

November of 2009 will mark the second time in the storied tradition of the Red and Blue Marching Band that they will appear in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The last time the band had this honor was in 1963.

The band's acceptance to the 2009 parade was based on its history, traditions, and movies and pictures of its performances from years past. Thus, we feel that everyone who has ever been a member of the band has contributed to the possibility of this year's performance.

As such, we would like to make this a "family" event. We are asking for past members of the band or relatives of past members who appreciated the opportunities afforded to their loved ones through the band to consider making a financial donation to the current band. Our goal is to provide one meal for the band while on this trip to help defray the students' costs — an alumni meal!

In addition, we would like all alumni and friends of the band to feel as one big band with this year's edition of the Red and Blue Band. All donors who contribute Ten Dollars or greater will be entered into a drawing to become this year's N ♪ TEWORTHY MOHIGAN. The winner will be chosen from a random drawing held at MHS Homecoming on Friday, October 9. (The Homecoming Parade is slated for Thursday, October 8. Come join us to march or just cheer on all of our Mohigans!) The N ♪ TEWORTHY MOHIGAN will receive not only recognition at Homecoming, but also a post card from the band while they are in New York and other special "shout-outs" throughout the year.

Mr. Reed wishes to take a scrapbook to New York City filled with greetings and well wishes from past members as well as friends of the band. We are asking for everyone — regardless of level of contribution --- to send written notes, a picture from their band days, or perhaps a fond memory of the Red and Blue to help fill this scrap book. The book will be made available to the band so that they might understand the larger family to which they belong. Please feel free to personalize your message in any way. Let us know what your instrument was, if you were a rank leader, section leader, officer, majorette, mohiganette or field commander. If you feel some experience with the band--be it jazz band or all-state band or the big trip to Florida played a formative role in your family member's life, please let us know.

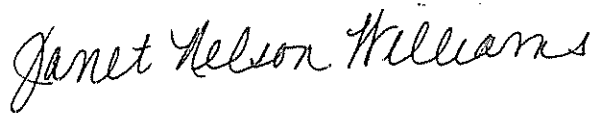
For those of us who graduated in the mid-seventies and went to high school with Mr. Reed, this is an even more special event. We are so happy and proud that our traditions have been so faithfully carried on and that Mr. Reed has taken the band to these lofty heights. We have been very lucky to have the continuity in conductors that we have had from Mr. Hill to Mr. Roberts to the Class of '74's Keith Reed. This is one way you can show your appreciation to men who have meant so much to us through the years. Please tell us a touching, funny or otherwise memorable story about these directors.

Our effort will culminate at the football game for Homecoming. We would like to have the biggest alumni band ever for the game. We will all march into the stadium with the band--no instruments required. Meet at the bottom of Park Street at 6:30 to join up with the kids in Red and Blue! If you prefer a shorter march, join us at the bottom of Prairie Avenue as we enter the stadium. All alumni will be honored that night at the conclusion of the football game when the band will march its regular half-time show.

Please send your contributions to PO Box 496, Morgantown, WV 26505, with checks made payable to MHS Band. Note Macy's on the check. **Please** contact all of your old band friends and make them aware of this effort. Consider duplicating this letter and mailing it to your "old" friends in the band. Send one to your siblings and ask that they duplicate it and send it to their friends! Lastly, please mark the date on your calendars for Homecoming--October 9, 2009. Let's fill those stands and cheer on the team AND the band and maybe just pat ourselves on the back while we're at it!

Keep checking the Class of 74's website for news of our progress, pictures of Homecoming and of the band at the Macy's parade!
[Http://mohigan1974.wordpress.com](http://mohigan1974.wordpress.com)

Sincerely,



Janet Nelson Williams
Class of '74