



# Ooltewah High School Band

...Simply the Best

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*I am a proud member of the Ooltewah High School Band & Color Guard. The members of the band work extremely hard and strive to bring positive recognition to our school and community. As a young adult, I will further my growth and education through my participation in the band and the opportunities it provides. The Ooltewah High School Band is committed to creating a positive environment for the arts, expanding the role of music education, and heightening the public's appreciation of the value of music.*

*The 2015-2016 school year was exciting for our band program. Last fall, we competed in two Bands of America Regional Marching Band Championships. We won our class at one regional and placed in our class in the other. We were selected as finalists at both regionals. In the spring, we were selected to perform as one of only eight high school bands across the southeast to perform at the Music for All Regional Concert Band Festival which was held at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.*

*This school year promises to be even more exciting! **On January 2, 2017, the Ooltewah High School Band will be marching in the 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.** This is one of the highest honors a band can achieve and is truly a "once in a lifetime experience" for band members. This will be the Ooltewah Band's first performance in the Rose Parade allowing us to join a very elite group of bands from Tennessee that have performed in the parade. We are all extremely excited to have the opportunity to represent our program, school, community, Hamilton County, and the state of Tennessee.*

***I need your help!** While incredibly important and exciting, the Tournament of Roses Parade performance will also be an expensive venture for our band program. We anticipate that our trip will cost approximately \$2,100 per student. Would you please consider supporting us? You may be surprised to learn that the Ooltewah Band receives no financial support from our school system other than providing our band director and a classroom. This means essential items such as music, marching drill, replacing and maintaining instruments, sectional music instruction, costumes and transportation have to be fundraised each year by our band members and parents. The OHS Band Boosters provides opportunities for the members of the band to earn money through sponsorship & fundraising events and will accept donations on our behalf.*

*Your sponsorship donation will take me one step closer to benefiting from this amazing opportunity to perform in the Rose Parade, as well as all the opportunities the Ooltewah Band has to offer. Your contribution is considered a charitable contribution. The OHS Band Boosters, Inc. is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3). **Please join us and support our "March to Pasadena"!***

*Thank you for helping to keep music alive at Ooltewah High School.*

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(OHS Band Student)