**2014 Spirit of Great Oak Band, Guard and Drum Line**

Welcome to The SPIRIT of Great Oak, a comprehensive program under the direction of Mr. Burdick-Rutz, who is entering his eleventh year as Director at Great Oak High School. The program has been distinguished with many awards and accolades.

This Fall Competition Season the Marching Band & Guard will be celebrating the honor of being invited to march in Le Grande Parade de Paris, 2016 with their show entitled "Classique Nouveau” A Bohemian Love Story.

We are looking forward to a great year and are excited that your student has chosen to be a part of our program. As you may already know, the budget dollars provided by the state to Great Oak High School and to Temecula Valley Unified School District do not fund The SPIRIT of Great Oak Band, Guard or Drumline.

The cost for us to deliver a competitive program is approximately ***$925 per student***. This money is used to pay for the costs of coaching, competitions, and transportation as well as other needs of all Spirit of Great Oak programs. Our goal is to raise 70% of this amount through family and friends tax-deductible donations. The other 30% is expected to be raised through fundraisers. Financial support is critical to delivering a high quality program. Please consider making at least ***a $650 tax-deductible*** ***donation*** to the Spirit of Great Oak Band, Guard, and Drum Line. We welcome donations at any time during the school year. All donations go through our supporting foundation, Great Oak Academic Leadership Society (GOALS) – a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation making your donation tax deductible. Please note that students are entitled to participate in all aspects of this program and related activities regardless of whether the student/parent makes a donation to support the program. No student’s performance evaluation will be affected by a donation or a decision not to make a donation.

Donations may be made by two ways:

1. Cash, Credit Card (4% fee applies) or check made payable to GOALS -Band, please ensure your student's name is in the memo. Donations will be accepted at all parent meetings. Checks can be dropped off in the grey box in Mr. Burdick’s office or delivered in an envelope to Lois Gorbacz, in the school Athletics Office.

2. On-line via the link on the Band Booster website: <http://www.greatoakbandbooster.org>

Mr. Burdick and your Band Booster Leadership Team look forward to delivering a financially sound and high quality program for 2014-15. This can only be accomplished through your commitment to meet our financial need and volunteer participation from all our parents.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jerry Burdick-Rutz Tricia Graff

Band Director President, Band Boosters