

Milford Instrumental Music Department

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Dear Milford H.S. Band Members and Parents,

We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year with the Milford High School Band program. This packet contains very important information, mostly relating to participation in marching band. At this time we need to collect an accurate count of members who will be participating in the concert or symphonic band program and marching band. It is very important that all band students in grades 8-11 complete the "status form" found later in the packet and return it by Friday, April 18. Please read this packet carefully. It contains vital information pertaining to the 2008 Milford Marching Band, including calendars, schedules, uniform specifics and payment information. Special attention should be paid to the band camp calendar. It has been altered significantly compared to what it has been in previous years.

Our school levy failures have resulted in widespread cuts that impacted the band program significantly, including monies used to supplement the operation of the marching band. The boosters have worked diligently to keep your fees comparable. All fees (including the levy failure board-mandated \$150/student marching band participation fee) may be "fairshared" through the band boosters. The fairshare program reduces student fees by credit earned through individual fundraising efforts. Many families have already fundraised their entire marching band fee, resulting in no out-of-pocket costs.

The directors and booster organization look forward to providing the students in the marching band with a high quality show and staff. You will see on the payment page that the fee will be \$475. This fee does **not include** the \$150 fee imposed by the school board.

The Milford Eagle Marching Band has a long tradition of excellence which has been achieved through a high level of commitment and dedication of our marching band members. By signing the attached agreement and including your **non-refundable** marching band deposit, you will be expected to participate in all scheduled marching band activities. Failure to do so would be extremely disruptive to those present at rehearsals. Please fill out the appropriate forms (indicated at the bottom of the Letter of Agreement page) and return it with your deposit to Mr. Schrameck, Mrs. Everett, or Mr. Brown by Friday, April 18. Make checks/money orders payable to the "Milford Band Boosters."

The instrumental music staff has made the commitment to continue the Milford Marching Band's tradition of excellence. We will have an exciting and challenging marching band show for the 2007 season. We challenge every member to take true ownership in this class organization. By working hard and working together, we can make this an exceptionally rewarding experience for everyone associated with our band.

Sincerely,

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