

MusicAlliance

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Dear Band Parent,

At this time, we are kicking off our annual MusicAlliance Band Practice-A-Thon. Last year's effort raised almost \$10,000 (total from all of the schools that we serve), which was used to keep the band tuition costs under control for this school year. This year's goal is to raise \$13,000. We are asking that your child to participate in this event since it will help MusicAlliance to minimize future band tuition increases while also helping to motivate your child to practice their band instrument more.

There will be a variety of prizes awarded to those students that reach certain goals during the Practice-A-Thon, including a Grand Prize Drawing in which the winner gets **\$200 in cash!** Participating in the Practice-A-Thon is a fun way for students to prepare and polish their new band music for the Spring Band Concerts while becoming a better musician at the same time!

Please read and follow the instructions below to participate in the Practice-A-Thon:

1. Using the Sponsor Sign-up Sheet, your child simply asks people that they know to sponsor the amount of time that they spend practicing their instrument at home during the home practice contest which runs from 1/31/10-2/20/10. This can be done by the minute (i.e. 4 or 5 cents per minute of home practice) or by a flat donation. Your child will write down the person's name, contact information, and pledge amount either by the minute or flat donation on the Sponsor Sign-up Sheet. Practice-A-Thon sponsors should be people that your child knows (i.e. immediate family, relatives, next door neighbors that you know, etc.). Students should not go door to door asking strangers.
2. A special Home Practice Record is included with this packet for your child to keep track of the time that they spend practicing their band instrument at home during the practice contest period (1/31/10-2/20/10). You will need to sign the Practice Record each week as verification, and your child will need to show me their Practice Record each week at their band lesson during the practice contest period.
3. The week of February 21st, the money that your child raises should be collected from your child's sponsors and then be turned in to me at school on their band day (it should be turned in to me no later than the week of February 28th). *Please do not send cash to school, all money raised should be sent in to me at school in the form of a check(s) payable to MusicAlliance.*

Please be sure to look over all of the Practice-A-Thon materials and make sure that you child understands how to use the forms. If you have any questions about the Practice-A-Thon, feel free to contact me or call the MusicAlliance office at 440-205-0114. Thank You for your support!

Sincerely,

Band Director

Practice-A-Thon Student Prize Eligibility Information

To qualify to be in the **Grand Prize Drawing** for **\$200**:

- Practice at least 450 total minutes and raise at least \$60 to have your name entered into the drawing once.
- Practice at least 525 total minutes and raise at least \$80 to have your name entered into the drawing twice.
- Practice at least 600 total minutes and raise at least \$100 to have your name entered into the drawing three times.

The winner will be chosen in one drawing, from a pool of the qualified MusicAlliance students. Winners of this prize are also eligible to select one prize from each of the other 4 prize categories (A, B, C, & D – see the prize list sheets for further details). The Grand Prize drawing will take place in March.

To qualify for a **Category A Prize**, meet either of the following two goals:

- Have one of the top 3 highest practice times out of all of the MusicAlliance schools.
- Be one of the top 3 money raisers out of all of the MusicAlliance schools.

The winners of this prize are also eligible to select one prize from categories B, C, and D. The same person cannot qualify for this prize category more than once.

To qualify for a **Category B Prize**, meet any one of the following four goals:

- Have the highest total practice minutes in your school.
- Raise the most money in your school.
- Practice at least 525 total minutes.
- *Get 15 sponsors. You will need to bring in your sponsor sheet to your band teacher so they can verify that you have 15 sponsors.

The winners of this prize are also eligible to select one prize from the C, and D categories. The same person cannot qualify for this prize category more than once.

**A "flat donation" of at least \$1 or a "per-minute sponsorship" totaling at least \$1 is required from each of the 15 sponsors in order to be eligible for a Category B prize through having 15 sponsors.*

To qualify for a **Category C Prize**, meet any one of the following two goals:

- Practice at least 300 total minutes.
- Raise more than \$35 total.

The winners of this prize are also eligible to select one prize from the D category. The same person cannot qualify for this prize category more than once.

To qualify for a **Category D Prize**:

- Participate in the Practice-A-Thon fundraiser to receive a prize from Category D!

SPECIAL BONUS REWARD! Two schools* will qualify for their choice of a **Pizza Party**, **Ice Cream Sundae Party**, or a **Donut Party**,

- The school with the highest average practice minutes (per student in the band program).
- The school with the highest average money raised (per student in their band program).

The same school cannot win both parties. In the event that the same school meets both of the criteria for earning a party, the school with the second highest practice minutes will also win a party. *Only eligible students who participated in the Practice-A-Thon will be included in the Party at the winning schools.

MusicAlliance Practice-A-Thon Sponsor Sign-up Sheet

	Sponsor Name	Sponsor Address	Telephone Number	Pledge Amount and Type of Pledge	Amount Owed	Amount Collected
1				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
2				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
3				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
4				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
5				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
6				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
7				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
8				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
9				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
10				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
11				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
12				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
13				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
14				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
15				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
16				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
17				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
18				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
19				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
20				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
21				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
22				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
23				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
24				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
25				\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Per Minute <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Donation	\$	\$
Grand Total of Pledges Collected						\$

MusicAlliance Practice-A-Thon Practice Record

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total	Parent Signature
January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6		
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13		
February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20		

Suggestions:

1. Try to get at least 100 minutes a week (i.e. 20 minutes over 5 days).
2. Practice with your friends, the more the merrier.
3. Give a concert to your family.

The Practice Chart must be signed in order for your times to count.

Grand Total Minutes Practiced _____

Parent Signature _____