

Fall 2026



Dear Bedford families,

As we enter November, the marching band has performed at several football games and competitions. Lane school students are starting to learn how to play their string and band instruments. The high school has started rehearsals for the fall play, and our music teachers are hard at work with their daily curriculum. Bedford is lucky to have such robust and exciting music programs in our public schools!

Bedford Patrons of Music Students (POMS) exists to support our music department faculty and students at all four public schools. Through fundraising at Bedford Day, the Snack Shack at BHS home football games, and the JGMS and BHS spring musicals, we provide grants and other financial support for curricular and extracurricular needs.

Our largest annual fundraiser, however, is our Annual Appeal, which you're reading now. Donations to our Annual Appeal help POMS offer tangible resources, including:

- **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 professional Violist providing 4 coaching sessions to the BHS chamber orchestra in preparation for the May concert
 - Additional Band uniforms (last year put them over 40 students!)
 - The replacement of one of the pianos at Lane school
- Affordable and easily accessible **private music lessons** for students from K–12;
- Supplemental funding for costumes and other costs for **extracurricular musical activities**, including the JGMS and BHS musicals; and
- **Scholarships** for BHS graduating seniors.

Through POMS' commitment to providing financial aid, every child who wants to explore music can do so without the cost being a barrier to study and performance. With your help and donations, we will continue to provide financial aid for private lessons, as well as instrument rentals during the school year so students who are in need can participate in grade-level ensembles.

Your support of POMS has a direct impact on music education in Bedford. **Will you continue Bedford's tradition of strong community funding for student music by contributing to this year's Annual Appeal?**

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 2026–2027 Annual Appeal.

With best musical wishes,

Joe Marchionna
POMS President