



MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Mel-Hi Band Parents Association
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Dear Melbourne High School Alumnus,

The Pride of the Mel HI Marching Band is a vibrant part of our community, proudly representing our school at many events. The Marching band was established in 1937, and we can all agree that the band inspires school spirit, enhances community image and augments student learning.

The band uniforms currently worn by the Pride of Mel Hi have reached the end of their functional life. The average shelf life of a band uniform is 8 to 10 years, and ours are twice that age. We have a great uniform committee, but there just comes a point where there is only so much you can do to repair these uniforms. Plus, styles have changes, such as our case and uniforms can no longer be purchased as old ones fall apart.

As is the case with most public schools across the country, the Pride of Mel Hi does not receive funding from Brevard County School District for the purchase or maintenance of marching band uniforms. Therefore, it is the sole responsibility of the Mel Hi Band Parent Association, a not-for-profit 501c-3 organization led entirely by parent volunteers, to raise these funds.

With a replacement cost of approximately \$400 per uniform, outfitting the entire band will cost nearly \$85,000. We currently have around \$35,000 in our uniform fund but need at least \$50,000 more. That's where you come in!! We hope you will consider supporting The Pride of Mel Hi Marching Band and the hard working students that make up the band with your generous financial support.

We have established different levels/types of sponsorships all sponsors/donators to the Uniform Campaign will be listed on the band website and printed in all Pride of Mel Hi programs for the life of the uniform.

Checks should be made out to the **Mel-Hi Band Parents Association** and mailed to **PO Box 1821 Melbourne, FL 32902**.

We are also requesting that you help us spread the word by passing this information on to friends & family who may be interested in supporting the Pride of Mel Hi Marching Band.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

Joshua Sall and Jay Garey
Melbourne High School Director of Bands