July 15, 2022

To Our Valued Community Partners, Alumni and Friends,

The Cypress Woods Wildcat Band and Color Guard Program is growing by leaps and bounds! We are on course to become one of the most competitive and respected bands in the marching band community. But to reach that goal and continue to provide our students with the highest standards of music education and music performance, we need your help.

Band programs like ours operate through two sources of funds, District money and Band Booster money.

**District Money –** The district pays for our standard uniform, some instruments, salaries for the permanent staff, and travel to UIL events. The district also helps with additional budgets for some of our repair of school instruments, supplies, clinicians, and some marching band expenses.

**Booster Money –** Thecost to operate our program is roughly $250,000 over what is provided by the district funds. These additional expenses include, but are not limited to, the cost to write the marching show (drill and music), show design, props, guard costumes, flags, clinicians, techs, auxiliary staff, contest day meals, and non-UIL contests (travel, meals, and entry fees).

The Boosters cover these additional expenses through band fees and fundraising. But with COVID, supply chain issues, and the rising cost of everything, our fees and fundraising efforts simply aren’t enough. That’s where you come in. We need sponsors like you to help bridge the gap. Here are some very specific ways your sponsorship dollars can benefit our Band & Guard program this season:

* Guard Flags (need additional $3500)
* Props (need additional $2,500)
* Guard Uniforms (need additional $2,000)
* Guard Flag Bags (single and group, need additional $2,500)
* Attract & Retain Quality Auxiliary Staff with Competitive Pay Rates (need additional $10,000+)

We have enclosed a Corporate/Organization Sponsor Form and a Friends and Families Sponsor Form. Both detail the various levels of Sponsorship and the benefits associated with each level. And remember, the Cypress Woods Band Booster Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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