May 14, 2012

Dear Band Director:

Homecoming is an exciting time at Missouri Southern State University each year and we would like to extend a cordial invitation to you and your band to participate in the 2012 Missouri Southern State University Homecoming Parade. The theme for this year’s celebration will be “75th Anniversary, Celebrating 75 years of Lion Pride”. Please don’t feel that you must select music to support our theme unless you so choose.

Whether you have participated in the festivities in the past or have never been on Missouri Southern’s campus, we hope you’ll consider bringing your band to the 2012 Homecoming Parade and Pre-Game Extravaganza.

Date and Time: October 6, 2012 – 11:30 a.m. parade step-off

Judging: Three qualified judges will be located midway through the parade route.

(NO CORNERS ARE JUDGED IN THIS PARADE.)

Awards: Three places will be awarded in the category of high school bands as well as three places in the category of junior high/middle school bands. The “Best Overall Band” award will be given to the band with the highest overall point total.

Lunch: Will be provided for all participants and their chaperones after the parade’s completion. Reservations must be submitted by Friday, September 14, 2012.

Football Game: All visiting bands are invited to attend the Homecoming game with free admission. Parade awards will be made during a special pre-game ceremony at 1:15 p.m.

Group Performance: We will again be having the “massed band” performance during pre-game ceremonies again this year. If your group is going to commit to be a part of this, you will need to plan on being here the morning of October 6 by 9:00 a.m. Music will be sent to you upon receiving your reservation form from Brian Fronzaglia, Director of Athletic Bands. If you have questions about the performance, please contact Brian at (417)625-3061.

You may either complete the enclosed entry form or register online at http://www.mssu.edu/alumni/homecoming.php by Friday, September 14, 2012. We send all pertinent information to you, after the lineup is completed on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

This year’s parade will again be through the campus. Band line up will be on the main campus with bus drop off in the Physical Plant parking lot. Please note it is imperative that you bring your students by bus. We try to keep the time period for lineup of this parade to a minimum. Consequently, car traffic is something we don't have time to permit. If your school does not have bus transportation available, please contact me at (417) 625-3068 for your drop off point.

We look forward to you joining us for Homecoming 2012.

Sincerely,

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Alumni Relations Coordinator  
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MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
HOMECOMING 2012
OCTOBER 6, 2012 – “75th Anniversary, Celebrating 75 years of Lion Pride”

Name of School: ________________________________________________________

School and/or city represented: _____________________________________________

School Type: _______ High School ________ Jr. High/Middle School

School Size:   Small    Medium    Large

Total Number in Band: __________    Total Number of lunch participants: ________

Director’s Name: _________________________________________________________

School Address:  __________________________________________________________

City: __________________________       State: ________    Zip: __________

School Phone Number: _________________    Fax: _________________________

School’s website: __________________________________________________________

Director’s E-mail Address: _________________________________________________

_____ YES, WE PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE IN THE FALL

_____ YES, WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE MASS BAND PRE-GAME PERFORMANCE (I…
RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE MY BAND TO ATTEND AN 9:00 A.M. REHEARSAL ON
PARADE DAY)

_____ We will not have bus transportation. Please contact me regarding a drop off point.

Please complete this form and return by September 14, 2012 to:
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