

Dear Fremd Music Families,

Welcome back to school and all the wonderful musical experiences that brings our kids! I know we are all looking forward to the opportunities to connect, enjoy and support our kid's' love of music.

I am excited to be the President this year and it is my goal to share all that music education can do for a child. Both my daughters are in Band, Choir, Marching Band and sometimes Orchestra! We live a life of music and want to make sure we can share that and all it has to offer with others! I hope to see you at an FMA meeting and please know that everyone is welcome and please feel free to email or stop me at a concert and ask any questions you have about anything!

I am here to share with you about the Fremd Music Association. Basically we are the PTA for the music department. We help with anything the directors or students need, and keep the message about music education alive and well in our community. We have many ways to get involved, but I am not here to tell you we need volunteers (although we do), I am not here to tell you that you should join and become a member (although you should), I am not here to tell you that these music parents around you will be your biggest asset and probably become friends (although they will), and lastly I am not here to tell you that music education will change your child's life and make them a better version of themselves (although it will).

I want to quickly share a couple items about the Fremd Music Association that you might not know.

The Fremd Music Association is an all-volunteer group that:

- Advocates for all areas of Music Education
- Raises funds for the Fremd High School Music Program
- Provides volunteers in support of the music programs
- Creates a community of like minded parents in support of the value of Music Education

FMA volunteers look different from family to family. You can:

- Join FMA and support us financially
- Provide hospitality after concerts
- Fit students in respective attire
- Help at football games and competitions for Marching Band
- Attend Junior High Concerts to share our message about Music Education
- Chaperone music trips.

FMA volunteers also lead fundraisers to fund clinicians, instruments, sheet music, recording equipment, outside music festivals, and more. Additionally, we host fundraisers to assist

students in earning money towards department trips. The goal is truly to benefit every student in the music program at Fremd both this year and beyond.

We will continue to offer students opportunities to raise funds towards music department trips and other approved music department sponsored activities. The knowledge, personal development, and lasting friendships and memories gained during music department trips are irreplaceable. Our first student account fundraiser is the ever famous Cookie Dough Sale which started this week. We are currently in need of someone to assist in leading this single largest student account fundraiser– please email me if you are interested in supporting this event.

As a member of FMA you join other families with children who share a passion for music. You will see them at concerts, at fundraisers, at monthly meetings, and in our community. Already a member? **THANK YOU!** Not a member yet? **JOIN FMA TODAY!** 

Welcome to a year full of music and growing!

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