



Welcome to the Leesville Road High School Band Program

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Please read this booklet and keep it handy for future reference. There is a lot of helpful information covered. As always, if you ever have questions, please feel free to ask any board member or seasoned parent.

Bands Club Yvonne Anderson

The band has a parent group that supports the band music education program at Leesville. This organization works similarly to a sports booster club. All parents/guardians of students enrolled in the band program are members of this Bands Club. There are many volunteer positions in the Bands Club, and we are always looking for new ideas and new help. Please consider helping the Bands Club which, in turn, is helping the fine musicians of Leesville Road High School!

Communication

There are many forms of communication used by the band program at Leesville.

- **Mr. Serina** will periodically send home information (a yearly list of activities, performance instruction sheets, and other items). These are given to your student to take home.
- **www.leesvilleband.org** This website has many items of interest. It lists upcoming events, newsletters, photos of concerts and competitions, as well as student account information, names and phone numbers of committee chairs, etc.
- **Please join the Yahoo! Group.** This is our most expedient form of communication to parents. Information about concerts, deadlines, fundraising opportunities, updates to the website and trip information are sent via email to this group regularly. To subscribe to this group, please email Mike Barnes at mbar351@yahoo.com.
- **Bands Club meetings** are held the third Tuesday of the month in the band room at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to get involved as well as know what events or fundraising activities are coming up. On occasion, one of the bands will perform at these meetings. A reminder email will be sent via the Yahoo! Group.
- **During Class** Each band has student officers that are in charge of giving announcements in class as needed. This is very different from Middle School. Please ask your student to keep you updated on in-class announcements.

Band Banquet Kim Perry

In the spring, the Bands Club hosts a banquet. Featured is an awards ceremony for all three bands, a Senior slide show, and an opportunity for Seniors to speak. This is done “potluck” style where each family brings a main dish to share and either a drink or dessert. There is no cost for this event; details are sent out via the Yahoo! Group.

Fair Share Lisa Faria

Fair Share is the amount of money assessed to each band member to cover the expected operating expenses for each band. The school district supplies the Arts Department (at Leesville Road High School) some money each year to help cover expenses for the band, but this does not cover all the items that are needed. Most high school bands (as well as other organizations) in Wake County assess fair share. The expenses included in fair share are items such as sheet music, instruments, competition fees, transportation expenses, and concert performance expenses. The expenses are divided up among the bands. For instance, the concert band and ninth grade band do NOT pay for expenses related to the (Symphonic) marching band. The cost of fair share varies each year. The board meets in August, discusses the amount needed for the upcoming year, and then votes on the amount. For the 2010/11 school year, the amounts were:

- \$70 for Ninth Grade Band
- \$70 for Concert Band
- \$305 for Symphonic Band

Fair share is due by September 15th. **Fair share must be paid in full before your student is eligible to go on the spring trips.**

Student Accounts Lisa Faria

Each student will receive a student account number. This number is used to access your student’s account on the bands’ website. Your number will be given to you during the first bands club meeting or it will be sent home with your student if you are unable to attend. The student accounts are updated on the website about once per month. Please contact Lisa at lfaria@bellsouth.net if you have any questions at all about your account – she loves hearing from you! There are no “dumb” questions. ☺

Student account number: _____

Spring Trips Candace Blevins

Typically each spring the three bands go on a spring trip. The Senior Class for both the Concert and Symphonic Bands are honored with selecting the destination along with guidance from Mr. Sarina and the VP’s of each respective band. This year, the Ninth and Concert Bands went to Atlanta, and the Symphonic Band went to New York City. The purpose of the trip is for the students to participate in a national band competition; they also get to visit some area attractions. Last year the cost for these trips was:

- \$410 Ninth Grade & Concert Bands (2 nights/3days)
- \$910 Symphonic Band (4 nights/5 days)

A trip commitment form will be sent home sometime in September or October. This should be returned promptly with a required deposit. After paying the deposit, there are monthly payments due towards the trip that will begin in November. The trip cost is all inclusive, including hotel, meals, transportation, festival fees, excursions and activities. We do have scholarship money available if there is a financial hardship. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the family must actively participate in the fund raising opportunities provided by the Bands Club. The scholarship request form can be found on the Bands Club website.

Uniforms

Ninth Grade and Concert Band members purchase their uniforms. Girls wear long black dresses, while boys wear tuxedo pants with a white tuxedo shirt and bow tie. These items are ordered each fall along with the required shoes. There are usually used items available for sale if needed. The shoes (for boys and girls) cost approximately \$20, the dress \$100 and the tuxedo pants/shirt/tie \$100. A dark colored garment (suit type) bag will be needed for occasional transport of these uniforms.

Symphonic Band members are issued a marching band uniform. The uniform managers of the Symphonic Band handle distributing and receiving members’ uniforms. Your student will sign up for a time to be fitted, probably the week of pre-band camp. All uniform needs should be addressed by your student to the uniform managers. White shoes must be purchased for approximately \$20. The uniform consists of a navy coat, white coat belt, white pants, white pant belt, navy blue tie, and white hat. Each student must purchase his or her own white, button-down collar, long-sleeved shirt. Each coat has a removable braid at the shoulder. Senior officers may be issued additional coat items according to their rank. In addition, each student receives a “year stripe” that must be sewn on the sleeve of the coat for each year they are in high school (Freshmen – 1, Seniors – 4). Sewing instructions accompany the stripe. All “year stripes” and chevrons (for officers and color guard) should be sewn onto the coat before the first

performance. The (wool) coat MUST be dry cleaned. All belts, braids, and medals must be removed first. The white pants may be washed in the washing machine in COLD WATER and HUNG TO DRY. The hat is not dry cleaned or washed. Many hats have been successfully cleaned with Woolite and a small brush. Avoid using bleach pens to avoid accidents if the hat should be become wet again. Spot removers such as "Shout" or a similar product can be helpful to remove mud splatters on pants. Often washing multiple times becomes necessary to rid mud stains. Avoid dry cleaning the pants more than once yearly as this may cause the white material to "yellow." The shoes are easily polished with white polish, but general dirt and mud stains can be removed with an all-purpose cleaner (such as Fantastik or Formula 409). A blue garment bag is also issued for transport of the uniform. All uniforms should be kept clean and returned cleaned as they are outgrown or the student graduates.

Fundraising

There are many opportunities to offset the cost of band expenses. Some families pay for all expenses through fundraising and never have to write a check. The exception to this is the band uniform – the complete uniform for 9th/Concert and the shoes for Symphonic. Tax laws do not allow fund raising to be done for anything the students “keep”. Please read below for a brief description of each opportunity.

Walnut Creek Events Renee Haga

The Time Warner Cable Pavilion at Walnut Creek season starts in late April and goes into October. The band has an air-conditioned concession stand that sells food and drinks to patrons of the concerts. The shows are usually in the evening, but they occasionally are in the afternoon. Because we sell alcohol, both ABC and TIPS training are required before adults can work. Detailed information about training dates and times will be sent out via the Yahoo! Group. There is no cost for the training. Sign-up opportunities for concerts are communicated via the Yahoo! Group as well.

Raleigh Amphitheater Events Renee Haga

This is a new opportunity that started Summer of 2010 and works similarly to Walnut Creek and RBC. TIPS training as well Centerplate's training are required prior to working at this venue. Signups for the events are done through the Yahoo! Group.

RBC Center Events Renee Haga

The RBC Center also offers opportunities for band parents to work at concession stands at RBC events. These events usually occur on evenings and weekends during the school year. Parents must go through training before working events at which alcohol will be sold; note that this ALE training is different from that required for Walnut Creek. Students who are 18 may also work at RBC and will not sell alcohol. A navy shirt with the Leesville band logo which can be purchased through the Bands Club must be worn by RBC workers. The RBC coordinator will send notice of opportunities to work through the Yahoo! Group e-mail. ALE training opportunities will also be sent out through the Yahoo! Group.

Food Card Program Becky Wood

Add money to your student's account by purchasing grocery cards from Lowe's Foods, Food Lion & Kroger. Cards in various denominations can be purchased from the Band's Food Card Coordinator and a percentage of the cost of the card is credited into your student's account. Five percent rebate for Kroger and Food Lion; 6 percent for Lowe's Foods. The cards are available for immediate purchase by appointment and at Band's Club Meetings. Important: To earn the rebate, the cards must be purchased through Band's Club. The only exception is the Kroger cards which can be reloaded at Kroger Stores and the rebate is credited to your account. This is a great way for family and friends to help your student offset Band expenses at no cost to them.

SCRIP Mike Barnes

Scrip works similarly to the Grocery Cards. The major differences are: 1.) The SCRIP cards are ordered ahead of time and delivered about 2 weeks after orders are taken. 2.) SCRIP includes, but is not limited to, local stores. Some stores include Sears, Gap, Pottery Barn and some restaurants include Little Caesar's, Red Robin, Chili's. A complete list of stores and more details about the program can be found on the company's website at www.glscrip.com. Some SCRIP cards are reloadable at the stores, but to get the rebate you must purchase a new one each time from the Band's Club.

Fruit and Poinsettia Sales Lisa Wetzel

Sales begin in October and delivery is in early December. Various fruits are sold and are delivered locally by you or drop shipped anywhere in the United States. Flowers are only for local delivery. An average of 40% profit (varies by item) can be earned by participating. This is another event where student involvement is encouraged.

Magazine Orders Lisa Wetzel

AP Hearst offers over 800 magazines at a website set up for non-profit institutions where you may place orders for yourself or as gifts. Both initial orders and renewals can be processed. Some of the magazines have special pricing (no additional special offers may be applied). For each order, an amount equal to 40% of the subscription price will be credited to your student's account. The complete list of magazines may be seen at the web site, <http://www.aphearst.com>. Directions for how to place an order may be found on the Bands Club web site under Fundraising.

Luminary Sales Lisa Wetzel

During the month of December the band sells luminaries to different neighborhood associations. The profits are split among the students that help with the event. Duties include distributing the flyers, making the luminaries and delivering them. Students can participate in this fundraiser. Details are given to the students in class.

Other Fundraising Opportunities Lisa Wetzel

Sometimes additional things come up that you can earn money for your student's account. For example, last year we had a one time opportunity to purchase costume jewelry and 40% of the purchase cost was credited to our account. We expect that this year we will have the same fundraiser. Please stay tuned to the Yahoo! Group for details on that and other fundraising information that may come up throughout the year.

Band Camp Candace Blevins

Each summer the Symphonic Band goes to Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, NC, for a week of band camp to begin learning the fall marching show. This camp has an additional cost of approximately \$375 for each Symphonic Band member. Band camp at Lees McRae is preceded by pre-band camp at Leesville Road High School where students learn and practice marching techniques and skills needed before band camp. The band camp fee must be paid during pre-band camp.

Student Accounts Calendar 2011-2012

- June:** Accounts will close out and balances will roll over to begin the next school year.
- July:** Symphonic Band Camp July 24 – July 30
Cost: Approximately \$375, due by July 21
- August:** Fair share obligations will post to student accounts
- September:** Fair share due by September 15
- October:** Non-refundable Spring trip deposit of \$100 due by October 15. A student/parent commitment form is due with the deposit. Fair share must be paid in full before student commitment forms will be accepted.
- October - February:** Spring trip monthly payments posted to students' accounts.
- March – May:** Spring Trips, exact dates TBD

All of the above expenses can be funded through our Fundraising programs.

Bands Club Contacts: *go to www.leesvilleband.org for complete listing*

Band Director:	Chris Serina	870-4297 (Band Room)
President:	Yvonne Anderson	676-9405
VR Fundraising:	Lisa Wetzel	782-3556
VP Ninth Grade Band:	TBD	
VP Symphonic Band:	Candace Blevins	782-1489 or 413-4844
VP Concert Band:	April Owens	227-3151 or 480-7269
Treasurer:	Nancy Ritter	845-6408
Secretary:	Renee Haga	846-5574
Student Accounts:	Lisa Faria	848-4807
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