

January 1, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Foothill High School Band Department is a nationally recognized music education program that has participated in numerous competitions, parades and festivals throughout the United States and abroad. The Foothill Band Department consists of multiple concert/symphonic bands, two jazz ensembles, pep band, indoor drum line, three color guard groups, and the marching band.

The concert and jazz ensembles consistently receive Superior Ratings at music festivals and the Falcon Marching Band is the largest competitive marching band in Nevada. These ensembles have performed on the world famous Las Vegas Strip at Aria, Bally's, Paris, Mandalay Bay, MGM Grand, Caesar's Palace, and the Las Vegas Convention Center. The Foothill Marching Band is the first ever Nevada band to place in Finals at multiple Bands of America Regional Championships in the same year and one of only two bands in Nevada's history to place in the Top 5 at a BOA Regional Championship. In 2009, the Foothill Band marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland, in 2012 it appeared in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C., and in 2014 it was one of only 6 high school marching bands to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Additionally, the Wind Symphony premiered a new composition written for Foothill at a concert in Carnegie Hall. Most recently, the Foothill Marching Band participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA, making it the first school from the Clark County to march in the Rose Parade and the only band from Nevada to march in both the Macy's Parade and the Rose Parade.

Additionally, the Foothill Drum Line is the first scholastic group from Nevada to reach Finals in the Winter Guard International World Percussion Championships in Dayton, Ohio, and has done so for five consecutive years. The Foothill Band is one of only four ensembles in the United States chosen to serve as a beta tester for new marching percussion equipment from the Tama Drum Company.

Our band is led by Director, Travis Pardee, Associate Director Dean Snavelly, and Associate Director Adam Steff, coupled with a talented staff of educators and specialists who provide superior instruction to our students.

Severe cuts in the school budget have hindered our ability to travel and compete. Boasting the largest group in Nevada and the expenses that accompany traveling to competitions not open to other schools make for a costly program. Your sponsorship will allow our band program's tradition of excellence to continue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Falcon Band Boosters