

**Henry J. Kaiser High School Catamount Pride Band and Color Guard**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Henry J. Kaiser High School Catamount Pride Marching Band and Color Guard is beginning its competition season for 2018–2019. The Kaiser High School Catamount Pride Marching Band and Color Guard Booster Club is a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated volunteer parents and family members of enrolled students. They are in charge of managing the Band and Color Guard Boosters finances, events, helping members during competitions, and fundraising. Our Band and Color Guard consists of approximately 180 very hard working students, and is ranked in the top ten parade bands in Southern California. In addition to participating in parades, we have been competing in field show tournaments for the past six years. We are very proud to say that because of our excellent performances, we were selected to perform in the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade as the Premier Band. This is a very high honor, and one that we take very seriously. By being in our program, the students learn a variety of skills: respect, confidence, pride, humility, dedication, a strong work ethic, teamwork, problem solving skills, and reliability. In the academic arena, our students hold the highest GPAs of any organization on campus.

In order for our students to continue their great success, we are asking for your assistance. Although the students and parents are involved in many fundraising activities throughout the year, we still need to turn to our business owners and community members such as you for financial support and product donations. Our projected total expenses for 2018–2019 will exceed last year's \$85,700. That included transportation fees of \$55,000 for all of the field show tournaments and parades we entered for last year. The rest of the expenses included musical supplies, instrument repairs, sheet music, accessories, entry fees, drill and music writers' fees, band and guard camp instruction, clinicians, color guard and drum line show entry fees, color guard parade and winter guard choreography, competition fees, purchase and maintenance of uniforms, props, cases of water for students to drink during competitions, and food to furnish our concession stand during the home football games at Kaiser High School which we use as a fundraiser during football season. This year, we have added the Los Angeles County Fair and the Tournament of Roses Parade to our already long list of field competitions and parades. We are committed to supporting our students, and we take great pride in the accomplishments of our students.

Your donations will be used to keep our large group of kids hydrated and fed during our very long competition days, used to keep the students' uniforms in best repair on the go, and for our concession sales during football season. These items are extremely vital to our success for this 2018–2019 school year. On doubleheader days, where we have both a parade and field show competition on the same day, we could use the gift vouchers and certificates to feed our students and instructors. All cleaning supplies are used to clean up our classroom as we believe it is important to teach the students the responsibility of keeping our work and practice area clean. Bobby pins and hair spray are used for each and every student that is in parade and field show competitions. Their hair is required to be neat and fit into their shakos (the military style hat that is part of their uniform). We're looking to secure these items as soon as possible as marching season has already begun.

The Henry J. Kaiser High School Catamount Pride Marching Band and Color Guard Booster volunteers and students appreciate your support. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt for tax purposes can be provided upon request. Community neighbors and businesses who support our program will receive recognition. We can have their name printed in our concert programs, posting on the band boosters website, and, for larger donations, we can even put logos on our trailer we use to haul equipment to competitions. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we hope that you will consider donating to our great program.

If your company is unable to support us with monetary donations, we've attached a list of items we could make use of. If you are making a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: Kaiser Catamount Pride Boosters.

Sincerely,

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## Suggested items for donation

- Cases of water bottles (we go through a thousands of bottles each year)
- 12 packs of soda (any variety)
- candy bars
- individual bags of chips
- tortilla chips
- cans of nacho cheese
- granola bars
- cereal bars
- snack bars
- any and all snack items
- fruit like apples and bananas
- string cheese
- trays, napkins, or other paper products
- brooms, mops, vacuums, carpet cleaner
- cleaning sprays & cleaning sponges
- hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol
- popcorn or cotton candy machine and supplies for events
- first aid kit fully stocked or refills for first aid kits (we go through a lot of supplies)
- hair spray, bobby pins (we use thousands of these a year), hair gel, ponytail holders, hair brushes and combs
- Shout wipes, baby wipes to spot clean shoes and uniforms
- safety pins, sewing kits, black, white, and hunter green thread,
- female sanitary items
- sunscreen
- reeds, ligatures, and mouthpieces for instruments, (note that the instructor uses specific brands and sizes for best sound quality)
- food vouchers, gift certificates, or gift cards.
- And, the big wish list item, we are looking for semi-truck trailer that we can use for hauling our equipment. Right now, we have to rent two moving vans for this. It would save us a lot of money if we had our own trailer. We have someone with a cab already who can pull it.