October 11, 2013

Re: Closure of Linders Gardens and Effect on Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser

Dear Edina Band Families and Students,

As some of you may have read in the paper or viewed on the news, unfortunately, Linders Gardens is shuttering their doors effective immediately. Linders Gardens has supplied our poinsettias and amaryllis in the past, and would have supplied the holiday centerpieces this year.

We have contacted Linders, and they are working with another local greenhouse/vendor to transfer their commercial and fundraising accounts. We have also contacted the new vendor directly. They have assured us that we will be able to order the poinsettias, in the same colors and sizes, as planned. Linders is negotiating with them so that we might possibly obtain the poinsettias at Linder's original suggested price; we should understand early next week what our final costs will be on the poinsettias. Continue to sell the poinsettias at the prices as set. It is possible, however, that the student and band booster profits will be somewhat less than anticipated.

The holiday and winter centerpieces, however, will NOT be available through the new vendor. Please discontinue offering these items, and if you have already taken orders or received money for the centerpieces, please contact your customers, inform them of the change, and return any money for these items with our apologies and appreciation.

The amaryllis kit offered through the new vendor is more modest than the one offered through Linders. *To reflect this change and be fair to our customers, please sell the Amaryllis for \$15.00 (vs. \$20)*. Again, please inform any prior customers, return any monies as necessary, and offer our appreciation.

Please Note: Wreath, Garland, Door swags and arch sales are NOT affected, as we use a different vendor. Please continue to sell these as planned.

Thank you for your patience as we sort out this unfortunate situation. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Collect your orders! Folks want these holiday products and want to support Edina Bands! GO HORNETS! GO BANDIES!

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