

## Message from Dawn Abbey, Student Accounts Treasurer

Hello all. I hope your summer was good. I will be the Student Accounts Treasurer for the coming year, taking over for Diane Dwyer. I have a son who is an incoming freshman and I myself am an alumni of the band from 30 years ago. I'm very excited to be back. I have big shoes to fill following Diane and will do my best to fill those shoes.

To my fellow freshman parents, I want to say "Welcome". Being part of this band is an amazing experience that you and your children will enjoy. We have an exciting year planned this year which will take us to several Fall Competitions as well as 2 out of state trips; the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix in December and Hawaii over Spring Break.

Student Accounts deals specifically with the clothing, food and travel of the students. The fees in the student accounts are strictly used for the kids. These fees pay for the bus, hotel, food and beverage and the cleaning and replacement of the uniforms. The fees include the cost of the out of state trips and should not change because of gas surcharges.

The band fees for the Fall Semester (Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec) are follows:

\$50 for uniform cleaning fees (this is paid each semester) – due at the first of the semester

Band fees – this year we are doing something different and offering a discount of \$10 per month if you pay by cash or check. The fees for the first semester are as follows:

- \$350 per month (a total of \$1,400) if paying by cash or check
- \$360 per month (a total of \$1,440) if paying by credit card

The band fees for the Spring Semester (Jan, Feb, March, April, May) have not been determined yet. Once I receive them I will pass the information along so you can begin planning.

The fees can be paid monthly or all at once. **If paid monthly please note they are due at the first of the month.** Make checks out to "Foothill Band". Checks can be placed in the band slot located in the band room under the clock, or they can also be mailed to P.O. Box 866, Pleasanton, 94566

**Please do not place any checks in the school office or mail to the school. They take forever getting to the band room, assuming they make it at all.**

Having just completed filling out the registration forms myself and writing checks, I understand the feeling of being "nickel and dimed" by everyone. That said, we would like to ask that minimally you pay the \$50 cleaning fee for the semester and the first installment of the band fees, we would appreciate it.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me at [StudentAccounts@foothillband.org](mailto:StudentAccounts@foothillband.org). I look forward to seeing you all at Band Camp and at Registration.