



## Frequently Asked Questions – Riverside High School Fine Arts Tag Day 2018

### What is Tag Day?

Tag Day is Riverside High School Fine Arts Department's biggest fundraiser of the year. Although we're still a new school with many wonderful resources, we are missing key things that we need to provide outstanding programs to Fine Arts students in art, band, chorus, guitar, orchestra, and drama. It works like this: On Saturday, Sept. 8, Fine Arts students will go out into our neighborhoods (Lansdowne and Belmont Country Club) to introduce our Fine Arts programs and request tax-deductible donations. The students go in small groups of 3-5 supervised by a parent-driver.

### Why is Tag Day a good idea? Why don't we just sell things?

Here's why Tag Day works so well for Fine Arts:

1. We raise significant funds from Tag Day – almost \$12,000 last year. Literally tens of thousands of dollars are needed each year to run a complete Fine Arts program. Donations from family, friends, and neighbors are needed to purchase music, pay competition fees, hire bus transportation, or buy musical rights, for example. Tag Day makes it possible for each Fine Arts discipline to provide students a solid program and help them excel.
2. Tag Day allows us to introduce our students and our programs to the community. As students go door to door, they provide a flyer with the fall schedule of Fine Arts events, including concerts, art exhibits, shows and band performances. It's our unique way of asking the community to be a part of Riverside High School Fine Arts.

### How does Tag Day work, exactly? What's expected of my Fine Arts student?

Fine arts students are all expected to be a part of Tag Day. They sign up in advance for a group of 3-5 students. On Tag Day itself (Saturday, Sept. 8), they report to school at 9 a.m., where parent drivers supervise them on designated, safe routes within our neighborhoods (Belmont Country Club and Lansdowne). All the money they collect is turned in at the end of the day, and 100 percent goes to fund Fine Arts program needs.

### How do you support student safety during Tag Day?

As with all school programs, safety is essential. That's why students are supervised by a parent-driver. No students are allowed to enter homes in the neighborhood during Tag Day. Also, students must stay in their groups and wear their Riverside Fine Arts shirts or other Riverside Spirit wear, so they are easily identified.

### What if my student is unavailable to participate in Tag Day?

We have a Tag Day 2.0 program that allows the student to do a virtual Tag Day for students that are excused from Tag Day. We ask that students who can't attend Tag Day contact 20 friends or family members to introduce them to the Riverside Fine Arts program and see if they would be interested in donating. Please ask your Fine Arts teacher for more information if your student is unable to participate in Tag Day.

### How can I help?

WE NEED DRIVERS! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Students cannot go to their respective areas in the neighborhood without parent drivers. Sign up to help [here](#). Help by providing food or drinks, driving students to collection areas, or tabulating donations. We can't do it without your help!

### What if I have more questions?

Please contact your student's Fine Arts teacher or contact our Fine Arts Boosters Tag Day Program Lead, Sharin Harun at [sharinbharun@footen.tv](mailto:sharinbharun@footen.tv) or Cassandra Donahue at [cassdonahue@hotmail.com](mailto:cassdonahue@hotmail.com).