

TAG DAY

What is Tag Day? *Tag Day is THE major band fund raiser for the year. On Tag Day, all band and color guard members, in uniform, canvass as many homes as possible within the Lake Braddock school district, in an effort to raise tax-deductible donations for support of the band.*

When is it held? *Tag Day is held the first Saturday after school starts. It lasts from about 7AM until 2 PM. The rain date is the second Saturday after school starts.*

Who participates? *Participation in Tag Day is mandatory for all members of the marching band and color guard. It also takes about 100 parent volunteers (see list of opportunities below), so please consider helping. No experience necessary!*

Where is it held? *Within the Lake Braddock School District.*

How is it organized? *For Tag Day, the Lake Braddock School District is divided into eight sectors. Within each sector is a Sector House. The Sector House is hosted by a band parent who has volunteered their home as a "home base" for about 20-24 students and 5-6 parent/drivers. Working from their respective Sector Houses, students - in teams of at least two and under the constant supervision of their parent/driver - solicit donations on streets assigned to them by the Tag Day Coordinator.*

A schedule with a little more detail...

- 7:15 AM Students arrive at the school to check out their uniforms.
- 8:00 AM Students and parent/drivers receive a safety briefing by Fairfax County Police.
- 8:30 AM Teams assemble with their parent/drivers and depart for their Sector Houses.
- 9:00 AM Solicitation begins.
- 11:00 AM Teams return to Sector Houses for a short break.
- 1:00 PM Solicitation ends.
- 1:15 PM Teams return to the school to turn-in uniforms.
- 1:30 PM Students and all parent volunteers enjoy a pizza lunch.

What Students need to know...

- During the first full week of band camp, all students should sign up in teams of four. Those who do not sign up **will be assigned to a team.**
- **Each team is responsible** for providing a parent/driver who can be available from approximately 8:00 AM until the pizza lunch at 1:30 PM.
- On Tag Day, be sure to **eat breakfast** before arriving at the school.
- **Each student is responsible** for bringing a snack for 5-6 people **on Tag Day morning** (last names A-H bring fruit, I-Z baked goods). Please divide the food into individual sized portions and, if possible, place in disposable containers. Snacks will be distributed among the Sector Houses (so what you bring may not end up at the Sector House you are assigned to).
- On Tag Day, **wear comfortable walking shoes** - do not wear your black marching shoes!

What Parents need to know...

Safety comes first. All students and drivers receive a safety briefing by a Fairfax County Police officer before departing the school on Tag Day morning. Students always work in pairs and are **never** allowed to enter a home. Students are always under the supervision of their parent/driver. If either the students or the drivers do not feel comfortable soliciting at a particular house, they are instructed to skip it.

Tag Day is truly a team effort, and it would not be possible without the help of numerous parents. How can you help? Please consider volunteering for one of the positions listed below:

Sector House Hosts Sector House Hosts volunteer their homes as a “home base” for four or five teams and their drivers. Each Sector House is assigned two Sector House Helpers to assist the Host.

Sector House Hosts distribute maps and supplies (both provided) to the drivers, while the students prepare for the morning. During the 11 AM break, Hosts provide water as well as the snacks brought in that morning by the students.

If necessary, Hosts act as a point of contact between the drivers and the Tag Day Coordinator. Hosts & Helpers collect money from the drivers, total the amounts, and record the sums.

We have divided the Lake Braddock School District into eight “sectors”. One Host is needed in each of these sectors. Please consider volunteering for this most important and very rewarding (and fun!) job.

Sector House Helpers Sector House Helpers, usually two per Sector House, assist the Sector House Host from about 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

Lunch Helpers Lunch helpers set up/clean up and serve a pizza lunch at the school for the students and Tag Day Volunteers.

Drivers Each team of students is responsible for providing a parent/driver, so please consider saying “Yes” when your son or daughter asks if you can drive. The driver’s responsibilities are twofold: 1.) Ensuring the safety of the students and 2.) Transporting their assigned team between the school, their Sector House, and the streets to be solicited.

At 8 AM on Tag Day morning, drivers receive instructions, directions to their Sector Houses and hear from the Tag Day Coordinator. After this meeting they meet their team, pick up the snacks brought by the students, and are on their way by about 8:30.

At the Sector Houses, drivers receive a map and list of streets their team is to canvass. They also receive flyers and envelopes for the students to distribute. While the student's job is to collect donations, the driver's job is to focus on the safety of the students...keeping an eye on them at all times. Once during the morning, usually around 11 AM, teams return to the Sector House where donations are turned in and students have a brief break (now is when they eat the snacks they brought that morning!). All soliciting stops at 1 PM, when teams return to their Sector House, turn-in remaining donations and supplies, then depart for the school and the pizza lunch.

Miscellaneous There is always a need for an extra hand or two to help the Tag Day Coordinator.

Want to volunteer? Please fill out and mail the volunteer form below, or email the appropriate information to the Tag Day Coordinator. Can’t decide on one of the above? How about filling in wherever there is a need? Questions? Contact Cathy Harrington, Tag Day Coordinator, at 703-825-1248, or email TagDay@lbband.org.

TAG DAY VOLUNTEER FORM

Tag Day is Saturday, September 10, 2011 (rain date is the following Saturday, September 17th). It takes over 100 adult volunteers to make Tag Day successful. **Can you help?** Please consider volunteering for one of the positions listed below. Simply print, fill out, and mail this form to the Tag Day Coordinator. Or, if you prefer, send the appropriate information by email. If you have any questions, or just need additional information, don't hesitate to contact Cathy Harrington, this year's Tag Day Coordinator.

- Driver
- Sector House Host
- Sector House Helper
- Serve Lunch at School
- No preference; fit me in where needed!
- Please call me.

Name:	
Phone #:	
Email:	
Student's Name:	

Mail or email information to:

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