

# McFarland Music Boosters Notes

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## Next Music Boosters Meeting

7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
[Visit website for link](#)

February 10, 2021

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<https://mcfarlandmusicboosters.weebly.com/>

[www.facebook.com/McFarlandMusicBoosters/](https://www.facebook.com/McFarlandMusicBoosters/)

## Greetings!

Happy New Year! We are enormously grateful for the support we've received this school year from the community. Your response to our Operation Tuba fundraising goal to purchase at least one new tuba (we have it on good authority the current tubas are at least 30 years old) has been humbling. We are more than halfway to the purchase of one new tuba for McFarland High School.



December was also our most successful Fruit & Kringle sale in the last 5 years, and a portion of those

proceeds was added to Operation Tuba (\$1,303). Thank you also to the McFarland Parks Dept., who let us use the Lewis Park shelter to safely sort and distribute Fruit & Kringle.

Stay tuned for the rest of the school year. We are currently discussing some fun fundraising ideas for the remainder of the 2020-2021 year. If you want to get involved, let us know!

Last, but not least, we want to acknowledge the McFarland schools' music directors/teachers who have been rising to the challenges of music education during a pandemic. Thank you for keeping music a central experience in our schools.

Please stop by our website to learn more about us.

<https://mcfarlandmusicboosters.weebly.com/>

Sincerely,  
McFarland Music Boosters

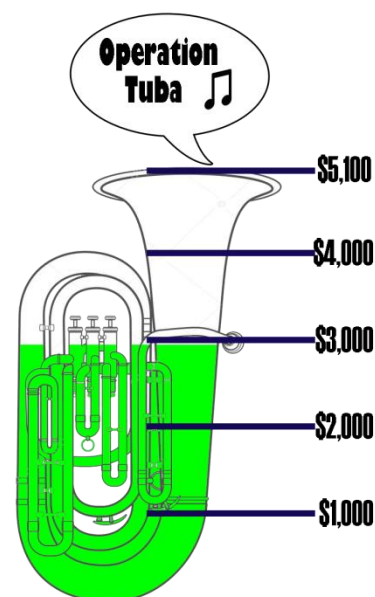
## "Operation Tuba"

**Update:** Operation Tuba fundraiser is now at \$2,962 in funds raised!

If you'd like to donate any time, checks can be mailed to:

McFarland Music Boosters  
5103 Farwell St.  
McFarland, WI 53558

We are a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



## New Fundraiser

### AmazonSmile

McFarland Music Boosters Ltd. is now listed as a charity on AmazonSmile.

You can select McFarland Music Boosters from Amazon's list of non-profits, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. There is no cost to you.

Just be sure to start each shopping session at the URL [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Thank you for your support!



## Student Account FAQ

By Kirsten Desai

### What's new in Student Accounts?

Payments can only be made directly to vendors/organizations/our schools, not students, parents or other individuals.

### What are Student Music Accounts?

McFarland Music Boosters administers Student Music Accounts for McFarland music students who have participated in specific fundraisers such as SCRIP or Butterbraid (not run this year). The money raised by students through these fundraisers is tracked for each student by the Music Boosters and can be used to pay for music-related activities or some expenses. The money in a student's account cannot be redeemed for cash and will be forfeit to the McFarland Music Boosters general fund in the event a student graduates or moves from the district with a balance in their fund.

### How can I check if my student has money in their Student Account?

There is a link in Infinite Campus. Click on "More" and then look for Quick Links. Not all students have

participated in fundraisers that fund Student Accounts.

### Quick Links

[McFarland School District](#)

[McFarland High School](#)

[Music Booster Accounts](#)

### How do I request money from a Student Account?

You can find the form toward the bottom of the webpage at <https://mcfarlandmusicboosters.weebly.com/student-accounts.html>. Requests are reviewed for accuracy.

Please use the money in your Student Account. It can be used for music field trip expenses, for the high school music trip opportunities, for instrument rental, marching band polos, or solo & ensemble accompanist fees. Money that is not used after your child has graduated is rolled over into the Music Boosters' general fund.

## Remember to Sign up with ShopWithScrip

### Do you buy groceries or gas? Do you eat out or order take-out food?

If you answered YES, then you could be earning money on every purchase for your student's Music Account and for the McFarland Music Boosters all year!!

SCRIP lets you purchase physical gift cards AND ecards quickly and easily, and the funds go straight back to your student's Music Account.

Email [Mcfarlandmusicscripcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Mcfarlandmusicscripcoordinator@gmail.com) for more information and check out [shopwithscrip.com](https://shopwithscrip.com) to browse the 700 gift cards and their rebates!

# Meet Your Music Directors (Part 2)

By Aileen Swan

In this issue, we meet Joe Hartson and Paul Gregg.

## Joe Hartson

1. I teach
  - MHS: 9th Grade Concert Band, Second Lake Jazz Ensemble
  - IMMS: 8th Grade Band, IMMS Jazz
  - Support for Mr. V and Mr. Petersen in their band classes
  - Anything and everything brass!

2. Tough question! Here are a few favorites by genre...

### Jazz

- ♫ Coltrane 'Love Supreme'
- ♫ J.J. Johnson 'Quintergy' and 'Standards' (Both are albums from the same live show)
- ♫ McCoy Tyner: 'The Real McCoy' and 'Infinity'
- ♫ Dave Holland: 'Not for Nothin'

### Classical

- ♫ Copland 'Appalachian Spring'
- ♫ Brahms 'Symphony No. 1'
- ♫ Mahler 'Symphony No. 3' (Any trombone player has to like this one by law)
- ♫ Any trombone solo repertoire album (Christian Lindberg, Joe Alessi, Mark Lawrence...)

*90s Grunge Rock (85% of my musical diet in high school!)*

- ♫ Pearl Jam 'Black'
- ♫ Stone Temple Pilots 'Purple' (Apparently I like colors ☺)
- ♫ Alice in Chains - too hard to pick just one
- ♫ Nirvana 'Nevermind'
- ♫ The Offspring 'Smash'
- ♫ Green Day 'Dookie'
- ♫ The Gufs self-titled album

### A Grab Bag of Other Stuff

- ♫ Kenrick Lamar 'To Pimp a Butterfly'
- ♫ The Boston Imposters (grew up with one of the members!)
- ♫ Brian Bethke (local Eau Claire folk guy)
- ♫ Michael Jackson
- ♫ 'Rent' and 'Hamilton' Soundtracks

Oh...The Red Hot Horn Dawgs!!!  
(Local band with yours truly on trombone ☺)

3. Experience togetherness through music (this used to be a given), learn about ourselves through music, express ourselves through music, become actively thinking consumers and creators of music.

Tips: Come to class, spread you asynch out over several sessions if possible - don't cram, ask questions, engage in school through clubs and other fun things, don't do only school stuff - learn something new independently, be open-minded, be flexible.

4. In non-Covid times I train in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (I'm terrible at it, but it's fun!), Mr. Pennecamp became my woodworking teacher last year, I am trying to learn French - Je ne parle pas francais tres bon, my house is home to four animals - a dog, two cats, and a snake, I am willing to talk about Star Wars with anyone for any amount of time.

5. I want my students back!!!

## Questions for the Directors:

1. What do you teach, and how long you have been teaching?
2. What is your favorite album/musician?
3. What are your goals for virtual music learning and/or student tips for virtual learning?
4. Any fun facts about yourself that you are willing to share?
5. Anything else that you think is pertinent?



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### Paul Gregg

1. I teach 9-12th grade choir, BlueNotes, Music Theory I and II. 2020-2021 is my third year in McFarland and my 23rd year teaching and learning about music!
2.
  - ♪ John Coltrane - Giant Steps
  - ♪ Stevie Wonder - Songs in the Key of Life
  - ♪ Broadway original cast albums of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Les Mis"
  - ♪ Aaron Copland - Appalachian Spring
  - ♪ Johann Sebastian Bach - all of it
  - ♪ Michael Jackson - Thriller
  - ♪ The Hamilton Mixtape
  - ♪ Prince - early stuff
  - ♪ U2 - early stuff
  - ♪ Newer stuff: Kings of Leon, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Susan Tedeschi, Paramore, Sara Bareilles, Gregory Porter
3. We will learn about music and our instruments. We'll think about the "whys" and continue to ask the questions. And I encourage our young musicians to sing (anywhere!) and keep asking.
4. I really enjoy being on the water. Especially in a kayak or sailboat.
5. Music study is a NECESSITY. The Greeks knew this. It was one of the 7 liberal arts, on par with mathematics, grammar, and science. It helps teach us to be better citizens, and better humans.

## Join us!

Have ideas about new fundraisers? Have a talent you could offer or some time to volunteer? Want to help our music program? Join us!

Consider joining the efforts of the McFarland Music Boosters to assist

students with their music activities! [Join a meeting](#) and see what it's all about.

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## Stay Tuned . . . .

Stay tuned for a Music Boosters **virtual auction fundraiser** in May!

