



Macomb Band Boosters

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Dear Macomb Band Families:

Welcome back to another year of music—Macomb style! The sounds emanating from the high school practice field mean many things. For the Macomb community at this time of year, the sounds mean “March-a-thon.” Each year, the band program conducts fundraising activities to help defray costs within the program. This year, fundraising will focus on raising funds to purchase much-needed marching uniforms; our goal is to raise enough money within the next two years.

With the 2009 March-a-thon, Macomb Marching Bomber Band will honor local military veterans and first responders on the evening of Friday, September 11, 2009, on the Macomb Downtown Square.

March-a-thon this year works much as it has in the past: (1) Band supporters solicit pledges in advance for each lap they march. (The band will march ten laps; a \$2 per-lap pledge, for example, amounts to a \$20 total contribution.) (2) Local celebrities lead the band and make contributions or pledges. (3) Macomb Marching Bomber Band hopefuls—like parents, siblings, other family members, and friends—march with the band for a donation. (Macomb Band Boosters will provide kazoos, marchers may bring their own instruments, or participants may simply march along.) Check the Macomb School Bands website at MacombBands.org for schedule and other information.

Band supporters should gather pledges and complete the sponsor sheet attached to this letter.

Please put money collected and the pledge sheet in an envelope marked “March-a-thon” with the band member’s name and place the envelope in the designated box in the band room by Wednesday, September 9. **We will total the contributions of designated sections, and the section collecting the most in donations by the end of the March-a-thon will enjoy a pizza party on homecoming Friday following the parade and preceding the evening’s national anthem and halftime performances.**

For safety reasons, we discourage band members from going door-to-door to gather pledges. Instead, band supporters should ask relatives, family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to make a pledge. If you intend to mail requests to family members and friends, feel free to use the sample letter attached to this packet.

Thank you for your continued support of all the Macomb School bands. We have many activities planned for the year and appreciate all your efforts in making them happen.

Sincerely,

David Wetmore
Director of Bands

Carol Clemons
President, Macomb Band Boosters