### **Ferris Music Parents Association**

# F.M.P.A.

## WELCOME TO THE FERRIS MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Ferris Music Parents Association was created to assist the music directors and students of Ferris High School. The music parents have been instrumental in the success of the bands, orchestras, and choirs over the years. It is the hope of the directors and the FMPA Board that you will get involved.

#### **SWEATSHIRT:**

The Band sweatshirt is \$45. Payment will be made online. Sweatshirts are to be ordered and delivered before the first football game.

We expect that the sweatshirt fee be paid in full! Multiple payments may be made to ease the September financial push. Fees may also be paid with fund-raised dollars. For the FMPA to function and meet expenses for the beginning of the year, we hope that each student pays a portion of the fee.

The FMPA has decided the best way to serve our students now and into the future is to support the band not only with financial assistance but with a dedicated team of volunteers. There are many opportunities to serve and it is the goal of FMPA to assist so our students and directors can have the best chances for success!

## FMPA Fundraising Opportunities for all students - Get involved!

The FMPA is also streamlining its fund-raising operation. The Music Parents are going to do a few fundraisers – all to bolster the general fund of the FMPA. By all of the students participating, the FMPA will be able to financially support the students by reducing travel costs, music expenses, instructional assistance, etc. In addition, the students can sign-up to work concessions and possibly have an opportunity to help with the **Annual Ask Campaign**. Another GREAT easy to earn money is through the **SCRIP program!** Other fund raisers may be added to help students fund their expenses encountered throughout the year. Keep a look out for the FMPA social events coming for the students and parents throughout the year.

By limiting the amount of fundraisers in which the students are asked to participate, the FMPA will be able to focus on not only financial support but classroom and logistical support.

By attending the FMPA meetings and getting involved in the FMPA – you will be "in the loop" when it comes to the events and activities of the Ferris Band. I hope you take the opportunity to come to the meetings, meet me, and get to know the parents whose children are going through the same experiences. I hope you are as excited about being a part of the Ferris Band as we are about having you.