

## No place like HOMS for the Holidays

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Members of the Hidden Oaks Middle School Marching Band perform in a local parade.

PALM CITY — The Hidden Oaks Middle School (HOMS) Band and Color Guard are proud to announce their annual Breakfast and Silent Auction fundraiser to be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at Hidden Oaks Middle School in Palm City. Now in its 19th year, the event is consistently well attended by family, friends and supporters of the HOMS Band and Color Guard.

Guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, breads and coffee served by parent and school volunteers while watching performances from various local school bands, chorus, color guards, drum lines and the Hidden Oaks Jazz Ambassadors. Attendees can also bid on an abundance of popular items in the Silent Auction including tickets to Busch Gardens, Kennedy Space Center, and the Orlando Science Museum, as well as several golf packages and memberships to various fitness centers. Also up for auction are New York Mets tickets, a photography portrait session, and many other notable items.

“As the signature HOMS Band & Color Guard fundraiser, all proceeds benefit the school’s band programs,” explained HOMS Band Director Emily Cleghorn. “Our students participate in many local, state, and national competitions, with the Symphonic Band consistently receiving the highest ratings throughout the years. This fundraiser helps to offset the cost of equipment, instruments, and attendance for many of these prestigious competitions and allows the students to get the most out of their performing arts education and experience,” added Cleghorn.

“We are always so inspired by how much the entire community lends their support to this event,” explained Joyce Cox, volunteer event chair. “From the parents who serve up the food and solicit businesses for donations to the auction, to the companies that contribute year after year despite their own economic challenges, to the many hundreds of attendees who join us at the event, it is heartwarming to know how much everyone cares about the success of our Band and Color Guard students,” Cox added.

We greatly appreciate our many sponsors who help to underwrite the costs of the event including: Lauri J. Goldstein, P.A.; Rosie Aviles, D.M.D; Humana; and Sorbara’s Market.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages three to 10. All ticket proceeds go to the local band and Color Guard programs. Tickets can be purchased from Joyce Cox by email at [joycedcox@aol.com](mailto:joycedcox@aol.com), by calling HOMS at 219-1655, or from any Band or Color Guard Student. We hope you will join us for a fun morning. After all, there is no place like HOMS for the Holidays!

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