



Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Band Boosters

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Dear TJ band families, alumni, and friends,

The TJHSST Band program is holding its annual “Virtual Tag Day” to ask for monetary contributions to help defray the costs associated with running our multi-faceted program. Since our school-community boundaries extend beyond any base-school geographical location, we run our solicitation via this mailing in hopes that we can reach all current TJ band families, alumni, friends, and customers of the various products that we sell.

Our program encompasses many performing groups, including curricular concert bands and jazz band, a voluntary marching band, Colorguard, Winterguard, Winter Drumline, and extra-curricular jazz band.

Our program is active, passionate, and vital to the aesthetic and artistic development of our student population. Our marching band performs at all home games, and won 1st place in four competitive outings this fall, and has just won the prestigious State Championship in Division IVA for the United State Scholastic Band Association. Our curricular concert bands and jazz band perform in fall, winter and spring concerts and participate in District Band Festival and All-District/All-State events for qualifying students (TJ has the highest percentage of accepted auditioners in our VBODA district). Our jazz band also performs in the spring jazz cabaret. Our winter drum line and winter guard participate in 5 Atlantic Indoor Association contests (one of which we host) and always participate in the circuit championships in April. In addition, our wind & percussion students play in the school’s full orchestra, provide music for the choral & school musicals, and work on various service projects established and administrated by the student band council and the band booster organization.

To keep our program functioning, much work and effort is required on the part of the students, the band council and the TJ Band Boosters. Many of our successes would not be possible without the dedication of parents and friends who support our efforts financially and help to provide learning opportunities for our students that extend well beyond the classroom and the performance arenas.

Hence, fundraising is an on-going endeavor. Our yearly sales efforts include scrip, license plate frames, White House Christmas ornaments, gift wrap, and food items, such as pies and other desserts. Several of our larger fundraisers include our citrus fruit sales (once a month from November through March) and our hosting of the “TJ Winter Showcase,” a winterguard/winter drumline competition held each year in February here at TJHSST.

Monies raised help defray the cost of music, equipment, uniforms, and adjunct instructor salaries for our curricular and extra-curricular activities. The bands and Band Boosters would greatly appreciate any financial support you can give. We can be reached at TJBandboosters@yahoo.com or at 703-532-6030.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible donation, made payable to TJHSST Band Boosters. A receipt will be sent to you upon request. Sincere thanks in advance for your consideration.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our program. Please join us for our winter concert on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the TJ auditorium. For a schedule of other events and band activities, please visit our website at www.tjhsstband.org.

Please provide the following information for acknowledgment purposes:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 (Receive Concert CD) _____ other _____

Name(s) _____ Student’s name (if applicable) _____

Address _____