

## **FY 2012 budget request for Glenbrook Bands**

### **Sheet Music:** \$650.00

The band library at Glenbrook contains either outdated music, popular music that is irrelevant today, or music that is inappropriate for the kind of bands that Glenbrook has. Higher quality literature must be purchased in order for students to make music worthy of being studied, thus heightening their aesthetic appreciation and experiences and enhancing and enriching their music education. Sheet music for band is quite expensive. Each arrangement, depending on a number of factors, costs \$70 – \$80 each. Sheet music is needed for the Concert Band, Sixth Grade Band, and the Jazz Ensemble.

### **Instructional supplies (mouthpiece sanitizer, instrument reeds, method books, recording equipment):** \$1000.00

Instructional supplies, such as mouthpiece sanitizer, instrument reeds, replacement pads, recording equipment for rehearsals and concerts, and method books are needed for effective music education instruction.

### **Yamaha YCL221 Bass Clarinet:** \$1,600.00

### **Yamaha YBB621 Bbb Tuba:** \$2,550.00

The low woodwind and low brass instruments that Glenbrook owns are quite old and are in poor condition. It has been highly recommended to me by the local instrument repair technicians that new instruments should be bought. New instruments will enable students to play different kinds of instruments than what we have presently, thus enhancing and deepening the overall sound of the ensemble, heightening students' appreciation of music, and enriching their musical education.

### **Repair/reconditioning budget for band instruments:** \$800.00

If we cannot purchase new low woodwind/low brass instruments anytime in the near future, then we may be able to recondition, refurbish, and repair our current instruments. The two baritone saxophones that Glenbrook owns have been repaired but still need to be maintained on a regular basis. We also have several instruments, including two tubas, a bass clarinet, and two tenor saxophones that need to be taken to a repair shop for maintenance on a somewhat regular basis. We are also in need of replacing an old and broken glockenspiel. This instrument is a cornerstone of the percussion section.

### **Membership to the professional association for music educators, MENC:** \$115.00

Membership to MENC: The National Association for Music Education is required for Glenbrook students to participate in the MMEA (Massachusetts Music Educators Association) Junior District Festival, the prestigious auditioned regional music festival held every March. Membership to MENC also includes subscriptions to monthly national periodicals with the purpose of improving music education instruction. Members also receive discounts on MENC publications and conference registrations to the MMEA All-State Inservice Conference, the MENC Eastern Division Conference, and the MENC's Music Education week in Washington.

**Transportation to Longmeadow High School for Band Day 2012:** Approximately \$110.00

The Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) has sponsored Band Day for the past six years. This exciting event involves Michael Mucci, director of instrumental music at Longmeadow High School, and faculty members from the Community Music School of Springfield interacting with all Longmeadow seventh and eighth grade band students. Due to liability issues, LEEF grants do not provide for students transportation.

**Transportation to three elementary schools and Longmeadow Adult Center for Jazz Bands tour:** Approximately \$190.00 (this cost can be split with Williams for a total cost of \$95.00)

The Jazz Ensembles at both middle schools have performed at the three elementary schools as part of a recruiting and retention effort for the middle school band program. Student also perform at the Longmeadow Adult Center at Greenwood Park to raise visibility of the middle school band program in the town. This jazz ensemble “tour” has also been an educational experience for students as it recreates what professional musicians do in real life. A chartered school bus is needed to transport students around the town. Subsidizing the bus costs defrays the cost to families.

**MMEA (Massachusetts Music Educators Association) All-State In-service Conference, World Trade Center/Renaissance Hotel, Boston, March 1-3:** \$175 (can be split with Williams for a total cost to Glenbrook of \$87.50)

This annual in-service conference that I have attended for years is full of workshops, clinics, and rehearsals. Excellent educational opportunities abound for all music educators. There are some great topics covered at this conference, including assessment, instrumental rehearsing techniques, conducting, and general music for secondary students. The conference registration fee has been split between Williams and Glenbrook. Substitutes or teachers on office duty have covered my classes for two days.

**Stage Band stipend:** Dollar amount as listed in current contractual agreement between the Longmeadow School Committee and the Longmeadow Education Association, Unit A

This stipend provides compensation for teaching and conducting the Stage Band, a co-curricular after school activity, outside of contractual hours. Curricular content includes composing and improvising (a National Standard of Music Education and a strand of the Massachusetts Music Curriculum Frameworks), learning about and performing jazz (a uniquely American music), performing in multiple musical styles, and learning enrichment topics in music performance. This activity was a class that took place during the school day before it was moved outside of contractual hours due to scheduling.

**Substitute coverage will be needed for the following events:**

- Multibands concert at UMass Amherst (Field trip for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students) – Full day coverage. This may or may not be on a day that I am at Glenbrook.
- Half Day coverage for Band Day 2012 in March 2012 (this may or may not be on a day that I am at Glenbrook)
- One day of substitute coverage for MMEA All State Conference (either March 1 or March 2)
- One day of substitute coverage for Jazz Ensembles tour to elementary schools and Longmeadow Adult Center at Greenwood Park (this may or may not be on a day that I am at Glenbrook)
- Personal Days (if they need to be taken)

**Priority ranking of items:**

#1: Stage Band stipend

#2: Band Day transportation to Longmeadow High School

#3: Jazz Band transportation to elementary schools/Longmeadow Adult Center at Greenwood Park

#4: Sheet music

#5: Instructional supplies

#6: Repair and Reconditioning

#7: MENC membership

#8: MMEA All State In-service Conference

#9: Musical instruments

(If entire dollar amounts for each line item cannot be funded, fractions of requested dollar amounts for each line item may be funded as in the past)