Dealing With The Athletic Monster

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Facts:

- 1. Athletics is part of our job.
- 2. We are in the business of changing lives.
- 3. College didn't prepare you well for everything!
- 4. Bands are bands. Music is music.
- 5. "They" need you. You need "them."
 - Students

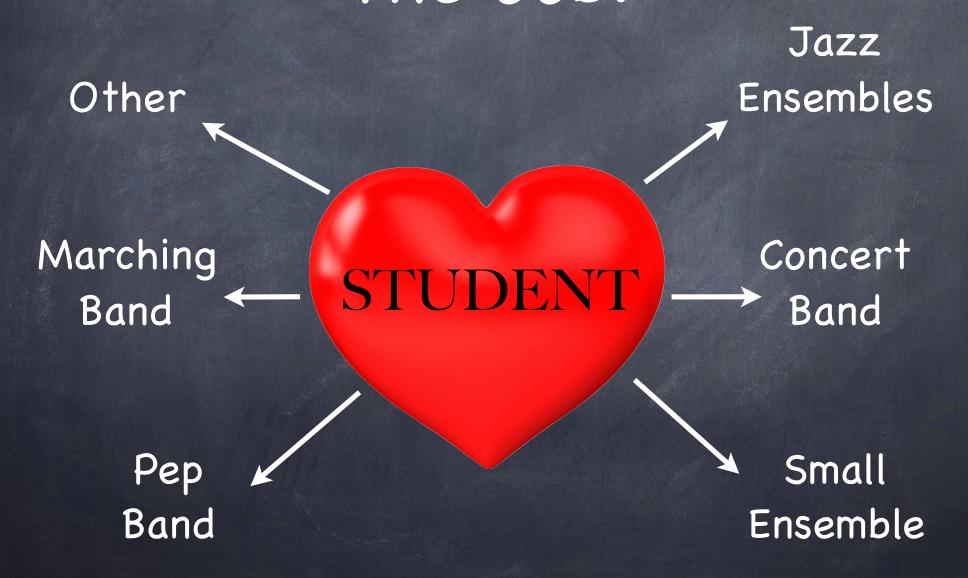
Community

Parents

Athletics

Administrators

1. Athletics Is Part Of The Job:



2. We Are In The Business Of Changing Lives:

- Student Centered
- Teach The Student
- Use Music To Do This
- Task Is Huge
- Use What Is Available To Reach
- Create What Is Not Available But Necessary/Helpful

3. College Didn't Prepare You Well For Everything

- Top 2 Reasons For Losing Your Job:
 - 1. Organization Skills
 - 2. People Skills
- Find A Mentor Outside The System
- Find An Ally In The System
- Research Other Ways
- "O.J.T." Is Valuable!!!

4. Bands Are Bands. Music is Music:

- Foundations Are The Same For All Bands:
 - Tone Quality
 - Pitch
 - Blend and Balance
 - Phrasing
 - ETC...ETC...ETC...

5. They Need You, You Need Them:

- What Do They Want/Need?
- What Do You Want/Need?
- Similarities?
- Differences?
- What Do You Bring To The Table To Get What You Want?

Tips For Success:

1. What Do "They" Want?

A.Pep Bands

B. Marching Bands

C.Pep Rallies

D.In Game Cheers/Activities

E.Support!!!

Tips For Success Continued:

2. What Do You Want/Need?

A. Financial Support

B. Staffing Support

C. Visibility

D. Variety Of Opportunities

Tips For Success Continued:

- 3. Working "Together"
 - A. Meet/Introduce Athletic Staff, Coaches, Etc...
 - B. Show You Are Interested In Them
 - C.Ask For Their Ideas

Tips For Success Continued:

4. Develop "School Unity And Purpose"

A. Have Coaches Talk To Your Band

B. Stay For "Entire" Game

C.Play "Cheers" In Stands

D. Build Traditions

Tips For Success Continued:

- 5. Communicate
 - A. Social Media
 - B. Letter To The Editor
 - C.Make The Bands The Heart And Soul Of The "Teams" And "School" And "Community"
 - D.Go To An Athletic Event YOU!!!
 - E. Invite "Them" To Your Concert

Tips For Success Continued:

- 6. Build A Program... That Is...
 - Comprehensive
 - Inclusive
 - Sincere
 - Life Changing
 - Valuable
 - Changing Lives

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