

Clinton HS Band Seeks Donations for New Uniforms

As the band director in Clinton for the past two years, I have been in awe of the reputation, excellence, and pride that exists for the Clinton High School Band program. It has been a rewarding experience to follow two music educators who built and maintained a strong band program over the last half century. I am thrilled to be a member of this community as well as the new leader of such a reputable program.

While discussing the future of the program with band students, we want to continue many Clinton band traditions, including traveling to Disney World in Florida, performing in halftime shows at home football games, playing pep bands at home basketball games, and marching in the Memorial Day parade, among numerous other events. We are also looking forward to working with the community to create new traditions. One such tradition is the purchase of new performance uniforms.

Earlier this year, with encouragement from administration, students, parents, and members of the Clinton Community, we began the process of designing new Clinton High School Band uniforms. After a long and meticulous design process, we are pleased to announce that we have created a new uniform that we think continues to show pride in our band program. "CLINTON" will be a prominent feature on this uniform as well as the use of our school colors: navy blue and white. We believe this uniform will represent our passion for the Clinton community and show our pride and school spirit.

While discussing how we would be able to purchase the new uniforms, the band held two large fundraisers this year. Through the Drive 4 UR School event sponsored by Tom Peck Ford and a donation from the Kiwanis Club, along with a few private donations, we have fundraised close to \$8,000 but are still short of the amount needed to purchase the uniforms. After more discussions, we thought that since the band program has been excellent for so many years, there has to be many graduates of Clinton High School who might like to help give back to a program that gave so much to them.

Past Clinton band members, graduates of Clinton, and current members of the community, we are asking you for donations for the purchase of new band uniforms. If you are interested in donating to the new uniform fund, please contact the high school band director, Ben Brueggen (bebrueggen@clintonwisch.com or (608)676-2223 ex. 2213), or send a check made out to Clinton High School with "Band Uniforms" in the memo line.

There will be a list compiled of all who donated to the cause. This list, which will only show names of all who donated, will be featured in a future issue of the Clinton Topper and at a football game next fall, when the uniforms will be revealed.

I would like to thank the members of the community for your support in my first two years as the new high school band director. I look forward to raising my family in Clinton and continuing the strong band tradition!