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### DHS Falcon Band Welcomes Tournament of Roses® Parade President

*Historical Trip to Pasadena Kicks off With Week-long Visit*

**Danvers, Massachusetts – May 3, 2009:** The nationally recognized Danvers High School Falcon Marching Band is making history once again. For the third time in nine years, the band has been selected by audition to perform in the 121st Tournament of Roses® Parade on January 1, 2010, in Pasadena, California. It is the only band from Massachusetts ever to perform three times in the prestigious parade. To celebrate this historic feat, Gary DiSano, the president of the 2010 Tournament of Roses® Parade, will visit the band in Danvers from May 11-15. Mr. DiSano will be accompanied by Rose Parade Executive Committee Member Sally Bixby & Harlan Bixby.

During that week, the visit will be highlighted with many special events, including the band's annual spring concert on Wednesday night in the DHS auditorium at 7:30pm. On Tuesday, Mr. DiSano will attend a breakfast with the Danvers School Department administrators and leaders, and will be available for media interviews from 10am-12:00pm, at Danvers High School. The President will also meet and greet the high school and middle school band students, and take a tour of Boston.

The 150-member band in conjunction with the Danvers Parents for Music Education (PME), are in the process of raising \$50,000, over and above trip payments that student and parents must contribute. A bank account has been established for supporters interested in donating. Checks can be made payable to *Danvers High Band Rose Parade*, and sent to: **Danvers High Band Rose Parade, c/o DEEP, Danversbank, One Conant Street, Danvers, MA 01923, Attention: Glenn Boutchie.** All contributions are eligible for tax deductions under IRS 501(c) (3) governing charitable contributions, with 100% of the donations going directly to fund the band trip.

#### **About The Danvers High School Marching Band:**

The Falcons, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Parsons, have previously marched in the 2001 and 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade®, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Inauguration of President Clinton, the Florida Citrus Bowl Parade, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, Main Street Disney World's Spectromagic Parade, and countless local parades.

For additional information on the DHS Falcon Band, call Band Director Ronald Parsons, 978-777-8925, x2295, or visit the band's website at [www.danversband.org](http://www.danversband.org).