



June 2008

Dear Band & Color Guard Parents,

Hope you are having a great summer! We anticipate another **exciting and successful** year for the James E. Taylor Band. To our new parents: we are looking forward to getting to know you; to our returning parents: we look forward to seeing you again! As you already know by the enclosed yellow "*This is Your Life*" calendar, planning for the 2008-2009 year is well under way! Being a part of the Taylor Band organization is much more than just providing physical and financial support, more than just planning, working, organizing, and fundraising. **You will be a part of one of the most outstanding programs at Taylor High School.** Band Boosters work with over 300 talented young men and women and three great band directors. Many parents say that it gives them an opportunity to be part of their teenager's life. You will form new friendships with other booster parents, and have a great time. We invite you to join us and be an active member of the Taylor Band Boosters.

Listed are several items that you should highlight as you review your "*This is Your Life*" calendar:

- **FRESHMAN AND NEW PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING:** This meeting will provide all new parents to the James E. Taylor (JET) Band Program the chance to become acquainted with the Band Booster Organization and the Taylor Band Directors. Many of your questions will be answered. **There will be many opportunities for you to get involved.**
- **TAYLOR BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS:** This year, the Band Booster General Meetings will be generally held the **first THURSDAY** evening of each month. Along with various booster activities discussed, a director's report is given at each booster meeting. You will hear valuable information that your kids may have forgotten to tell you! Remember to bring your calendars with you to keep track of any changes. It also helps when signing up to volunteer.
- **ANNUAL BURGER BASH:** Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Each family is asked to bring one dish or dessert and drinks for your family. It is a very informal event where you can enjoy your dinner, watch the kids march, meet your fellow band boosters, and have a good time!
- **SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS & CONCERT PROGRAM ADS:** These are two important fundraising programs benefiting not only the JET Band Program but also your child's trip account. Enclosed are the corresponding forms that you can use and copy as needed. Remember that sustaining member donations are tax deductible and 10% of every donation you bring in is credited to your student's Spring Trip account. Please start considering and working on these over the summer break.
- **TAYLOR BAND BOOSTER WEBSITE:** Please visit the Band Booster Website at www.jetband.org for the latest information on upcoming events, itineraries, calendar, and e-mail links to the directors and band officers. On the website, *please go to the "JET Band E-Mailing List" and sign up!* With 300+ students in a fast-moving organization like JET Band, the Directors rely heavily on the website and a weekly e-mail Booster Blast to keep parents updated.

I look forward to meeting and working with you as we support our students in the JET Band and Color Guard. Please call or e-mail me if you have questions.

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