

PRESS RELEASE

Local Band students working hard to perform in Internationally Recognized St. Patrick's Day Parade!



**Help Send PORT CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS
to Savannah, GA - St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 17th!**

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Port Charlotte High School Band

Fundraising for Invitation to 2nd Largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Nation

Fundraising will continue from now through end of February

Car Washes, Car Show, Community Yard Sale, Facebook Fundraiser

The Port Charlotte High School Band has been invited to travel to Savannah, Georgia March 15-18, 2018 to march in the 2nd largest "St. Patrick's Day Parade" in the nation and 3rd in the world. The band is made up of over 100 members who work long hours to ensure they are performing at a Superior level. Band Director Mr. Jose A. Lopez, Jr told the kids in late December they had been selected to be one of 350 marching units from around the country to perform in the 2018 festivities. More than 300,000 people are expected to visit and enjoy the city-wide festivities in Savannah, GA and the Port Charlotte High School Bands needs your help to make their dream a reality.

The trip will cost at least \$50,000 to send the 100+ member band and sponsors to Savannah for the parade. The trip will require extensive fundraising on the part of students, parents and band boosters who have already started fundraising through several car washes, a car show sponsored by Florida West Coast Car Club on February 24th and a Community Yard Sale on March 3rd. The Port Charlotte High School Band is asking for business and the community members' support in helping them reach this goal.

Band Director Jose Lopez says, *"We are excited that our students will have the chance to participate in this unique experience. The band program at Port Charlotte High has a 33 year history of excellence in music quality and exciting performances. Over the past year, the students have continued this tradition and performed well. They are ready for this challenging and fun adventure in Savannah. We are honored for the invite to the St. Patrick's Day Parade."*

This trip will mark the first time the Port Charlotte High School Band has been to Savannah for their St. Patrick's Day Parade, and for many students, this will be their first trip out of the state of Florida.

On their way to Savannah the students will make a stop at the Kennedy Space Center where they will play a Command Performance for the NASA Astronauts, staff and visitors in the Center's Rocket Garden. In Savannah, the students will spend an evening with the US Army Base Ft. Stewart with the 3rd Infantry Division Band.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit: www.facebook.com/prideofpc

Mail donations to PCHS Band Boosters, Inc, P.O. BOX 381257, Murdock, FL 33938.

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