

Dear Friend:

Greetings. I would like to introduce you to the Bands of Cathedral City High School. I would like to share with you some of the successes our students have earned through their hard work and dedication to Musical Excellence.

- Our marching band has performed on national television twice in a three-year span. (The 2005 Chicago, Illinois Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the 2008 San Diego Pacific Life Holiday Bowl).
- Since 2002, the CCHS Marching Band has competed in over 15 marching band competitions; we have taken a first, second, or third place trophy in each of them.
- The Cathedral City Symphonic Band has performed in concert at two of the world's great classical music venue's – Carnegie Hall (New York City), and Walt Disney Concert Hall (Los Angeles) – Earning a standing ovation in both locations.
- During the 2006-2007 School Year, the CCHS Bands performed on both the East and West Coasts of the United States in the same school year (The Rose Bowl, and Carnegie Hall).
- The CCHS Symphonic Band was selected by the California Band Director's Association as the only high school band in the state to perform at their 2008 convention.
- The CCHS Symphonic Band has performed twice with Dr. Kenneth Tse, one of the world's top saxophonists. The CCHS Band is the only band to have that distinction.
- The leadership of Cathedral City has deemed the CCHS Bands, "The Official Bands of Cathedral City" by proclamation.
- I have been honored as CCHS Teacher of the Year three times, PSUSD Teacher of the Year, and selected as the California representative for School Band and Orchestra's 50 national band directors.
- The CCHS Symphonic Band just returned from a two week tour of England and Wales.

What brings us to you today is that we are undergoing a major capital campaign to raise funds for the Cathedral City High School Bands, and we are asking for your help. The Band Program has scheduled a "Save Our Music" silent auction for March 26, 2010, and we are hoping your organization can contribute a donate a product specific to your business to add to our auction list. Any donation you can give will be a direct benefit to the success of our auction and thus to the success of the Band Program. Furthermore, this is a great way to publicize your business to the community. Following this letter is a form on which you can state the donation you are capable of contributing. Just complete the form, and a receipt, and acknowledgement will follow.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Understand your donation will go far to supplement the Band Program at Cathedral City High School. Ultimately, our students and the community will gain from your generous donation.

Sincerely,

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Gregory X. Whitmore  
Director of Bands