

What is the Value of APFIM Membership? PRICELESS!

Money collected through membership in APFIM and student fundraising helps support our Instrumental Music Department

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Every year, through the support of APFIM and student fundraising efforts, five \$100 scholarships are available to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Scholarships are based upon student application and instrument auditions. These scholarships can be used toward director approved private lessons or music camps to enhance the student's musical education. One \$500 scholarship is available to a senior that is majoring in music or music education in college.

To be eligible for a scholarship, each student who applies must be enrolled in at least one semester of marching band, concert band, symphony band or wind ensemble during the current school year. Students may audition on instruments traditionally played in band class (woodwinds, brass and concert percussion). Piano accompaniment for the audition is not required. Piano, guitar, string and voice will not be eligible instruments for the APFIM scholarships. Also, students may not use the scholarship money for payment toward Highlander marching band camp.

For the senior scholarship, the deadline to request payment will be December 1 of the calendar year in which the scholarship was awarded. To receive payment of the scholarship, the senior must submit to APFIM and official document from the university indicating that the student is majoring in music.

Scholarship applications and audition dates will be provided by Mr. Ferden. The auditions take place during the second semester of the school year. An impartial music adjudicator will listen to the auditions and determine who the recipients will be. Mr. Ferden will announce the award recipients each spring at the annual band banquet.

- **CONCERTS:** After each of four concerts held every year, an Afterglow with refreshments is provided to students and audience members by parent volunteers and APFIM.
- **UNIFORMS:** Dresses and tuxedos used by Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band and Concert Band members are maintained and cleaned with funding provided by APFIM, along with Marching Band uniforms. Students pay a \$15 fee – APFIM coordinates cleaning.
- **BANDFARE:** This online newsletter is provided every other month as a service by APFIM to parents with students in all levels of band: Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Concert Band and Marching Band.
- **FEES:** Registration fees for MSBOA festivals – concert and marching band - are subsidized by APFIM. APFIM also helps finance guest clinicians and workshops throughout the school year.
- **BAND TRIP:** Every two years, APFIM plans an enjoyable and educational trip for *all Band members*. Previous trip locales have included Washington, D.C., Florida, and New York City. Students use money from their student accounts along with fundraising activities to help finance this opportunity.
- **BAND BANQUET:** APFIM helps fund the annual Band Banquet held each spring and provides the awards to honor students in all levels of band.
- **MARCHING BAND CAMP:** Part of the yearly APFIM budget provides for drum major and color guard camp, drill books, marching band camp instructors and their housing.