



Hello Music Student Parents!

The **Music Boosters** are a parent based support group for the Music Departments at all levels of the Michigan City Area Schools. We exist to raise awareness of our music programs and raise funds that supplement the budget of the music departments.

Booster meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the MCHS Band or Chorus room depending on the availability of the rooms. **Our next meeting for 2012 will be on March 12th at 6 p.m. at Michigan City High School.** Please enter at the 'O' door. All parents in music programs throughout the school system (elementary through high school) are welcome to join us!

Music Booster Officers for 2012 are Tammy Steinhagen, President; Judy Studer, Vice-President; Beth Wojcik, Treasurer; Tia Marsh, Secretary.

The **Music Booster email** is wolfpackboosters@gmail.com. We periodically send out information related to music programs in our schools and community as well as fundraiser opportunities and other important information. To be included on the email list, please send a message to the email including your name and contact information as well as your students name – present grade and if they participate in chorus and/or band and what instrument if applicable.

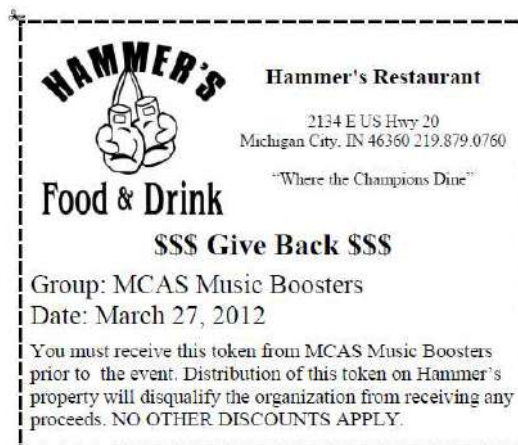
Musical Instruments donations are being sought so that we can help more students within our school system learn to play an instrument. If you are able to donate an instrument, please bring it with you to your local school. These instruments will be the property of the band departments and will be used by students who would not have otherwise been able to afford an instrument.

March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of **Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM®)**, the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. WIMS, WEFM and Channel 98 will be running public service announcements about music in our schools; The News-Dispatch will be running features on some of the MCAS Music Teachers. There are many programs going on in the MCAS this month – hope to see you enjoying many of them and supporting our talented youth.

**What is happening with Music in the Michigan City Area Schools
during the month of March?**

MARCH = MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH! www.menc.org

- JOY 1st GRADE – CELEBRATING DR. SUESS 3/1 @ 6 P.M.
- MCHS PEP BAND @ KNAPP ISTEP KICK OFF 3/2 @ 8:45 A.M.
- CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG 3/3 HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL @ 3 P.M.
- MCHS MARCHING BAND / PEP BAND BANQUET 3/7 @ 6 P.M.
- PINE 2ND GRADE – MUSICAL “BUGZ” 3/8, 6:30 P.M.
- MCHS COLOR GUARD TRY OUTS 3/10, 9:00 A.M. BARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING 3/12 @ 6 P.M.
- JOY KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE 3/15 6 P.M.
- ELSTON ATTENDING ISSMA ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEST 3/16
- MCHS SWING NIGHT 3/22 7:00 P.M.
- MCHS MARCHING BAND KICK OFF 3/23, 6 – 10 PM
- 5th GRADE NEW INSTRUMENT TRY OUTS 3/26 & 3/27 @ MCHS 3:30-8 P.M.
- HAMMER’S GIVE BACK 3/27 – LUNCH AND DINNER!



Other Fundraisers:

MCHS Music Department Music cards are on sale from the high school students. The money raised from the sale of these cards will be used within the MCHS Music Department to help purchase music and other items needed for the band and chorus programs.

Port-a-Pit fundraiser will be held in May. We are asking for volunteers to help with pre-sales during the month of April.

Concessions at both Drum Corp Shows (July at the Pageant of Drums Cavalier show and in August the DCI World Championship Quarter Finals) are run by the boosters. Both of these events are morning to midnight and we are expecting the majority of the money needed for the Marching Band to come from these events. We will need parents to sign up to fill shifts for the concession and water stands...keep us in mind for your summer plans!