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Collier County  
Public Schools

# **Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade Trip**

Thursday, March 13 – Monday, March 16, 2025

# Agenda

Here we go...

- **General Band Information**
  - Dates to know
  - New Students Dates
- **Trip Information**
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  - How to pay
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  - How these trips work
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# What to expect next year

It's hard work, but it's worthwhile.

- **Band Camp – July 22 – August 3**
  - Section specific schedules will be released soon
  - This is a requirement to have a performance spot on the field
- **Senior Night – September 6**
- **Parent Appreciation Night – October 11**
- **Marching Performance Assessment in West Palm Beach – October 19**
- **BOA Regional Competition – October 26**
  - We will be competing against some of the best marching bands in the country
- **Gala – November 23**
  - Dinner and a show... PRISM's going on tour
- **PRISM Concert – December 5&6**
- **Disney and Universal Studios are still TBA**
- **GCH Jazz Festival – January 24**

# New members

There is a bunch you'll need to know

- **Performances you can come to and see what goes on**
  - April 30 @ 7:00pm – Percussion and Jazz Concert
  - May 2 @ 7:00pm – Flag and Dance Recital
  - May 3 @ 7:00pm – Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band
- **Saturday, May 4 @ 7:00pm – Auxiliary Information Meeting**
  - For all new flag and dance team members
- **Saturday, May 18 @ 7:00pm – New Wind and Percussion Meeting**
  - For all new brass, woodwinds, and percussion
- **Tuesday, May 21 @ 5:00pm – Wind Ensemble and Jazz Auditions**
  - Make sure you are on the Band App to receive information

# Trip Itinerary

## 5 days

- **Thursday, March 13**
  - Report to the band room at your designated times for check-in
  - Fly to Boston
  - Dinner at Dave and Buster's (included)
- **Friday, March 14**
  - Guided Freedom Trail Tour
  - Lunch at Faneuil Hall Market place (small groups - included)
  - Dinner at Hard Rock (included)
  - Blue Man Group
- **Saturday, March 15**
  - New England Aquarium in Boston (small groups)
  - Lunch on your own
  - Group tour of Fenway Park
  - Spirit of Chicago Dinner Cruise (included)
- **Sunday, March 16**
  - PERFORM!!!
  - Group lunch TBD (provided)
  - Boston Tea Party Ships and Museums
  - Group dinner TBD (provided)
  - Boston Symphony (pending performance calendar)
- **Monday, March 17**
  - Fly home – Pick up at the band room

# Cost timeline

- The total cost of the trip is **\$2000 plus airfare**.
- This includes all expenses except for a few meals.
- There will be **8 payments of \$250** starting today and continuing to November.
- Once airfare is confirmed in September, we will announce the final two payments to cover **airfare will be due in December and January**.

# Where to pay

- **The options for submitting payments are:**
  - Turn money (cash/check) into the bait box located in the band room.
  - Mail Checks to the Band PO Box  
GCHS Band Aid Club Inc.  
15275 Collier Blvd., #210 Box 365  
Naples, FL 34119
  - Pay on our website at [gchsharkband.com](http://gchsharkband.com) – There is a 3.5% charge for all credit cards used.

# How does this work with 150+ kids?

Heading to the city...

- **Students choose groups of 9-10 and are assigned a chaperone.**
- **Students are with these groups whenever we are doing anything not as a full group.**
  - This includes flying and on the busses.
- **Chaperone groups always remain together.**
- **Chaperone groups may be combined at the discretion of the group chaperones.**



# Hotel Procedures

- **Students choose their roommates (parents sign to approve of these).**
  - These can be different than your chaperone groups.
- **Some things to avoid:**
  - Guys and girls on their other's floor
  - “Hanging out” in the hallways
  - Being disruptive to other guests
  - Using the hotel phones
  - Using the pool, hot tub, or fitness room
  - Leaving your room after “lights out”
  - Sleeping through breakfast

# Ways to fundraise the money you need

2 ways to raise money now

- **Calendar Fundraiser**
  - Students “fill” their personal digital calendar with donations
- **Sponsorship Program**
  - Corporate donations to support the band

# Calendar Fundraiser

- **Fair Share Fundraiser split 50/50 between the student and band**
- **Students ask friends/family to “buy” a day of the month on their digital calendar**
  - Each day costs the same as the day of the month
  - Goal is to fill the entire month
  - Once complete they move on to the next month
  - Donations can be increased as people see fit

# What it looks like...

- Students send a personal link to their friends and family through email, text message, and social media
- Supporters choose a day and donate that amount
- Supporters can add an additional amount during the checkout and share it with other friends
- New members will need to see Cherie Came tonight so we can add you

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 ✓	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**\$0.00** total raised **0** supporters

Cart

05/10/2024 \$10.00

Additional Donation [\\$25.00](#)

**\$35.00**

Have a wonderful trip to Boston, your Friend Cherie

Cherie Came

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Checkout

Share With Friends!

Campaign Page

Edit Calendar

# How do I get to it?

Ssshhhhh... it's a secret.



It's linked on our website as well – [gchsharkband.com/boston-trip/](https://gchsharkband.com/boston-trip/)  
Password – bostontrip2025

# Sponsorship Fundraiser

Student share fundraiser #2

- **Students find companies willing to sponsor the band**
- **Many levels starting \$25 and going all the way to \$10,000+**
- **Students earn \$100 for every sponsorship at the \$500 level and up**
- **Packets and information can be found with Kim Kirtman**

# Questions and Answers...

I'll do my best.

# Q & A

# Band App

Good news...

- For all NEW members AND PARENTS. Please scan this code and request access. You will need to use your name as your username.





# What to expect in band

For my new members...

