



MARCHING AHEAD... THE CADETS OF WAUKESHA WEST UNIFORM CAMPAIGN

Dear Cadets of Waukesha West marching band families, friends and alumni,

The Cadets of Waukesha West's 2017 season culminated with an exciting AAA first place finish at October's WSMA Marching Band Championship and continued the tradition of excellence our program has established throughout our 23 competitive seasons. Through the hard work of our staff and students along with the support of our parents, volunteers and community, the Cadets are consistently recognized as one of the top programs in the state, having placed first or second in the AAA or AAAA Division of the State Marching Band Championships every year since 1997. Additionally, our program continues to enhance the lives of our student musicians through their participation in a variety of performances, competitions, parades and trips, as well as their work in various multiple large and small group ensembles where a high level of musicianship is encouraged and achieved.

Unfortunately, our uniforms have not fared as well over the years. Having only purchased a few replacement pieces during the past two decades, almost all our uniforms are the originals from 1994, and after being passed along to hundreds of students, the wear and tear on them has taken its toll. Many of our white pants remain stained despite repeated dry cleanings, jacket zippers don't zip, cords are frayed, stitching is coming undone and hats are falling apart, factors that detract from the band's overall appearance and visual presentation, which are essential elements in delivering top-notch performances.

Given the deteriorating condition of our uniforms and our desire to maintain a high-quality standard for our program, we feel it's time to purchase a new set of contemporary uniforms that will preserve the Cadets' look and style. At the cost of up to \$475 each, outfitting our entire band will total approximately \$95,000. Our band boosters board has been diligent in setting aside a portion of our funds on a monthly basis for the past few years, contributing nearly \$40,000 to date, and now we are asking our current and former band families to support our supplemental fundraising efforts by contributing to our new uniform campaign in order to help us reach our ambitious goal of providing a new look for our band by the 2019 season.

We're hopeful everyone who's been involved with the Cadets understands the value new uniforms will provide to the future success of our program and will consider donating to our campaign. We're hoping to generate many individual donations of \$50 or more, but any amount will be greatly appreciated and will move us closer to our goal of \$45,000 for this drive. If you can help, ***please fill out the form below and return it along with your tax-deductible donation made out to Waukesha West Bands no later than December 22, 2017.*** Your form and donation may be hand-delivered to Mr. Duffy in the band room or mailed to:

**Waukesha West Bands – Cadets Uniform Campaign
3301 Saylesville Road Waukesha, WI 53189**

With your help, our future Cadets will continue to build upon the highly-respected program established by our alumni and will march "The Pride of the West Side" well into the future!

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the West band program,
Mr. Dan Duffy and Ms. Kali Granzow, Directors, Waukesha West Bands

Please make your check for the Cadets Uniform Campaign payable to **Waukesha West Bands**.

Name: _____

Email address: _____ (we will email you a receipt)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Thank you!