for your continued support of the instrumental music ensembles at Cienega High School, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Grant Knox
Director of Instrumental Music