

Fall 2019



Dear Bedford Families:

Music has been part of my life as long as I can remember, from piano lessons in elementary school through junior high orchestra concerts, high school musicals, and college choir tours. As an adult, I still sing whenever I can, and I love watching my kids develop their own love for music.

I feel fortunate to be part of a community that values music and the arts as much as Bedford does. Our schools understand that music builds community. Music supports academic development. And music feeds our souls.

Since the 1950s, Bedford POMS (Patrons of Music Students) has provided support for music programs at Davis, Lane, John Glenn Middle School, and Bedford High School. Our town is fortunate to have a thriving music and theatre arts programs, augmented by POMS's support. This is possible only because of your donations of money, time, and services.

POMS raises funds in multiple ways: running the Snack Shack at BHS football games; selling concessions at JGMS and BHS theatre performances; and asking for your direct contributions through our Annual Appeal. **This year our Annual Appeal is even more important: the rescheduling of BHS football games due to the threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis has cut our expected concessions revenue significantly.**

Will you contribute to this year's 2019–2020 Annual Appeal and help us fill the gap in our fundraising?

Your donation will enable POMS to continue to offer resources and tangible supports, such as:

- **Stipends** for every music teacher in the district to support classroom activities;
- **Wish-list items** requested by the music teachers to enhance their curricula, including a new classroom set of ukuleles at JGMS;
- Affordable and easily accessible **private music lessons** for students from K–12
- Supplemental funding for **extracurricular musical activities**, including the JGMS and BHS musicals; and
- **Scholarships** for BHS graduating seniors.

POMS is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation may be tax-deductible. Thank you for joining in POMS's legacy of support by participating in our 2019 Annual Appeal.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Emily Mitchell'.

Emily Mitchell, President

POMS Board: April Chen, Lisa Coyne, Karen Guetersloh, Susan Harris, Venus Ho, Gretchen Kind, Tina Nappi, Jim O'Malley, Nicole O'Toole, Maureen Reyling, Becky Ricci, Karen Sobol, & Haixia Wang

Please donate online at www.bedfordpoms.org or mail contributions to POMS, % Bedford High School, 9 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730.

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