Aesthetic High School Marching Band

Money:
- Budget: $10,000
- Cost of show: $15,000
- Need: $5,000

Number of students:
- Winds: 60
- Percussion: 10
- Color Guard: 10

Philosophy:
We are a required Marching Band, because I believe that our experience in marching band can be transferred into the concert season. We are a non-competition band, but we do perform in parades in town, football games, and occasional non-competition marching band festivals. As far as band members who are in athletics, they can do both. We will rehearse marching band during class time, and I will work with the coaches for other rehearsals.

Marching Band Camp:
We will have a week marching band camp the week before school starts. Our time will be from 9-5 Monday through Friday with an hour break for lunch and a mid-afternoon break. On the Saturday after camp we will take a day trip to Six Flags Great America by bus. There are 80 students, plus the directors, and chaperones, so 90 people will be on the trip. Group rates for Great America are $30.50 per student, plus a complimentary ticket for every 20 tickets bought. There's also a $5 processing fee. So the total cost for 90 people for admission is $2,628. The bus price will be between $300-$900, but I will say $900 to be safe. The bus only holds "72 students" so we will also rent a 15 passenger van for the trip. The approximate price of the van will be $400. Students will have the option of buying lunch or bringing a packed lunch to eat in the bus/van in the parking lot. Dinner will be provided by the park for $9.50/person with a total cost of $855. Parking for the van will be an estimated $20. The entire cost of the trip will be **4,803**.

Rehearsals:
We will hold rehearsals during our band period during the school day. Color guard will meet every day after school from 3-4 with the color guard instructor. Full marching band/color guard rehearsals will be on Thursday nights before marching band shows and the day before parades/festivals from 6-9.

Instructors:
We need a marching, color guard, and percussion instructor. Each instructor will be paid $20 an hour. Our marching instructor and percussion instructor will be with us throughout camp and our evening rehearsals. There are 5 home games a season, so that is 5 evening rehearsals. That is a total of $1,250 for the marching instructor and $1,250 for the percussion instructor. The color guard instructor will meet with the guard during camp week, an hour after school every day and during the 3 hour evening rehearsals. The color guard instructor will cost a total of $2,250. Total cost of all
instructors is $4,750.

**Show:**
We are doing a Riverdance Show. I am ordering both the arranged music and pre-designed drill. I decided on of the pre-arranged/designed music/drill because of cost and that we are not a competition band. Since this is my first year, I figured we will start easy and see what level we can get too. I will order the music from Arrangers' Publishing Company (arrpubco.com). The arrangements are done by Tom Wallace, and I noticed in my research that he seemed to be a big name in arrangements. I also listened to the music from the web site and it seems to be a good upbeat, fun show. I will order the pre-designed drills from Dan Ryder Field Drills (danryderfielddrills.com). We will do the Riverdance Opener, Riverdance Production Part 1, and the Riverdance Finale. The arrangements cost $60 each for a total of $180. The drills cost $395 and are designed for 60 winds, 13 percussion, and 10 flags. I think this can be easily adapted to our band. Our total music and drill cost will be $575.

**Extra Show Costs:** The color guard need new uniforms and flags so I will order from the website, www.marchingworld.com. We will get Cascade Style skirts for $28.50 each and Aurora Body Suits for $33.95 each. I'm going to get 10 new metallic flags, 5 green and 5 silver, $9.95 each. Uniforms will cost a total of $624.50 and flags will be a total of $99.50. The total will be $724.00.

**Travel to a Festival:** Even though we are a non-competition band we are going to go to the University of Illinois Marching Band Festival. We will compete in the parade, just to get the experience of being judged and the feel of a competition. We will need transportation costs to be covered. This time we will take 2 school buses at $900 each, totaling $1,800. I want the band to see some Marching shows and the Marching Illini perform. Total cost of trip, $2,000, with $200 for extra costs.

**Total Show Cost:** 14,697.00

**Fundraising:** Our band boosters are not very effective, but I am going to do my best to change that. I will hold a booster meeting to try to get some motivation going. Then we will have a parent meeting in which the boosters and I will try to recruit. The fundraising will be left to the boosters. I have some ideas for fundraisers though. We will do an egg sale each student will have a goal of $15, that will make $1,200 total. We will also do a Discount Card fundraiser and will find the merchants ourselves. We will order 500 cards and a cost of $2.25 each, sell them for $10 and get a profit of $7.75. Each student will have to sell at least 6 cards. Our total profits will be $3,875. Our total fundraising funds will be $5,075. In case these fundraisers do not go as planned we can have a car wash with the local spray and wash car wash and/or have the concession stand at a football game for a night.