**WHAT IS LOCK-A-THON?**

Lock-A-Thon is our annual Donation Drive fund raising event that helps fund our band and dance team programs, as well as contributing to individual student fee payments.

During this event, we again hope to raise **$25,000.00** toward our annual operating budget for this school year, which includes activities, replacing and repairing instruments, equipment and uniforms, purchasing music, and paying for transportation costs for our various trips. In addition, 25% of the funds raised during the Lock-A-Thon will go towards helping with students’ individual fees.

We are asking for every member of the marching band and dance teams to fill out an address sheet with a minimum of 10 names and addresses of friends and family members who you think would be willing to make a donation to our programs (more than 10 is acceptable!). There is no set minimum for a donation. We have had donations ranging from $5.00 and up. Any amount is gratefully accepted. The donations will be accepted in the student’s name who sent the request, and 25% of each donation is applied to that student’s band/dance fees.

On **Thursday, August 8, 2019**, all students will stay on campus for the dinner break. At that time, they will use their completed address sheets to address envelopes that will include a letter explaining the Lock-A-Thon event, and a request for a donation. We also ask for any who can send in **STAMPS** **AND ENVELOPES** to help reduce our mailing costs. At 6 pm on **September 13**, after the band and dance team members will be locked in the school gymnasium. We will remain locked down until 12 AM to show our gratitude for the support of those who donated! The Lock-A-Thon event itself is a fun time with basketball, volleyball, video games, and lots of food and drinks all night long! A great way to kick off football season, provide help with the general band fund, and to help with members’ personal accounts.

**LOCK-A-THON 2019**

**PLEDGE SHEET ADDRESS LIST INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Take the list home to discuss with your parents who they feel would be likely to contribute to the **Marching ‘Canes Lock-A-Thon 2019**. Family address books work great for this!
2. Write the names and addresses (complete with Zip Code) on the **“Lock-A-Thon Addresses”** sheet and bring it with you on **Thursday, August 8, 2019.**
3. **PLEASE**, do not list multiple family members at the same address, or fellow band members on your list. Only include people who you and your family feel would be willing to donate to this fundraiser. Bogus names and addresses will cause you to be out of the running for any prizes.

We hope to have 100% participation from the Marching ‘Canes (ALL band members and ALL Sugar ‘Canes). This money goes toward our program’s operating expenses. This fundraiser is very important to the success of our programs. Remember, 25% of the donations collected in your name go into your personal account! When you make up your pledge mailing list, please be serious about it—don’t list names just for the sake of listing names. Also, you are not limited to just 10 names—the more the better! In addition, the person who raises the most money and the two runners-up will receive **CASH prizes of $100.00, $50.00, AND $25.00**, respectively to be applied to your charms account!!!