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Dear Jensen Beach High School Band Supporter-

This spring, the JBHS Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band will travel to New York City to participate in the Heritage Music Festivals. The Heritage Music Festivals promote excellence among choirs, bands, and orchestras by providing the best opportunity for learning through seeing, experiencing, and interacting with other student performers and top music professionals.

Having recently received the Otto J. Kraushaar award (through the Florida Bandmaster's Association) for receiving STRAIGHT SUPERIOR ratings at every district and state assessment for the 2008-2009 school year, the band is extremely proud to have been invited and selected to perform in New York City with some of the best high school musicians in the country.

This 'trip of a lifetime' is one that the students have surely earned. Since my arrival at JBHS three short years ago, these young men and women have worked tremendously hard and have pursued the common goal of making music together. They have pushed themselves and each other to a point no one thought imaginable, to become one of the youngest, most rounded, and successful band programs in the state of Florida.

With this tremendous opportunity to compete and perform with the '*best of the best'*, comes a huge financial burden for our young program. The entire endeavor is expected to cost over $150,000.00. With your encouragement and financial support, our students will have the opportunity of a lifetime to perform in New York City and visit some of our nation's most historic places.

If you would like to sponsor a student for this amazing event, please fill out the attached '**JBHS Band Sponsorship Form'**. Your assistance and financial contribution will be greatly appreciated by all those involved with the JBHS Band Program.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about the Heritage Festivals, please feel free to contact me at the numbers and addresses listed above. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Dougherty
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