

**Churchill Bands
Percussion Ensemble
Payment Form**

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The Churchill Percussion Ensemble is an important part of percussion education through our band program. Through our PE students are exploring concert percussion techniques and performing percussion-specific repertoire at a very high level. Our Percussion Ensemble is an active group and is known for being one of the best in the State. We are incredibly fortunate to have Chuck Ricotta, University of Michigan Drumline and Percussion instructor leading our Percussion Ensemble.

Cost for participating is \$100. This registration form is due by Friday October 15, and the fee is due by Friday October 29. It's VERY important that if you register and then change your mind that you let Mr. Van Ham know ASAP, because music is selected based on the students participating.

Why is there a fee for percussion ensemble? There are quite a few costs involved with providing a high quality percussion ensemble program to high school students.

1. Our coach is not a volunteer. Chuck is a sought after percussion teacher and coach in Michigan and we pay his usual lesson fee for his service to Churchill High School.
2. Solo/Ensemble Fees are included in your registration fee. You will not have to pay additional fees for solo and ensemble participation unless you are also performing a solo or non-coached ensemble (like a duet with a friend).
3. Equipment trucks are rented every time you perform off-site.
4. Each year there are certain instruments that are purchased or repaired for the repertoire you perform.

Keep in mind that this fee covers only a fraction of what the percussion ensemble actually costs the Band Boosters (the Boosters typically fund 50%-65% of the total cost of the program). The Percussion Ensemble generates the largest expense to the music department/boosters each year, but the educational value significantly outweighs the expense.

Please contact Mr. Van Ham if you have any questions (mvanham@livoniapublicschools.org).