

BAND AND CHOIR DONATIONS NEEDED!

Dear New and Returning Band and Choir Parents,

It is the start of another school year, and I must again ask for parent donations to help fund our music program. With school budgets as they are, our funding from the school district is sorely lacking. Additional funds are needed to pay for instrument repairs, transportation, entry fees for competitions, as well as everyday expenses like sheet music and copy costs. As we are no longer allowed to fundraise by selling items, we must ask parents for direct financial support. Every dollar of your donation goes directly to fund Horner Music.

Last year, the entire music program received \$300 for instrument repair, and \$300 for music purchases. We actually spent \$500 to pay for necessary instrument repairs, and another \$800 to purchase music for the program. We are a performing art. We travel to do competitions and shows. Each time we board a school bus, it costs us \$200 for a local excursion, and trips to Sacramento or even Hayward run us over \$500...just for transportation. Each year we scrounge to find sufficient funds to make up the difference between district funding and actual, necessary expenditures. I am very frugal with our budget. I only spend on items that are integral to the learning process, and immeasurable additions to your child's music education.

Below I have outlined our financial needs for this year. This budget DOES NOT INCLUDE: any new instruments, replacement of lost instruments, Spring Trip to Disneyland, or Great America.

Based on last year, this is the minimum budget to keep the quality of our program:

Sheet Music	\$800
Transportation	\$1,945
Repairs	\$700
Festival Entrance Fees	\$1,275
Total	\$4,720

With proper funding, we need: replacement parts for music stands, additional stands to accommodate increased class size, replacement xylophone keys (\$2000, or new instrument at \$4000), equipment trailer (similar to Irvington's)—you will see the need as we beg for half a dozen parents w/SUVs to drive our instruments to each performance.

Given this tremendous need, I would like to ask for a donation of \$50/child to the music program to help defer some of the expenses we will be incurring this year. Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and String Ensemble receive no funding at all since they are not official Horner classes! If these were a sports program, we would have a "pay to play" fee, but music does not, and our expenses are much higher. Please consider less fortunate families – please pay for extra kids! Your support will make a big difference in the learning experience of YOUR CHILD and EVERY OTHER CHILD in our band and choir programs.

Please return the attached form with your donation by Friday October 17, 2008 so that I may properly plan our yearly budget. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Paul Lorigan
Music Director

HORNER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM FUND

I am happy to support Horner Jr. High School's Music Program with my donation of \$_____ (\$50 or \$100 suggested), *if you are able to subsidize an extra child (or several), it would really help those families who are unable to donate at this time).*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ Please check here, if your employer matches donations to schools
Name and HR phone # of
employer: _____

I have the following child/children taking music at Horner:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

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I would like my donation to be used solely for the Music Program Funding Only:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to: Horner Jr. HS Music. Please attach your check with this form and hand all donations into Mr. Lorigan at the beginning of class by Friday, October 17.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law...and BTW, for Mr. Lorigan and ALL THE MUSIC STUDENTS

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!