



**DISTRICT #158 MUSIC BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION  
MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
2721 RIDGE ROAD  
LANSING, ILLINOIS 60438**



Dear Parents and Music Students,

February, 2012

The Music Boosters of District #158 have again decided to sponsor a spring Music-thon. So many times we hear, "I would rather give a donation than buy something!" We have proven that this can work with pledges for a Music-thon. Not only do our students benefit from the music enrichment and the sense of accomplishment they experience during this Music-thon, but because of the willingness, hard work and dedication of everyone in our music program, including you, our Music-thon will again become a successful financial reality.

The District #158 Music Department utilizes the funds raised through these projects in a diversified program, which benefits all aspects of our students' involvement. The Music Boosters use these funds to purchase equipment, such as a table copier and a computer which have both proven to be very valuable in running our music programs. The purchase of tools for repairing instruments, new choir formalwear, marching band and color guard uniforms, equipment for our marching band and color guard units, plus choral risers are also expenses covered by these fund-raisers. The Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Marching Band trip to Gurnee, Illinois in May of 2012 as they compete at the "National Festival", and all the awards the students earn throughout the year and distributed at the end of the year are also costs underwritten by the Association through fund-raising.

All four groups in the music program; Beginning Band, Cadet Band, Concert Choir and Concert Band, will participate in the Music-thon. Each group will perform for two hours for a total of eight hours for the entire music department. The Music-thon will start at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012. This will take place in the Memorial Jr. High band room, the six grade wing and in the multi-purpose room. Anyone is welcome to come in and listen any time during the rehearsals. The Music-thon schedule is as follows:

<b><u>REPORTING TIMES</u></b>	<b><u>ROOMS</u></b>	<b><u>PERFORMING GROUP</u></b>	<b><u>REHEARSAL TIMES</u></b>
3:45 P.M.	B.R.	Beginning Band	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
3:45 P.M.	Multi	Cadet Band	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
3:45 P.M.	6 <sup>th</sup> grade wing	Concert Choir	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
6:00 P.M.	316	Concert Band	6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in B.R.

(Turn Over – more important information on the back of this page)

Each performing group will report to its designated room at the listed reporting time. Students will use this room to store coats and instrument cases. Students will not play instruments until the rehearsal begins. Plan to arrive and depart from door 19. This is located on the east side of Memorial Jr. High. **BRING YOUR PLEDGE FORMS.** They will be collected at the beginning of your rehearsal.

We are asking our music students to approach parents, relatives, friends, and neighbors to pledge either a donation of money per music department hour, (for a total of eight hours), or a donation to our District #158 Music-thon. This is a combined effort of the entire group, not just one student's participation. Today each student is receiving a pledge form for donations, a copy of this letter explaining everything, a small information note to use when soliciting pledges, and an envelope. Each student is to take the pledge form around, approaching as many people as possible. Supporters of the Music-thon are to fill in their name, address, and designate if they are making a pledge by the hour or a one-time pledge for a specific amount of money.

The money is to be collected after the Music-thon, but if someone wants to donate in advance, we will gladly accept it. **The pledge form and any money collected in advance is to be brought in on Thursday, February 23, 2012, during the student's playing or singing time.**

*In order to facilitate the massive bookkeeping this undertaking requires, we would prefer that all contributions be made in the form of a check made out to the District #158 Music Boosters. We are asking parents to consolidate all cash donations received and submit a personal check instead. Make sure this money is sealed in the Music-thon envelope, bearing the student's name, so that proper credit can be awarded.*

During the two hour performing time, an adult will process each form and money. The Music Boosters will make a xeroxed copy of each pledge form, and each student will receive the original form in return plus a new envelope if needed. The student is to take the original pledge form and collect the pledge. Then each student will return the money and pledge form in the envelope provided, making sure that his/her name, phone number, music group, school, and total amount collected is on the outside, and that the envelope is sealed. Students will return all envelopes to Mr. Allie or Mrs. Schaap during the week of February 27 through March 2, 2012.

There will be three prizes awarded for the highest total pledge received. Prizes will consist of: 1st - \$75.00 cash, 2nd - \$50.00 cash, 3rd - \$25.00 cash. There will be a Grand Prize drawing of four \$25.00, two \$50.00 and one \$100.00 cash awards. For each \$40.00 in pledges a student receives, his/her name will be entered in the drawing. Each student must have at least \$40.00 or more in pledges to be eligible for the prizes. So let's get out there and get those pledges! Remember our fund raising is going to help your music program.

Thank you for your continuing support,  
District #158 Music Boosters

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**MUSIC-THON**  
**OFFICIAL SPONSOR FORM**

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**An eight hour Music-Thon to be held at Memorial Jr. High, 2721 Ridge Road, Lansing, IL.**

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Music Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ BB - CAD - CC - CB  
 Circle One

City \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT #158 MUSIC BOOSTERS**

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**Make**

Sponsor's Name Please Print	Address	A Pledge Per Hour or x "8 hours"	One Total Pledge	Total Amount Due	Sponsor's Signature
1					
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Total Number of Sponsors -	Total Amount of Pledges -	Total Amount of Money turned in -
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Cadet Band	4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room
Concert Choir	4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the sixth grade wing.
Concert Band	6:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the band room.

***Please help our Music Program!***  
***(The pledge form is on the other side of this page.)***