

# Canfield Band Parents Inc.

*Proudly supporting Canfield's band programs for over 50 years*

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Dear Canfield Band Family,

We hope you and your family are having a wonderful summer. We are truly fortunate to be living in one of the best communities for music education in the country. Our instrumental music program is recognized as one of the top band programs in the state of Ohio. Our students have consistently received Superior ratings at the District and State OMEA competitions over the past several years. The success and reputation of our Canfield Bands is no accident. Since the amount of school funding we receive is insufficient to maintain our music programs, none of this would be possible without the generous support from our band parents and community, both in volunteering and monetarily. With past donations, we have been able to support multiple band activities from 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, as described in the enclosed brochure.

We are forging ahead to plan a full schedule of exciting band performances for the upcoming academic year. Now is the time, more than ever, to support the Canfield Bands to not only maintain our tradition of excellence, but more importantly ensure its vitality. We want to maintain our top-notch programs continue to provide our students with an exceptional music education. It's our goal to invite everyone to participate in this annual campaign at any level a person can. And since our organization is a 501(c)(3) entity, all donations are fully tax deductible. If anyone knows a business that would like to be a corporate sponsor, please contact us at [sethimanu@hotmail.com](mailto:sethimanu@hotmail.com) and please write "Friends of the Canfield Bands" on the subject line. Sponsors of all levels will be recognized in multiple ways throughout the year. The enclosed brochure highlights the campaign as well as the ways one can donate.

The benefits of the Canfield Bands program go well beyond simply learning to play music. Research has shown time and again the many advantages of a music education, including language, reasoning and creative thinking development, mastery of memorization, increased coordination, better engagement in school, better SAT and ACT scores, teamwork skills, better self-confidence and on and on. In fact, the US Department of Education recently stated that music education is an important part of a student's equitable learning.

Here's to another successful year for the Canfield Bands and we want to wish all our band students a very successful, safe, healthy and rewarding 2021 – 2022 school year!

Sincerely,



Drs. Manu & Sangeetha Sethi  
Co-Chairs, Friends of the Canfield Bands Campaign