

Dear Band Students and Parents,

We are already preparing for a fun and successful 2011-2012 musical school year at Cheshire High School. In addition to the music program/concerts and band competitions , there is a tentative schedule for at least three awesome overnight trips.

They are as follows:

The USSBA National Championship at Annapolis, MD in November (Marching band)

The Jazz Festival at the University of New Hampshire in March (Jazz band and Vocal Jazz )

The 2012 Memorial Day Parade at Washington D.C. ( open to all band students )

We want to make these trips **AVAILABLE** and **AFFORDABLE** for each of our wonderful band students and part of being able to do this is through the fundraising efforts of each student . We all have heard and are experiencing the budget constraints set upon us for this year. And as a result, we want to get a head start on the fundraising effort to help offset these upcoming expenses. Our first fundraiser is through Great American Online. In previous years, we have done their magazine sale fundraiser at the beginning of the school season. However, Great American has moved to a more paperless avenue and is **now** online and **now** linked through the Ramband website (see below) Not only can you renew/subscribe to your favorite magazines but there are also many other gift ideas as well. Please log on and check it out. Currently, 35% of the students' sales are credited to their student band account. This is also a great way for out-of-state relatives/friends to help support the student/band.

Instructions:

Log onto [www.ramband.com](http://www.ramband.com) and press link to **Great American Online**. Using the student's first and last name you can begin ordering your Magazines, holiday/gifts, and/or personalized items. Note: Student's first and last name is needed to receive the credit toward their student band account.

**Start early---Start now--Because** before you know it we will all be very busy keeping up with school and schedules.

Thank you,

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