

Ridge View High School Blazer Bands



**Ridge View High School
Blazer Band Booster Club**

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Dear Parents,

The Ridge View High School Blazer Bands are an organization of very talented, very committed, hard working students. Research proves that when music arts are included in a student's curriculum, reading, writing, and math scores improve. (From: "The Arts: An Essential Ingredient in Education"). Studies show that students involved with musical performance score higher on the SAT (Profiles of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board), and also there is a very high correlation between positive self-perception, healthy esteem, total interest, creative thinking, problem-solving, team-work and communication among students who study music in high school. (Norwegian Research Council for Science and the Humanities; Business Week)

As Parents, we can be proud to be a part of this endeavor in the lives of our children. Tremendous efforts on the part of each of these students has brought them to this place at this time, and you have been instrumental be it through overseeing practices, rehearsals, private lessons, providing transportation to and from, and the desire to assure that whatever the need you are going to provide to see your children be the best they can possibly be.

Statistics show that in most schools, the majority of the student leaders in every organization are also part of the school's music program. Colleges and Universities heavily recruit students who participate in their high school music program; they know these are young people who are destined for success based on their individual learning habits and self-disciplines. Be proud; your students are headed for great things to come!

Being an involved parent is beneficial to both student and parent. As the 2006-2007 school year approaches, there is so much to look forward to and be a part of in the lives of our children. In the not too distant future, we will look back on these days as some of our happiest times and some of our fondest memories. Take advantage of the time that is at hand; make every day the best it can be!

I look forward to working with you all through the efforts of the Ridge View Band Boosters. There is work and a place for every parent. Being part of the Band Boosters is a great way to stay involved. Continue the challenge of partnering with your child's education! We must all work together for the good of the group, and make the Bands of Ridge View High School the best they can be!

Sincerely,

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