



Santa Monica High School

Viking Marching Band

2009-2010

Dear Parents and Students,

To those returning Marching Band members, welcome back! To our new Marching Band members, welcome! Samohi has a long tradition of providing superior music and movement training through the Marching Band. It is our goal to provide our students with a quality learning experience and to prepare them to be competitive in the adjudicated parades and field show competitions. In order to provide the best music and movement (marching/field show) training possible we bring in music and marching coaches who conduct specialized training with each section to help train our students to be better musicians. The way that we pay for these specialists is through your continued financial support and through student fundraising.

It takes in excess of \$900 per student to run this program. There are a number of operating costs not covered by the District, such as: show design and music composition; instrument purchase and maintenance; uniform purchase, repair and cleaning; color guard equipment; printing/copying of handouts and music for each student; competition entrance fees; office supplies; transportation expenses; hair and first aid supplies; food and water, just to name a few. In order to keep the program affordable for all students the band fair share contribution is set at \$300 with the balance coming from donations to the Santa Monica Band Parents Association and through fund raising.

Enclosed you will find the band registration packet containing numerous forms that need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. EVERY form must be completed and returned. Please remit the band fair share contribution along with your registration packet **no later than June 29th**, at the first 4th of July rehearsal. Incomplete packets will not be accepted and may delay your student's participation in the program. The packets may be returned to Mr. Sakow, Ms. Janert, or mailed in the envelope provided (Mailing address for Marching Band packets: SMBPA c/o Helen Weary, 825 25th St., Santa Monica, CA 90403).

Thank you for your continued support of this great program and for your commitment to making this Marching Band season a success for all of our students. If you have **any** questions regarding the Marching Band program please contact Leah Moore (310) 503-3724 or leahonline2@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Terry Sakow
Band Director