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LETTER TO CHS BAND PARENTS:

On Sunday, April 1, the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals will play the New York Mets in Busch Stadium in the very first game of the 2007 Major League Baseball Season. The CHS Band Parents have made arrangements for you to be able to attend opening day. For CHS Band parents, opening day means the start of our fundraising season at Busch Stadium. Most of you are aware of the Cardinal Concession Fundraisers. The Band Parents have scheduled 13 games to work a concession stand. We receive 9% of the stand's revenue after taxes and expenses. Sportservice Corporation requires that everyone receive training each year before they can work during the season. If you received training for the 2006 season at Busch Stadium, you may take an abbreviated "Veteran's" training. Training dates are shown on the attachment. If you want to volunteer for any date this year, please let me know when you plan to attend training. I will need call in to register you for training. The sessions will fill up quickly because of the 100% re-training requirement.

The proceeds are split 50/50 between the general fund and the student's individual account. The money in the student's account can be used for a wide variety of band related expenses which include marching band fees, the band trip, lessons, and service or purchase of instruments. If both parents (or grandparents, other relatives or friends) work, your child will benefit proportionately. The actual amount per game varies with how well we do, but it averages around \$35 to the student and \$35 to the band. We raised \$17,900 from this activity in 2006.

The band conducts many fundraisers throughout the year to cover its budget. We need all of our parents helping in these fundraising activities. Some of the fundraisers have a portion of the proceeds that goes directly to the student's accounts, but not all of them do. This is a good opportunity to build up your child's account for future band expenses. It is also a good way to get to know some of the other band parents.

The attachment contains the dates for all of the games which we will be working and it contains the training dates. We need as many people as possible for each date. Although we can take a stand with as few as 10 people, we will get a more lucrative stand if we have more people. The band benefits, and so will you.

Please call or e-mail me if you are interested in helping. Let me know the date that you want to take training, and the dates that you want to work. I have e-mail addresses for most of the volunteers from last year, but I hope that we will expand our volunteer base this year. I will be sending out brief reminders at least once a month to solicit more volunteers. Please reply to me at least five days before the game you are volunteering for. I need to send a list of names to Sportservice at least three days before each game.

Please consider working several dates. This is a significant source of income for the band. Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. If you worked the stadium last year, please try to recruit at least one new volunteer for this year. Thanks!!

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