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Dear Marching Griffin Parent:

We're excited that your family has chosen to be a part of the 2010 Marching Griffins. This season is shaping up to be an incredibly rewarding and memorable one. The staff is designing an innovative and artistic competitive show for the fall and your child will be an essential part of its success.

Enclosed with this letter you will find some very important information about the upcoming season that your family should discuss together. The first piece of paper is the green **Member Agreement**, which you and your child should **read, sign and return to our office immediately along with the first financial installment**. Our complete updated season calendar is available online at www.lwemusic.org. We want to remind you that in order to maintain membership in the group, it is required that every performer attend every performance during the season without exception. Unlike an athletic team, there is no "second string" in marching band and so a missing person leaves a noticeable gap in a performance.

This season the band will be traveling several times. In August we will go to band camp at Lake Williamson Center in Carlinville, Illinois. In October, we will travel to Dayton, Ohio for the Bands of America Regional Championship. And finally, in November we will perform in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, home of the Indianapolis Colts. When we travel, all student housing and food is included in the cost. We stay at great facilities and eat heartily. Included with this mailing you will find information that outlines the universal costs of membership in the Marching Griffins. The payment plan spreads the cost across several months in order to ease the financial burden. This year we are offering a \$50 discount for families who pay off the costs early – please see the enclosed information for more details. It is possible for each student to raise all of these costs through the many fundraisers offered by our Music Boosters. Please contact us immediately if for some reason any of this information is confusing or concerning.

Very important – in order to participate in the marching band each year every member must see a doctor and have him/her complete the enclosed physical examination form, including the immunization record for incoming 9th graders. Because some doctor's offices require you to schedule appointments weeks or months in advance, please do this **as soon as possible**. We need you to return a photocopy of this exam form to us by July 4 – do not give us this original, only a photocopy. If your child is a 9th grader, this is the same form you are required to give the school nurse before the beginning of school. Please make sure not to give us the original, but a photocopy instead.

Once again, we're happy your child will be a member in this exceptional ensemble and we look forward to seeing them at the first rehearsal in June. Please contact us if you have any questions whatsoever.

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