

## *Gold Brigade Student Accounts Policy*

The Warren Central *Gold Brigade* maintains a Student Account for each of its members. This Account allows students, parents and the Band Boosters to track all monetary contributions, and the accumulation of participation points, throughout the school year. The combination of monetary contributions and participation points allows each member to fulfill his/her financial obligation to the *Gold Brigade*. In some instances, students can exchange participation points for goods and services offered by the Warren Central Band and Guard programs.

### Monetary Contributions

Monetary contributions are funds provided by a student's family for payment of the *Gold Brigade* fees. Fees for participation in the *Gold Brigade* are \$325.00 for winds and percussion and \$350.00 for guard members. The Band Boosters accept cash, personal checks, bank/cashier's checks or money orders for payment of fees. In the case of a personal check returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the Band Boosters may require all future monies to be in the form of cash, bank check or money order.

Please remit all *Gold Brigade* fees to the "Warren Central Band Boosters". Mail your remittance to the Band Booster Assistant Treasurer Gwynn Swank, P.O. Box 19136 Indianapolis, In. 46219. Questions pertaining to your student's account may be directed to [gswank@comcast.net](mailto:gswank@comcast.net), or 431-2997.

### Participation Points

In order to meet IRS requirements for the collection of funds in school-related accounts, all funds collected and credited to a Student Account will be entered as *participation points*. Each dollar added to an Account will yield **one point**. While some points will originate as a payment from a student's family, others will be earned through service to the *Gold Brigade*. Service opportunities are presented to all students throughout the year. Service points may be earned through participation in Band Booster sponsored fund-raisers, or volunteer opportunities. **All fund-raisers and service opportunities are voluntary.** Most members of the *Gold Brigade* meet their financial obligations through monetary contributions of their families.

### Participation Point Use

Points accumulate over the span of a student's affiliation with the program. All points accumulated in a Student Account can be used to offset required fees, trip payments, and/or be redeemed for Band or Guard-associated goods. Examples of such goods would be performance shoes, special event T-shirts, Band/Guard Banquet tickets, or performance CDs. At the time the merchandise is received, the student will either offer payment, or fill out a form asking for funds to be disbursed from his/her Account. Forms are available in the Band Room or from the Band Booster Assistant Treasurer. Points **may not** be redeemed for other Warren Central High School merchandise or fees. Points **cannot** be exchanged for cash. Upon either graduating or dropping from the program, any unused points will be transferred into the Band Booster Scholarship Fund by June 1 each year, where they will be used toward providing assistance to students showing financial need. Contact the Band Booster Assistant Treasurer for questions about Gold Brigade Student Accounts.

Any exception to these guidelines are at the discretion of the Band Booster Board.