

## **LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM**

The Legacy High School Band has a rich tradition of excellence and a well-earned reputation of success, placing in the top 5 bands at state marching contests 4 times since the school opened in 2000. The band has been growing at an incredible pace despite lower overall student enrollment at Legacy High School due to district restructuring. Currently there are over 120 students participating in one or more of a number of different performing ensembles including (by season) : Marching Band and Color Guard, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, and Concert Band.

This past year, Legacy Marching Band won the Colorado Bandmasters Association's 5A state Marching Band Championship for the **third consecutive year**. Last year the Legacy Bands were also awarded the prestigious Colorado Bandmasters Association's "Exemplary Band" award for the **third time**. Previous awards and achievements include: 2006, 2007, 2008 5A State Marching Band Champions, 6 time Rock Mountain Color Guard Association State Champions, 2009 Winter Guard International World Championship Silver Medalist, 3 time Rocky Mountain Percussion Association State Champions, 2009 Symphonic Band CMEA Honor Ensemble and 2009 Jazz Band, "D-Note" Jazz Club, featured performer. Now, the Legacy Marching Band has been invited to perform in the 2010 New Year's Day parade in London, England.

The hard work and dedication of the students and their director is what makes this band so successful. Competition preparation consists of a minimum of two days each week during the Summer break, after school in the Fall and all day on Saturdays! Each student commits to a minimum of 384 hours of practice during the Summer and Fall. Legacy Bands attend 16 events around the state and at least one event outside the state each year. Each of these events attracts in excess of 1,000 people (sometimes 10's of thousands).

Band participants learn more than music. The program teaches students the principles of commitment and discipline, a strong work ethic, healthy athletics, peer camaraderie, good sportsmanship and more. For their dedication and efforts students are rewarded with personal and team pride. The Legacy Band program is one that brings much press and prestige to the North Denver Metro area. It is a source of pride for the students, parents, teachers, and administration, as well as, the entire community.

The Legacy Bands are fortunate to enjoy the uncompromising dedication of their Band Boosters Organization encompassing family, friends and business sponsors. Without this support and financial assistance the outstanding educational and performing opportunities for the students in the LHS Band program would simply not be possible.

The LHS Bands are looking forward to another successful and rewarding year.