**July 2018**

We would like to share some exciting news from the St. Petersburg High School (SPHS) Band Program about our program and our hopes for the future.

The SPHS band program has been in existence for nearly 100 years and is a mainstay of St. Pete High traditions. **A new Band Director, Ms. Katie Aucremann, has just joined the program,** Ms. Aucremann has an extensive foundation in music education and performance, and spent the last six years working with the state champion marching band at Northside Christian School. We look forward to her leadership as the Green Devil Marching Band continues to compete with bands from around the state at regional competitions and raises school spirit with performances at weekly football games and pep rallies.

**The marching band is the nucleus of the SPHS band program, and many of our student musicians annually win audition placements in All County and All State music ensembles.** Every winter and spring, the band program’s Wind Symphony performs several concerts including an adjudicated performance where it consistently receives high scores and positive comments from judges.

A large group of graduating seniors have left the Green Devil bands, but we are adding a cadre of incoming student musicians for this upcoming school year of performances, auditions, and concerts. As Band Boosters, we are excited about the future of our marching band as it continues the traditions of St. Pete High, the oldest high school in Pinellas County.

**To continue to provide students with music opportunities and experiences, we welcome your financial support.** The program is mostly supported by student-paid fees, but the program cannot survive without the assistance of sponsors. **Your assistance helps support students to participate who have financial need.**  We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

We recognize your assistance with various sponsorship levels described on the attached sponsorship form. Some levels entail band materials screen printing that have deadlines. To meet those deadlines, some sponsor materials need to be received by close of business on **July 31.** Please see the form for more details. **Of course, any assistance at any time is welcomed!**

Thank you for your interest and we appreciate any support you can provide that will increase music education and enrichment for our students.

**SPHS Band Boosters**