



# SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Community Friends,

The South Mecklenburg High School Bands are excited to present you with an exciting sponsorship opportunity!

The South Mecklenburg High School band program has a strong tradition of excellence. The various ensembles include the Marching Sabres, Concert Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble, and Winter Guard. The Marching Sabres have won Grand Champion standing and first place awards for several years and look to continue that tradition this fall. This year, the group will attend several competitions around the state.

Other ensembles in the South Mecklenburg band program also have a reputation of achieving great results. The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble continue to receive Superior ratings at District Contest Festival in the spring and perform many concerts throughout the year. The Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble have quickly become Charlotte area favorites by performing concerts with original music and entertainment. The Winter Guard boasts a talented group of dancers and performers that compete in competitions around the area and set a standard of excellence. They were promoted to a higher class of competition last year and rose to the challenge.

With the rising costs of our program and with the financial hardships placed on many of our families, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our Band Booster organization to raise the amount of money we need to operate. Only \$1,000 is provided by the school to the band program. The logistics and planning of trips to competitions can exceed more than \$1,000 per trip and throughout the year we replace or repair damaged instruments and equipment. We hire coaches, special instructors, music arrangers, and a drill writer.

We need your help! Would you please consider being one of our Sponsors for the 2011-12 Band season? I have attached a list of Sponsorship levels and benefits. Any assistance you can give to help continue the success of our students in the South Mecklenburg Band program is greatly appreciated. South Mecklenburg Band Booster organization is a 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. We hope you will take this opportunity to promote your business and build significant good will by supporting your local high school and Band program.

With Kind Regards,

South Mecklenburg High School Band Boosters

Attachment: Sponsorship Levels

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