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THE TROY COLT BANDS INFORMATION SOURCE

<u>RECORD</u>	December 2016
Wednesday, December 7	Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium 6-7pm Campus Band 7-8pm Concert Band 8-9pm Symphonic Band
Thursday, December 8	Winter Concert, 7pm, THS Auditorium Students report in full concert uniform by 6:30pm
Saturday, December 17	Holiday Cookie Sale (see details below) THS Auditorium Lobby, 1-3pm
Friday, December 23	"Bowling for the Band!" - Jake Effect Scholarship fundraiser, 7pm, Five Star Lanes, Troy

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Dear Band Parents,

"OVERJOYED" – Allow the student musicians of the Troy Colt Bands to usher in the joy of the season. Join us at our annual Winter Concert, on Thursday, December 8th at 7pm in the THS auditorium.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE – Looking for the perfect plant to "deck your halls?" The THS Bands are selling BLUE poinsettias used to garnish the auditorium for the Winter Concert. They will then beautify the homes of supportive band families and patrons. The full, healthy specimens will be sold at the concert conclusion for \$20 each.

WINTER CONCERT GOODIES – As a tradition we serve cookies during intermission of our winter concert. Band families with the last name beginning with letters **M through Z** are asked to send in 2 dozen cookies (on a disposable plate) with your student to school on the morning of Wednesday, December 7th, or during your child's evening rehearsal on the 7th. Cookies can be dropped off in the band room.

CONCERT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Parent volunteer help is needed to prepare for the winter concert, from decorating the auditorium, to serving refreshments, to assisting with fundraising. Help is needed on both December 7th and 8th. Please visit this <u>Sign Up</u> to see how you can assist! Thank you for your support!

LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! The talented Troy Colt Band parent bakers will have a wide variety of holiday cookies for you to purchase this holiday season. <u>Come</u> pick out a dozen of your favorite cookies for just \$6 - right in time for your holiday gatherings. Join us for this first ever cookie fundraiser on Saturday, December 17 from 1-3pm in the auditorium hallway. More bakers are needed for this event. Anyone interested in assisting should sign up <u>here</u>.

MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE! If you plan to travel to New York in March 2017 to support the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands in their performances, band parents David and Linda Overberg will be organizing a "Groupie" communication contact list. They will communicate pertinent information (such as performance schedule changes), and share parent contact information with all groupies (for those interested in sharing rides, dinner plans, etc). Additionally, when ticket information becomes available for the Lincoln Center performance, the Overbergs will forward it to those on the list. If you would like to be included or have further questions, please email your name, email address, and cell phone number to <u>overberg384@outlook.com</u>.

YANKEE CANDLE SELLING SEASON CONTINUES through January 11th. Our initial ordering period has passed, but orders placed through January 11, 2017 continue to benefit the band. Please share the link <u>www.yankeecandlefundraising.com</u> with your friends and family for additional sales all throughout the holiday season. Shop using the online catalog with our group ID: **99521807**, and 40% of each purchase will go back to the Troy Colt Bands. Items will be shipped directly to your customer. Look for online exclusive offers and holiday specials. Thanks to your efforts, our profits are now over \$10,000 and growing.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP - Support Troy Colt Bands every time you shop on Amazon.com: AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Troy High Band Boosters.

You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. We've made it simple to start shopping at AmazonSmile right away. Just go to <u>www.troycoltbands.org</u>, click on the "Get Involved" tab and then the "Fundraising" tab and you'll see the link to AmazonSmile. Each time you make a qualifying purchase, Amazon will send a donation to the band!

COLT CELEBRATION! (Early Bird Ticket Special) The 2017 Colt Celebration is approaching soon! Join us for the annual Jazz Ensemble Dinner Dance on Friday, March 17 at the CenterPoint Marriott for a fabulous evening of dinner, dining, silent auction presented by the Troy High School Jazz Ensemble. This is a sophisticated (and very fun!) evening you will not want to miss. It is not necessary to have a student in the Jazz Ensemble to enjoy this wonderful getaway. For your dining pleasure, we've secured three scrumptious meal options. There will also be a silent auction with a wide array of prizes. Mark your calendars now and join us in March for an evening to remember. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby at the Winter Concert on December 8th. Tickets can also be purchased online through the <u>Charms Store</u> or by completing and returning the Colt Celebration <u>order form</u>. Purchase tickets prior to January 1st for early bird prices!

BOWLING FOR THE BAND - "The Jake Effect" was established by the Love family in memory of their son (former band student) Jacob Love (1991-2009). Jake exemplified a lifestyle of "quiet courage, inspiration, and the need to live, laugh and love every day." The Jacob Love band scholarship is awarded to a deserving band student(s) at the yearly band banquet. Support this most worthwhile cause by attending the annual <u>"Bowling for the Band"</u> fundraiser on Friday, December 23, 2016.

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS – Our next Band Booster meetings are scheduled for January 25 and April 12 (Board Elections meeting) at 7pm. You can stay informed between meetings via our electronic newsletters, mass emails, <u>band website</u>, <u>Twitter and Facebook</u>. As always, if you have ideas, questions, concerns, or want to become involved, please feel free to contact Director <u>Brian Nutting</u>, Band Booster President <u>Denice Schomer</u>, or any Band Booster officer. An officer listing is available on the website. The Executive Board will continue to meet monthly to assist in band operations.

Please visit <u>www.troycoltbands.org</u> for pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities.



January 6	Spring Trip, payment #2 due
January 7	Last day to shop Yankee Candle sale
January 25	Troy Band Booster Meeting

FAST FORWARD

March 20	LINCOLN CENTER COMMAND PERFORMANCE –
	Pre-Trip Meeting/Concert Preview/Reception
March 22-25	Spring Trip to New York, NY (SB, CB, JE)

August 11-18, 2017	2017 Band Camp
August 21, 28, 2017	Marching Band Practices, 2:30-5pm