College Park Instrumental Music Practice-a-thon

This year's Practice-A-Thon is critical for funding our Coaching Program and the Washington DC Band Performance Tour.

We really need 100% participation of every musician to help raise money for our program. You can help us fund our coaching program and our Washington DC tour by doing what you will do anyway—practice! No one knows that more than you do that this is a great cause!

Here's how it works.

Sponsors or Pledges:  As soon as possible, begin contacting your extended family—parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, cousins, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and anyone else you can think of—and ask them to pledge to pay a certain amount for every hour practiced during the first 2 weeks of December. Two documents, a sponsor pledge form and a sponsor log, are provided so that you can keep a record of the pledges. You can print extras or ask us for more copies. Sponsors who would like to pledge a flat dollar amount regardless of practice time are welcome to do so. Be sure to tell sponsors what you are raising funds for.

Practice Time: November 30 through December 13, keep track of your practice time on the practice log. At the end of two weeks, total up your time, and then both you and one of your parents/guardians sign the form to verify the total.

Computing Your Pledge Totals: At the end two weeks, for those who pledged to give a certain amount of money for each hour practiced, compute each total donation by multiplying the pledge by the number of hours. Of course, flat rate pledges are what they are.

Contacting the Sponsors: As soon as possible after December 13, you should communicate to your sponsors the amount they should pay and then collect the money from them. Make a note of those who will be paying by PayPal. Your sponsor form, your practice form, and your total money collected should be turned in no later than December 15th.

Special Prizes: Special prizes will be given and announced. They will include gift cards and gift items. Prizes will be given to the student who raises the most money, the student who has the highest number of practice hours, and the student in each class who raises the most money (excluding the top overall fundraiser).

What constitutes practice time? Practice time is time spent practicing music on any instrument that you play or in chorus, and any rehearsal and any lesson in which you are playing any of your instruments.

Things to do:

1. Use the PLEDGE FORM to contact friends and extended family for pledges. Use e-mail and social media!
2. Record pledges on the SPONSOR FORM or online at cphsmusic.org/sponsor
3. PRACTICE! Keep track of your practice hours on the PRACTICE LOG or online at cphsmusic.org/practice
4. On Dec 13, total your hours and contact your sponsors to tell them how many hours you practiced. Collect pledges.
5. Turn in funds collected as soon as possible. (Note: Students travelling on tour should make every effort to turn in funds raised by 12/15)