

Important November Dates:

- **Tuesday, November 14th:** Guest Clinicians visit during all periods
- **Tuesday, November 14th:** 2:30pm Luminary Prep in the Cafeteria (Optional)
- Tuesday, November 14th: Bands Club Meeting 7pm
- Saturday, November 18th: Raleigh Christmas Parade (Yes it is happening)
 2023 Raleigh Christmas Parade In Sheet.docx
- **Tuesday, November 28th:** Guest Clinicians visit during all periods

December Dates are listed in the Directors' Announcements section of this newsletter.

New Bands Club Announcements:

- 1. **November Bands Club Meeting:** Our next Bands Club meeting is next week Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 7 pm. We hope to see you there.
- 2. **Bands Club Meeting Oct. 17th, 2023 Minutes:** The minutes from the October 2023 Bands Club meeting can be found here:

Bands Club Meeting 10-17-2023 Minutes

3. Important Fundraising Committee News:

This is a very busy time of year for fundraising. <u>Please read everything below</u> and see where you <u>and</u> your student can get plugged in.

LRHS Bands Luminary Fundraiser Sign Ups!

- <u>November 14- Luminary Kit Prep Day</u> Held after school in the School Cafe – Stay an hour or more, any help is appreciated as many hands make light work.
- Newsletter Deliveries are all booked! Thank you everyone. Pick up your newsletters in the school cafeteria starting after 5 pm on November 14th. They will be there after the Bands Club meeting as well!
- <u>Dec 8 and 15th- Sandbagging Events</u> 3pm – 5pm at Springdale Recreation Club on Leesville Road; Bring a Square or Round Point Digging Shovel. Gloves are recommended too.
 Note: The 15th is the Symphonic band concert, so we would appreciate it if Intermediate/Concert Band kids could pitch in here.
- Luminary Kits Delivery- Weekends of Dec 8 and 15. Pick up sand and kits after 4:00 pm at Springdale Recreation Club on Dec 8th and 15th. Bring a vehicle that can hold 20+ grocery bags of sand and boxes of kits - bags of sand weigh about 1lb, kits are 12 candles with 12 bags. Expect delivery time to be 60-90 minutes. You will find out the location of delivery when you pick up.

Any time you can volunteer, it puts \$\$\$ in your Charms account. If you don't need Charms \$\$\$, but need volunteer hours for clubs you serve on, that can be worked out too; just let us know. Questions: Contact us at luminarylrhs2023@yahoo.com

Fruit & Flower Fundraiser

We hope you SOLD, SOLD, SOLD and earned lots of \$\$\$ for your student's account!! Although envelopes had to be turned in today (November 8th), online fruit orders will continue through Sunday, November 19th. There is still work to be done. We have SLOTS AVAILABLE to help with the following events:

- Fruit Delivery Pickup LRHS Engineering Room at the back of the school Wednesday, Dec 6th (3:30pm 5:30pm) and/or (5:00pm 7:00pm)
- Flower Delivery Pickup same location Thursday, Dec 7th (3:30pm 5:30pm) and/or (5:00pm 7:00pm)

Your help is greatly appreciated. Click the link below to sign up today.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4EA5AD2A1-fruit1#/

Questions: Fruit contact Kelly Monce 919-272-2685; Flower contact Stephanie Marcellino (919) 604-3996. Email <u>Irhsbands.fruitfund@gmail.com</u>.

Capital Campaign Fundraiser (runs through May 2024)

This fundraiser is designed to help raise money to purchase items on the Director's wish list:

- New sousaphone to replace a 30-year-old instrument; we replaced one last year at a price of \$12,000
- Renovate the aging band room's instrument storage for our growing program

Our Capital Campaign goal this year is \$25,000.

To donate by credit card: Click the Donate button at the bottom of the band's website (<u>https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/</u>) or give at the Merchandise Sales table at each Bands Club Meeting and Concert throughout the year.

You may also send checks to Linda McCall, Bands Club Treasurer. Please review the attached letter for more details; forward it onto your family, friends, and businesses. Any and all donations are welcome.

Capital Campaign 2023-2024 Letter

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. Upcoming Marching Band FB Games:

Possible Football Playoff Dates: **Note we will only play at HOME games, and any away games Mrs. Jacobs requests us to play at. We understand that this is not a part of our original schedule. If you have a prior commitment, please communicate this with us in advance. If the team wins, they play the next game. If they lose, they are done for the season.

- 2nd Round Playoffs: November 10, 2023
- 3rd Round Playoffs: November 17, 2023
- 4th Round Playoffs: November 24, 2023
- Regionals: December 1, 2023
- State Championships Day 1: December 8, 2023
- State Championships Day 2: December 9, 2023
- 2. Important December Dates to plan for:
- December 6th Fruit Delivery Day 3:30-6:00 pm
- December 7th Flower Delivery Day 3:30-6:00 pm
- December 14th 6pm Intermediate Band/Orchestra Concert
- December 14th 7pm Concert Band/Jazz Band Concert
- December 15th 7pm Symphonic Band Concert
- Winter Guard Clinics are coming soon: Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in learning about Winter Guard. <u>Winter Guard Flyer</u>

4. NC State Jazz Ensembles Events: From the director of the NC State Jazz Program:

I wanted to let you all know about a couple of jazz ensemble performances coming up at NC State in the next few weeks. We have experienced a lot of growth over the last few years, and

much of it is attributed to the incredible teaching you all are doing in the area. As I'm typing this I can't help but think about how many of your former students I am so grateful to have the pleasure of teaching right now.

This year we grew to add a 3rd big band to the program in addition to the 4 thriving jazz combos we have every year. Many of you have seen the NC State Jazz Orchestra perform at convention a couple of years ago, or at the Midwest Clinic this past year, but I have to tell you how incredibly proud I am of our two other big bands, the Jazz Lab Band and the newly formed Jazz Studio Band. These two fantastic groups will be performing next week on Wednesday November 8th at 7:30 on campus.

I hope you will share this opportunity to see these groups with your current students, and please tell any of them who want to attend to get in touch with me and I will make sure they can have a comp ticket. Also if any of you would like to attend I would be happy to make sure you have tickets as well. Just let me know and I will take care of it. I want as many people as possible to come hear these bands, as it is such an amazing representation of the lifelong impact you all have had on these young musicians.

NC State Jazz Concerts

5. UNCG Clarinet Day: We received the following information about an opportunity for Clarinet players:

Good morning Clarinetists!

Mark your calendars! The **2023 UNC Greensboro Clarinet Da**y is happening on **Saturday**, **November 11, 2023**, on the beautiful campus of UNC Greensboro. Our featured guests will be the **Meraki Duo**, with Anastasia Christofakis, clarinet and Elizabeth G. Hill, piano.

Clarinet Day 2023 Flyer

This year's event features two programs: a half-day event for middle school-aged clarinetists, and a full-day event for high school and community member clarinetists. Included in registration are instructional and fun clarinet activities, snacks, a UNCG clarinet t-shirt, and more!

Clarinet Day Schedule

As in previous years, the high school event will include clarinet choir, mini-lessons, and breakout sessions, including sessions about this year's NC All-State and All-District audition materials. Vendors will include **Moore Music Co.** and **Brian Corbin products**. Register <u>HERE</u> to secure your spot for Clarinet Day 2023 – don't miss it! Questions? Contact Nick Lorenzo at nalorenzo@uncg.edu.

Nicholas Lorenzo

Ensembles Manager | UNCG School of Music

Previous Announcements:

1. Minutes from the September 2023 Bands Club Meeting:

2023-09 Bands Clubs Meeting Minutes.docx

2. Governor's School Application Process: Here is the link for the upcoming Governor's School Application Process:

 E Copy of 2024 NC Governor's School Application Audition Process

3. FYI - Attention SB Marching Band Families:

The <u>Rolesville Competition</u> had a photographer on site, and they have created an online gallery if any SB families wish to purchase any of the images. They can be found here: <u>https://deevsphotography.pixieset.com/guestlogin/leesvillehsband/?return=%2Fleesvillehsband%2F</u>