

Dear Instrumental Music Families:

2010-2011 is going to be an exciting year for Instrumental Music at Howard High School!

The mission of the Howard High School (HoHS) Instrumental Music Program is to foster and maintain an organization dedicated to the making of music consistent with the highest aspirations of musical art, creating performances and providing educations and training programs at the highest level of excellence.

The HoHS Instrumental Music Boosters (IMB) exist to support the students and directors within the Music Program through contributions of time and money. Many short- and long-duration volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year (see attached volunteer sheet). And the Boosters supplement Music Program funding provided by the Board of Education, while minimizing the financial burden on participating students and their families by offering fundraising and bulk purchase opportunities.

This year, the Boosters will be reaching out to all families and encouraging everyone to take a more active role in their child's music education. We invite everyone to our "Meet and Greet" Booster meeting on September 14, 2010, in the HoHS Band/Orchestra room. This meeting will begin at 7pm. We'll provide an overview of the Boosters organization and describe those events that are being planned for 2010-2011, we'll discuss our needs for more parental volunteers, and we'll introduce some of our long-term goals, to include the purchase of new Marching Band uniforms for use during the 2012-2013 school year.

The attached Order Form includes:

- An itemized list of student-owned apparel (shoes, shirt, concert gown, necklace, shirt, bow tie, etc.) The IMB organization initiates bulk purchase on apparel items to reduce costs and to ensure uniformity.
- An itemized list of school-owned assets, to include Marching Band uniform and tuxedo maintenance and instrument repair. The IMB organization negotiates cleaning, alteration and repair fees and a reduced cost and ensures proper care and maintenance of loaned school-owned assets.
- A recommended membership to generate revenue to offset annual IMB expenses, to include Masters Seminars to students, service awards, competition entrance fees, transportation expenses, equipment and music purchases, concert program printing expenses, and communication costs.
- An invitation to join the Instrumental Music Patron Program. The IMB organization relies heavily on fundraising as a source of revenue. During the previous four years, nearly 60% of fundraising monies have come from tax-deductible Patron Program donations. We encourage you to participate if you are able.

Please indicate the quantity and/or size next to those items on the attached Order Form, and submit the form and a single check made payable to: **Howard High School Band** (no cash please). So that we may place order for student-owned supplies and equipment and cover our Fall expenses, we request payment by **Friday, September 3, 2010**. Checks will be collected by Mr. Campbell or Mr. Denne.

If you have questions, please visit the Music Program's website at <http://www.howardmusic.net>; join our new Facebook group page "Howard High School Instrumental Music Boosters" and post your question; or contact me via email at [hhs.imb.president@gmail.com](mailto:hhs.imb.president@gmail.com) .

Thanks for your continued support! Go LIONS!

/s/ J. David Harris,  
President, HoHS Instrumental Music Boosters