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**Blue Valley West band to hold march-a-thon**

The Blue Valley West Red and Silver Brigade marching band will march the streets of Overland Park in a march-a-thon on Sunday, Sept. 20. The group is raising money to fund their trip to play in the 2010 London New Years Day parade. The band is hosting a march-a-thon beginning at 2 p.m. on Sept. 20. Band members and the Band Booster organization invite members of the community to support the band and enjoy their performance as they traverse through the neighborhood.

The band will start its performance beginning at 2 p.m. from Grace Church located at the cross streets of Lowell and 159th Street. Marching around the east loop of the sub-division, it will finally stop at Applebees located at the corner of Lowell and 151st street and march through the parking area of NTB Tires around 3 p.m. There will be a short celebration with cookies at the end of the event.

The Blue Valley West marching band will be one of only seven American bands to perform in the prestigious New Year's Day Parade in London this year. The band will travel from December 26, 2009 to January 2, 2010. Students will tour London, give a concert performance and march in the parade.

Contributions can be made the day of the event, through a band member or by mailing it to Blue Valley West Band Boosters, 16200 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66085. For more information about the March-a-thon, visit the Blue Valley West Bands website at [www.bvwestband.com](http://www.bvwestband.com)

In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Blue Valley West High School grounds

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