Dear Band Parents,

We are very pleased that your child has expressed interest in **The Central High School Band Program**. *Thank you* for your support of your son or daughter’s continuing music experiences.

**The CHS Marching Band—The Marching Tigers** is a great activity that helps develop confidence, positive attitude, self-esteem, cooperation and self-discipline. It also gives members the thrill of performing in a great band in front of thousands of enthusiastic fans. It takes a large amount of time, discipline and dedication but the rewards are equally great.

**“Easy Tryouts for The Tiger Band** are being held soon on the following dates:

Brass & Woodwinds

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—April 12, 13, 14—6:30-8:00 pm**

Percussion & Color Guard

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—April 25, 26, 27—6:30-8:30 pm**

This will be an introduction to marching band, and some simple marching skills will be taught along with review of middle school music techniques. There will be an “Easy Tryout” consisting of the School Song and the Warm-up (#1-4) for memory plus the marching skills. *We are mostly assessing interest and commitment in this three-day clinic.*

We need **Your Help Now**. It is very important that we have a *firm commitment* so we can begin working on writing the competition music and drill. We need an accurate instrumentation count in order to do this. We also need to look at the need for large and percussion instruments, how many buses will be needed, how many rooms at band camp, how many uniforms, etc.

Learning to make choices and commitments is one of the first and most important lessons in being a part of the band program. **It is time to make that commitment now.** This is a **firm commitment!** We expect that if you sign up now, you will not change your mind. *There is no quitting in band!* Based on your decision, we will make commitments regarding instrumentation and numbers. We cannot go back and change.

Please read the enclosed information so you understand what the marching band is all about. There is a lot of information to help with your decision. The *Tiger Beat* monthly e-newsletter will continue to keep you up to date. If you have not been receiving the email news, send an e-mail to bandnews@centralband.org. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news.

**Please sign (either Yes or No) on the enclosed post card and return it to me *today* or turn in at the Easy Tryouts.**

If you have any questions, please email me at banddir@centralhs.k12.oh.us or call me at 456-7890 (8:20-9:10 am).