



SMHS Bands

Dr. Adam Schwalje, Director

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Dear Parents,

It is time to begin taking orders for our Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. **This year we are making some important changes so please read this carefully!** This is the **ONLY** fundraiser the band does all year. **The money we raise makes it possible for our students to participate in band with no extra fees.** Band retreat, district/state competition and solo/ensemble contest are just a few of the activities funded through poinsettia sales. Below are important dates and details:

- Poinsettias are grown locally at Newman's Nursery, at 7501 Cerrillos Road. Year after year, Newman's generously helps us with this fundraiser. Cost and sizes available are the same as in previous years (see enclosed flyers).
- **This year, each student will receive a packet of 25 poinsettia certificates. These certificates will be redeemable at Newman's Nursery on December 4th or 11th (Saturdays).** Every student is expected to sell a minimum of 25 plants (certificates) and the customers pick the plants up from Newman's.
- The intent of the band retreat is to improve musical skills and learn how to work as a team. We want to keep this supportive team spirit when selling the poinsettias. To encourage the kids and make it fun, we will set up times and places (TBA) where a small group of kids will gather to sell poinsettias, play music and have some fun. If your student has easily sold all of their poinsettias, we encourage him/her to help out their band mates and join in during one of these designated selling times.
- **Business sales of 10 plants or more are treated differently! These plants will be delivered by band family volunteers on December 1st.** These sales DO NOT need certificates, but should be recorded on the separate business form. If a business would like a bill for the poinsettias BEFORE the delivery date, please contact Sandi Dunn at p_sdunn@msn.com.
- If individuals or businesses would like to purchase poinsettias and then donate them to our St. Mike's Christian Brothers or St. Elizabeth Shelter please mark this on the certificate and return the certificate with the payment.
- If you are unable to contact businesses that you have sold to in the past or need help in making sales, please contact Martha Cluett at 474-3742 or marthacluett@gmail.com, by November 8, 2009.
- Payment for the poinsettias should be collected when the order is taken, and turned in with the order form and certificate stubs. NO CASH! Please have checks made payable to SMHS Band Boosters Club.
- All *business* orders of 10 or more and money are due to Dr. Schwalje on or before **Friday, November 19, 2010**. No late orders will be accepted. *Personal* orders (certificate stubs and money) are due **Tuesday, November 30, 2010**. Please note this is the right after the Thanksgiving break, so please mark your calendars!
- If you are able to help deliver to businesses on December 1st or assist at Newman's Nursery on December 4th or 11th, please contact Anna Farrier at 690-7390 or annafarrier@yahoo.com.

This year especially, it is so important that all band families participate in this fundraiser! **Our goal is 1200 poinsettias and 100% participation.**

THANK YOU!

The Poinsettia Fundraiser Committee

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