Dear DHS Band Families,

This is the packet for our “No-Show Tea Party”. **This is a major fundraiser to support many of the bands’ expenses during the year.** Remember, it takes about $36,000 per year to support this program. We have lost some fundraisers, and others are not as productive as in years past, so **we really need as many families as possible to participate in this, so we can make up that lost revenue. This is a fundraiser for ALL band booster expenses!** Last year only about 25 families participated, but we were still able to raise about $6,000! Think of how much more we can raise if more families participated!

**Here’s what to do with this packet:**

1. Students: Write a personal, short note at the very top of each of the 5 letters, and sign your name at the bottom.
2. Address the provided blank envelopes, and place your letter inside, but **DO NOT SEAL IT!!** (We will have tea bags and will place the return envelopes inside, then we will mail them out.)
3. Place stamps on all 10 envelopes: the ones you’ve addressed put 2 stamps (it will cost more with the tea bag inside); the 5 self-addressed return envelopes for donors, put 1 stamp
4. Please return the packets to Mr. Slabaugh in class as soon as you can, please try to get in by November 1 (we will accept later, but sooner is better).
5. Can’t think of 5 people to send a letter to? See below for ideas. And if you can think of only 1-2 people, that’s ok too.

**Who should receive a letter? Here are some ideas:**

Grandparents, aunts and uncles, Godparents, neighbors, out of town family members, Music Loving friends, music teachers, friends who have asked you to support their activities, people you know from Scouts, church, work, activities, your pet sitter, families you have bought girl scout cookies from, a celebrity! Do NOT solicit any businesses or professionals (such as Dr. Molitor or Dr. Mandelaris), we’ll be doing a separate business solicitation in the near future.

**Do you need help with what to say in your short note at the top of the letter? Here are some suggested greetings you can write:**

Hello, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There are lots of fun concerts and activities I’ll be doing with the band this year, and we could really use your support. If you can donate even a small amount to support our group, that would be wonderful. Thank you!

Hi, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will be travelling with my high school band to Seattle and Victoria, B.C, and am so excited! If you can help support our trip with a donation of any amounts, that would be wonderful. Thank you and I’ll share pictures!

If you need more than 5 letters, or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Cynthia Kerner at cjkerner@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!!