



# Jonathan Law High School

## Marching Band Parents Association

Fall, 2009

Dear Band Parent,

Summer is nearly over and Band Camp will be underway shortly. Soon, school will start and shortly after so will Marching Competitions. It is a busy time of year for all of us but to make the Marching Season a little more organized, we have tried to consolidate the documents that we will all need to deal with for the season. By handing them out to your children before Band Camp we are hoping to 'beat the rush' of all the school forms that we all need to turn in.

In this packet you will find the 2009-2010 Band (and Guard) Parent Handbook which is yours to keep and (hopefully) refer to throughout the season. You will also find a **Season Permission Slip**, and **Parent/Student Information Form** ~ all of which we **NEED** you to return. **The Parent/Student Information Forms MUST be returned before your child can participate in band camp.**

Also enclosed is the **Band Apparel Order Form**. If the kids change out of their uniforms at a competition following their performance, they are expected to change into JLHS Band Apparel (T-shirts, sweatshirts and/or jackets, etc.). This is for a couple of reasons. The main reason is that with over 80 kids to keep track of (and just a handful of parents) it makes it easier to identify our kids. It is also a more 'professional' appearance if the kids are dressed in their school gear. We need the orders for the band apparel by September 8, 2009 to ensure that we have the merchandise in time for the first competition.

Finally, you will also find the Ad Packets for this year's Home Show, which is scheduled for October 31st. I know that it seems early, but ad sales have been down in recent years and this fundraiser is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to the success of the programs. The proceeds from the Ad Sales are **100% PROFIT!** So please get out there early and see what you can do. Remember, friends, family and relatives...many love to show their support by taking out an ad or a booster for their favorite band or guard member.

On the topic of our Home Show...please keep the date open. We absolutely **NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK** to put on this show every year. We will be discussing this further at upcoming Band Parent Meetings. These meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Band Room at JLHS. The next meeting will be on September 2nd. Please try and make it down!

Also on the topic of fundraising...your child will be given a **Yankee Candle Fundraising Packet**. The monies raised from this are essential to offsetting some of our costs as we begin the season.

If you have any questions, we try and update our website regularly at [www.jlhsband.com](http://www.jlhsband.com). Not only will you find updates on current events, competition schedules and fundraising but as the season begins there are also pictures of the kids hard at work as well as links to other useful areas. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions or issues you would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

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