



November 27, 2018 through  
December 31, 2018, 11:59 p.m.

## JOHNSON BAND HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Johnson Band Family & Friends,

Our 2018 Holiday Campaign runs through December 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Please consider a tax deductible donation to help support your Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School Band.

We will replace many of the older woodwind, brass and percussion instruments this year including front ensemble, and are also continuing the process of outfitting and updating our older equipment trailer to prepare it for the Bands of America Grand Nationals competition in 2019. The CTJ Winter Guard will compete at Nationals in Dayton, Ohio in April 2019, and a portion of these funds goes to support their travel expenses. Our goal for the 2018 campaign is \$30,000. With your help, we believe we can reach it.

A new bass clarinet runs between \$2,000 - \$3,000

A new piccolo runs approximately \$2,500

A new bass trombone runs approximately \$3,500

A new tenor saxophone runs approximately \$4,500

A new marimba runs \$6,000-8,000, and a grand marimba \$15,000+

We will continue to replace and update our inventory through the spring — the cost of instruments continues to rise as does the age of our equipment, and we want to stay ahead of this to ensure we have the best equipment to provide our band members. While it is the holiday season, many individuals and companies are looking for a way to take advantage of end-of-year tax write-offs. A donation to the Johnson Band is a great way to achieve this goal while supporting a worthy cause.

Our donation deadline is December 31st at 11:59 p.m. All donations over \$1,000 will receive their name or logo on our NEW EQUIPMENT TRAILER.





**“Hi,** I’m Kadence Koehl. I am a trumpet player and a sophomore drum major at Claudia Taylor Johnson High School. From the June band camp at the end of my eighth grade year until now, band has been such a big part of my life. The band hall is such a great atmosphere because everyone here is family. During marching season everyone is so determined to make a product that inspires people. How we get there is truly amazing because everything is so detailed and has a purpose. You are pushed everyday to do the best you can. Everyone is in the same boat, and there is no one left behind. I was very shy and quiet when I first came into Johnson. Without all the support I’ve received from friends, section leaders, and staff members, I wouldn’t have developed the skills and confidence I have today.



**KADENCE KOEHL**  
Grade 10, Trumpet  
Drum Major

This band program makes you find your fullest potential — and the best thing is that the people in the band want you to be the best version of yourself you can be. In my two years at Johnson we have received so many donations from sponsors, parents, alumni, and the community. It has helped us in so many ways, such as going on our trip to South Padre Island, or the show uniforms we wear. This year for our show, “Tremendous Sea of Love,” we were able to completely transform the field with all the props and screens we had. Anything you can donate to us will help us continue to thrive and grow as a program. Without the donations we have received, we would not have been able to go on competition trips and inspire as many people as we did. Please donate to our band program so we can create more amazing experiences for our band members, as well as continue to entertain those who will see us perform.”

**“Hello,** my name is Connor Tipton, I am a senior trumpet player at Claudia Taylor Johnson High School, and also one of the drum majors. The band here at CTJ has helped shape me into the person I am today. The band has impacted me in unimaginable ways as it pushed me beyond limits that I couldn’t have thought of before my time here — making me a better leader, a better person, and better trumpet player. After high school, I plan to pursue a career in music education and music performance, continuing on the path of what our directors have done for us. The greatest thing I have learned from my experience with the CTJ band is that you can overcome anything that can provide trouble in your life. I have been able to overcome my family moving away one year early to England as I stay here to finish my senior year. I cannot thank enough for what the CTJ band program has done for me not only as a player but also as an individual. Our donors mean so much to us as a band program, as they allow us to continue not only our success in the concert band and marching band worlds, but also in creating extraordinary, hard-working people who care so much about everything they do. Thank you so much for allowing us to continue our tradition of excellence through your donations — this could not be done without your support. Please consider a donation toward our 2018 campaign. Your donation allows the program to continue to provide the experiences that I have benefitted from. Anything you can give is needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.”



**CONNOR TIPTON**  
Grade 12, Trumpet  
Drum Major

