Milton High School Bands

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To: All Current 8th-11th grade Band Members
Re: Marching Band
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We are in the initial planning stages for the 2008 edition of the award winning Milton High School Marching Band. Fresh from another highly successful season, including two GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP awards, we are excited about the upcoming season. Our 2008 show, which is still in the planning stages, will be sure to excite, as will our new uniforms and competitive season featuring our first trip to Bands of America National Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. More than that, you don't want to miss being a part of the most recognized and most awarded group at Milton High School. The Milton Marching Band is fast gaining the reputation of one of the finest high school marching bands in our area, and membership in our group insures that you will be a part of the band "family". You will have 180 friends on the first day of school!

Our marching band "officially" begins our season on July 14. For this week, the band will rehearse Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. On July 20, the band leaves for our annual Band Camp, which is held on the campus of Reinhardt College. Band Camp is one of the most enjoyable aspects of marching band membership. At camp, we will learn much of our show, have sectionals on our instrument each day, work with fantastic guest staff, and begin to become a band "family". The camp will be held from Sunday, July 20 until Friday, July 25, 2008. The cost of camp should not exceed $325.00 per member, which covers instruction, room, board and activities. Many more details about camp will be forthcoming. After we return from camp, we will continue to rehearse in the mornings for one week with some additional evening practices. Once school begins on August 9, we will rehearse according to the following schedule: Tuesdays from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM and Thursdays from 4:00 PM until 6:30 PM. We will again have sectionals on Mondays from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Percussion and Colorguard will rehearse each Monday and Woodwinds and Brass will rehearse on alternating Mondays. The marching band "season" follows the typical football schedule. We will compete in three marching competitions, which are held on Saturdays, beginning in early October and running into mid-November. We will also participate in two shows in September, the Fulton County Exhibition and our own White Columns Invitational; as well as several parades and all of the Milton Eagle football games.

In order for us to plan and to have our drill written, we must now ask for a commitment from each of our band members. If you are planning to be a part of the 2008 Marching Eagles, please submit to us a non-refundable deposit for band camp in the amount of $100.00 on or before May 1. Make all checks payable to Milton High School Band Boosters. The deposit will be deducted from the cost of band camp. The remaining balance of camp money will be due by the end of June. Their will be new-marcher mini-camp from May 14-16 that will include a registration that covers other instructional and miscellaneous band expenses as well as important medical forms and paperwork that will be completed.

We look forward to having you as a member of the 2008 Marching Band. Everyone should begin to keep an eye OFTEN on the band's website for up to date information. Please fill out the form below, cut off the lower portion where marked, and return it along with your first payment to the band room at your school.

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Parent's Name __________________________________ Home phone _________________

Email address ____________________________________

Please note: If your marching instrument is SAXOPHONE, please designate which saxophone..alto or tenor