

October 31, 2005

Dear Members of the Trinity Marching Band:

As a band parent, I just wanted to say how proud I am of the job you have done this marching season. In the three years that I've been privileged to be associated with this organization, I've never seen a harder working, more enthusiastic and talented group. Beginning in July with the first practice, this group has distinguished itself in every way; from the way you approach each practice, to the way you listen to the directors, to the great show that you put on the field each week.

I know that it is hard when you don't get the results that you feel you have earned. After all, you've sweated through the drill a thousand times, and worked your rears off for the past three months. But, judging at these contests is so subjective and in the end comes down to the individual tastes of a small group. It is something you can't control, and more importantly, you can't let the views of a few affect the way you feel about the job you've done. You took the drill that was given to you and played and performed it better than any other band could have done. It was complex and challenging, but you were more than equal to the task. You did everything that was asked of you, and more.

As a parent in the stands, I can only tell you that people have been impressed with this year's band. You hear it from fans at the games, you hear it from parents from other bands when you go to contests, and you hear it from your fellow students at Trinity when they cheer you on at the pep rallies. There is a special spirit in this group and a sense of pride that only comes from knowing that you did your best.

Thanks again for a wonderful year and for all the hard work you put in through the heat, the cold, the rain and the early mornings. Be proud of what you've accomplished and use this pride to drive you to even greater heights as you enter the concert season. We are incredibly proud of you.

Sincerely,

A Trinity Band Parent