



LRHS Bands Program Informational Meeting

24 May 2022



2022-2023 LRHS Bands Club Board

- **President – OPEN**
- **VP Symphonic Band – OPEN**
- VP Concert Band – Melanie Shoffner
- **VP Intermediate Band – OPEN**
- VP Fundraising – Erin Carter
- Secretary – Leslie Mason
- Treasurer – Linda McCall
- Student Accounts Manager – Emily Asby



Intermediate Band

- Ensemble of about 60 students
- For ANY students that have NOT auditioned and have previous band experience
- There are **NO summer requirements** for Intermediate Band
- You must sign up for BOTH fall and spring semesters
- Music Performance Adjudication
- Frequent Guest Clinicians
- Day Trip Spring Trip - this year was Carowinds



Concert Band

- Ensemble of about 70 students
- ****Audition Required****
- There are **NO summer requirements** for Concert Band
- You must sign up for BOTH fall and spring semesters
- Has the option of Honors Credit
- Music Performance Adjudication
- Frequent Guest Clinicians
- Optional Spring Trip - this coming year DISNEY WORLD



Symphonic Band – Band Camp

- Band Camp is an additional cost for each Symphonic Band member.
 - **First rehearsal is June 14 at 6:00!**
- There are TWO weeks of Band Camp
 - 1st Week – **Pre-Band Camp** at *Leesville Road High School*
 - 5-8:30 pm rehearsals (July 18-22)
 - Learn and practice marching techniques, rehearse the music for the show
 - 2nd Week – **Band Camp** at *Lees McRae College*
 - July 25th-31st
 - Put Marching and Music TOGETHER! 😊
- **The band camp fee must be paid by the second day of pre-band camp.**



Additional Symphonic Band Requirements

- Additional Summer Rehearsals:
 - Aug. 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd and 24th from 6-8:30pm
- Morning Rehearsals!
 - 6:45-7:15 am (Before School)
 - **NOT** All Year Round
- Sectional Once a Week After School or during Lunch
 - Cleared with all sports teams and coaches
- Home Football Games
- Marching Band Competitions - usually 4 on Saturdays in September/October



Performances

- All Bands perform at least 3 concerts per school year
 - Winter Concert (December)
 - MPA Concert (March)
 - Spring Concert (May)
- All Bands perform for MPA adjudication at an area high school (March)
- There other performances, such as playing for Bands Club meetings, Senior Assembly, Graduation, and others that vary throughout the year.



Performances

- **Symphonic Band ONLY (Marching Band Season)**
 - Performs at all home football games and some playoff games
 - Marching Band competitions
 - 4 Saturdays in September-October (dates TBD)
 - Raleigh Christmas Parade (mid-November)

- The bands are not complete and cannot perform to their potential if every member is not present. **Therefore, it is expected that as a member of a Leesville High School Band, your student will participate in all performances.**



What is Fair Share?

- Fair Share is the amount of money assessed to each band member to cover the expected operating expenses for each band.
- The expenses included in fair share are items such as sheet music, instruments, competition fees, transportation expenses, and concert performance expenses. The cost of fair share varies each year.
- Symphonic Band fair share for 21/22 was \$250
Concert/Intermediate Band fair share for 21/22 was \$70.00
- We expect to communicate fair share costs for 22/23 when school begins in the fall.
- Fair share must be paid in full before your student is eligible to go on the spring trip.

What does Fair Share pay for?

- Guest Clinicians on every instrument
- Hospitality
- Concert Production/Lighting
- Substitute Teachers
- Website Cost / Charms Cost
- Drill for Marching Season
- New Equipment
- UHaul Truck Rental
- Colorguard - Fall and Winter
- Drumline - Fall and Winter
- Buses/Transportation Costs
- New Instruments
- New Music
- School Instrument Repair/Cleaning
- Competition/Contest Registration Fees
- Instructor Fees - guard/percussion
- Insurance
- Mailings
- Office Supplies
- Superior Plaques from MPA



Student Accounts

- An account used to track income and expenses for each band student
- Each student is assigned an account number
- Can check balance in Charms (charmsoffice.com)
- All payments are to be mailed to the Student Account Manager or put in the lock box at school.



Spring Trips

- Each spring, the bands go on a trip.
- This trip will encompass a national band competition and some sightseeing and cultural experiences as well.
- A trip commitment form will be sent home in September/October. This should be returned promptly with a required deposit and required signatures. After paying the deposit, there are monthly payments due towards the trip that begin as soon as October/November. These payments cover festival fees, transportation, hotel, food, etc.
- Next school year we hope to take Concert and Symphonic Band to Disney and we hope to take a day trip with Intermediate Band to a theme park.
- Approximate Costs:
 - Symphonic Band/Concert Band - 2020 trip (that was planned for Disney) was \$985
 - The day trip to Carowinds for Intermediate - 2022 trip was \$150



Total Costs per Band

	Symphonic	Concert	Intermediate
Fair Share	\$200-\$300	\$70-\$90	\$70-\$90
Band Camp	\$400	N/A	N/A
Spring Trip	\$800-\$1000	\$800-\$1000	\$150
Total	\$1400-\$1700	\$870-\$1090	\$220-\$240

Fundraisers

- **SCRIP and Grocery Cards**

- All year long
- Percentage of cost of cards purchased
- Credit to account- monthly

- **Venue Fundraising**

- Performing Arts Center (PAC), Raleigh Convention Center (RCC) – all year long.
- Red Hat Amphitheater – April – October
- PNC Arena - November-June (online course required to serve alcohol)
- \$15/hr; 4-6 hour shifts;
- Credit to account monthly

- **Fruit/Flower Sales**

- Students sell in October/November
- Deliver in early December
- Percentage of sales
- Credit to account – late January/early February

- **Luminary Sales**

- Stonehenge and other neighborhood deliveries Thanksgiving weekend
- Students make and deliver kits in mid- December
- Profits divided among students who participated
- Credit to account –January



Uniforms

Symphonic Band

Issued a uniform during pre-band camp

Coat, pants, hat, uniform bag

Need to purchase:

White **button-down** collar shirt

White shoes - \$33 (purchase through the band)

Concert/Intermediate Bands

Purchase uniform through the band

Girls - dress - \$95 (new)

Boys – tuxedo - \$133 (new)

**NOTES: You cannot use fundraised money to purchase uniform items.
We usually have a used uniform sale in the fall!**



Where can you get involved?

- President (Board Position)
- Symphonic Band VP (Board Position)
- Intermediate Band VP (Board Position)
- Luminary Fundraiser Co-Chair
- Community Service Coordinator
- SCRIP card Coordinator
- Hospitality - Concert Band
- Hospitality - Intermediate Band
- Photographer - Concert/Intermediate Band
- Transportation Co-Chair - Symphonic Band
- Videographer - Symphonic Band
- Videographer - Concert/Intermediate Bands
- Webmaster



Communication

www.leesvilleband.org

- Charms Office website (charmsoffice.com)
 - Emails through the Charms system
 - Text messages through the Charms system and Remind app
- Instruction Sheets – posted in Charms
- Bands Club meetings – usually held the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the band room



Charms Office Assistant

- Every student will have an account
 - Parents use the same account (i.e. if student changes the password, they need to share it with their parents)
- Parents/students update ALL contact information themselves
- All email & text communications come from Charms
- Login
 - School Code: lrhsbands
 - Password: student account number
 - Can change password once you sign in



I need a School Instrument...

- ▶ If you are going to be in SYMPHONIC BAND
 - You will pick this up at our FIRST REHEARSAL (in person) on June 14th at 6:30pm. Please arrive NO LATER than 6:00pm to get this instrument.
 - This is due to Summer Band Camp needs
- ▶ If you are going to be in Intermediate or Concert Band
 - Ms. Montgomery will WAIT to pass out the majority of instruments to future Intermediate and Concert Band students until August due to CLEANING of these instruments. Please contact her if you need an instrument over the summer and she will take this on a case by case basis.



Final Questions?

- ▶ Is it too LATE to sign-up for **Concert** or **Intermediate Band**?
 - ▶ NO!! ☺ Please come talk to or email Ms. Montgomery!
- ▶ What is Ms. Montgomery's Contact Information?
 - ▶ **amontgomery@wcpss.net**
 - ▶ **919-870-4250 ext. 24568**