

# Gloucester High School Marching Dukes

## Band Boosters

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To Our Gloucester County Community:

We are reaching out to our community as we begin our 2024-2025 school year to partner with local businesses to support our young musicians and color guard athletes. Our organization is a volunteer-run program focused on providing our award-winning Marching Dukes with everything they need throughout their marching and concert seasons.

The Gloucester High School Band Program concluded this past school year as a nine-time Virginia Honors Band after the Marching Dukes achieved all Superior ratings at the VBODA State Marching Assessments in the fall, and both the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic bands earned Superior ratings at District VIII Concert Band Assessments. As a Blue Ribbon School, Gloucester High School's band is competitive not only in our district, but in our region and have begun to compete at larger competitions that are often further away than before.

For our Gloucester Band Boosters program, it is imperative to help our students maintain their level of achievement with financial support to supplement the school budget by providing for many of the needs. This includes travel expenses, maintenance of uniforms, show expenses including large props, supporting young musicians chosen for select bands such as district and state bands, and paying for competition expenses.

As our county continues to grow and develop into a large family-centered community, we look to our local businesses to support these young people as they too grow. Our Boosters would like to partner with you, a local business, to support each other. With your donations to the program the Marching Dukes will advertise your business not only on social media and on our website throughout the year, but also in printed advertisements included at our large outdoor competition that hosts up to 20 bands from all over the region, and by including your logo on T Shirts worn by staff and volunteers and sold during the competition. In past years, we have successfully included our sponsors in articles about our competition in our local news papers and have been given the opportunity to thank sponsors on our local radio station. We plan to continue to show both our returning and new community sponsors the same support this school year.

We hope that you consider our program as a charitable donation this year and, as a 501c Non-Profit, donations to the Marching Dukes and Gloucester High School band programs are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

**Crystal Salisbury**

VP of Fundraising, Gloucester Band Boosters