



LRHS Band News and Notes

12/13/2023

Edition 17

Important December Dates:

- **Thursday, Dec. 14th:** 6 pm - Intermediate Band/Orchestra Concert - [Instruction Sheet](#)
- **Thursday, Dec. 14th:** 7 pm - Concert Band/Jazz Band Concert - [Instruction Sheet](#)
- **Friday, Dec. 15th:** 7 pm - Symphonic Band Concert - [Instruction Sheet](#)

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. Important News from the Fundraising Committee:

Luminary Information

Thank you to everyone who made Sandbagging Day 1 a success on Friday, Dec 8th. Our only downfall was we ran out of sand but we will do it all again this Friday!

Sandbagging event and Pick Up luminary kits/sandbags by deliverers are happening THIS Friday, December 15th at the Springdale Recreation Club parking lot.

**Sandbaggers should bring gloves and shovels. Arrival time is 3:00pm

Luminary Kit Deliverers should arrive no earlier than 4:30 and no later than 5:30, for pick up. If you were turned away last week because we ran out of sand, please make sure you come this Friday. Thank you for being flexible.

There will be 18 cars at least picking up. Please park first when you arrive and walk over to discuss the next steps for the safety of all of us. Oh, and be patient.

Please make sure you clear your car space/trunk for several boxes and 20-60 bags of sand before you arrive. (They are heavy and may require a heavy load vehicle or multiple trips).

****All deliveries must be completed by Sunday, Dec 17th.** Approximate delivery timeframe (60-90 minutes).

Note: A sign up genius reminder will go out to you for those who signed up.

Thank you for helping to make this a successful Luminary Event.

RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP) gift card program

Watch for special bonuses on their website during the holiday season.

RaiseRight is a "Digital gift card" system accessible via the RaiseRight app or website. A complete list of stores and more details about the program can be found on the company's website at raiseright.com.

Note: No physical cards will be supplied as they cost \$10 to be mailed.

3% of the funds raised go to the band program and 97% goes directly into your child's Charms account.

Create your RaiseRight account today and start earning money for your student's account and the Band!! The Enrollment Code is: **411B3F35692L**.

Contact program coordinator Angela Hamilton at (984) 294-9360 or achamilton81@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Capital Campaign Fundraiser (runs through May 2024)

You will have an opportunity to give to this very important fundraiser if you have not already at the upcoming Winter concerts. Visit the Merchandise Sales table before the event. Give \$5, \$10, \$15....whatever is within your budget. Every dollar helps us get closer to our goal.

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 (<https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/>).

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. Ask about company matching too.

Help us show our support for our fantastic Directors.

[Capital Campaign 2023-2024 Letter](#)

2. Hospitality Committee Requests for our Winter Concerts THIS WEEK:

Please Note: We are in need of volunteers to help set up & clean up in addition to the goodies requested.

Also...Table monitors which are typically a couple students from the other bands to come by and help.

We are all excited for the LRHS Bands' winter concerts next week. Following each concert is a reception for the students, families, and our guests to celebrate the students' hard work. We need two things from each band family to make these receptions following the concerts happen....

1) Each family is asked to bring a tray of cookies, brownies, or something else that can be eaten easily by hand without a utensil. At least one dozen goodies and items can be homemade or purchased. It helps us if your items are already on a serving dish. Simply drop off your item on the way into the concert and then take it home with you when you leave. (Any leftover goodies will be brought to the band studio for the students to enjoy the next school day.)

2) We need volunteers to help with their student's band reception. You will not miss any of your student's concert. If you are willing to help us out please use the link below.

If your student is in Intermediate Band/Orchestra/Concert Band/Jazz Band - Volunteer & Goodies Sign up for Thursday December 14th at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DACAA2FA7F49-46655492-2023>

If your student is in Symphonic Band - Volunteer & Goodies Sign up for Friday December 15th at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DACAA2FA7F49-46654753-2023>

Student Table Monitors

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DACAA2FA7F49-46654777-2023>

The LRHS Bands Hospitality Committee thanks you in advance for your willingness to help make these receptions a great success. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

LRHS Bands Hospitality Committee

Jackie Force 919-523-3721 and Casey Slock 919-271-5690 - Symphonic Band

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. Student Music Contest - January 20, 2024: The Woman's Club of Raleigh is hosting its 56th annual Arts Festival including the Student Music Contest!

Students are encouraged to participate! No entry fees, no auditions, comments from professional judges!

Where: The Woman's Club of Raleigh, 3300 Woman's Club Drive, Raleigh, 27612

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024 starting at 9:00 am until noon

Who: High school aged students in Raleigh (public, private, homeschooled)

What: Juried contest in following categories:

- Piano
- Strings
- Other instruments (brass, woodwinds, percussion, etc.)
- Male Vocal
- Female Vocal

How to Register:

- 1) EMAIL (pcwitt43@gmail.com) or TEXT (919-264-1015) intention to participate **as early as possible** to assist in allocating enough time for all contestants but no later than January 10, 2024.
- 2) Complete online registration form and EMAIL to pcwitt43@gmail.com or mail to The Woman's Club of Raleigh, 3300 Woman's Club Drive, Raleigh, 27612., no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**.

NOTE: The online writeable PDF application form is located at [Student Music Contest Form \(womansclubofraleigh.org\)](https://www.womansclubofraleigh.org) and **must be downloaded and saved in order to fill in**. After filing in you may save in order to attach to an email and/or print in order to mail.

Guidelines and judging criteria are included with the application.
Judges are professionals in their field.

Recognition:

- 1st place in each category receives a cash award of \$75.00.
- 2nd place in each category receives a cash award of \$50.00.
- All contestants receive a Certificate for their participation.

- Overall winner receives an additional cash award of \$150 and is invited to perform at the Arts Festival Open House on January 29th at the Woman's Club of Raleigh venue between 4pm and 7pm.
- 1st and 2nd place winners move on to District VI Music Contest on **Saturday, February 10, 2024**, at First Baptist Church, 99 N. Salisbury Street, in downtown Raleigh. The contestants need to arrive by 9:00a.m. Registration and lunch for student awardees will be provided by The Woman's Club of Raleigh. Transportation may also be provided, when needed.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy listening to the talented contestants. For questions, you may email or text 919-264-1015 (Patricia).

For questions or a copy of above to post or share, email pcwitt43@gmail.com

Patricia Witt, Coordinator
The Woman's Club of Raleigh

2. Tickets! Tickets! Tickets!: Tickets are now available on GoFan.Co for all three upcoming Concerts. Please note, if you plan to attend both the 6 and 7pm Concerts on December 14th, you may use your purchase for one concert to get into the other at no charge. You will still need to buy a separate ticket if you plan to attend the Symphonic Band Concert on the 15th.

Direct Links:

Intermediate Band/Orchestra (December 14th @ 6pm):

https://gofan.co/event/1262021?schoolId=NC1303_1

Concert Band/Jazz Band (December 14th @ 7pm):

https://gofan.co/event/1262034?schoolId=NC1303_1

Symphonic Band (December 15th @ 7pm):

https://gofan.co/event/1262037?schoolId=NC1303_1

3. Eastern Region Orchestra 2024 Audition Information: Please read the following document if you are interested in auditioning for the Eastern Region Orchestra 2024:

[Eastern Region Orchestra 2024 Audition Information](#)

Previous Announcements:

- 1. Minutes from the November Bands Club Meeting:** The minutes from the November 2023 Bands Club meeting can be found here:
[2023-11 Bands Club Meeting Minutes](#)
- 2. Governor's School Application Process:** Here is the link for the upcoming Governor's School Application Process:
[Copy of 2024 NC Governor's School Application Audition Process](#)
- 1. Attention Tuba Players! 3rd Annual Research Triangle TUBACHRISTMAS - Sunday, December 17th:**
The 3rd Annual Research Triangle TUBACHRISTMAS event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec 17, 2023. The TUBACHRISTMAS practice and performance will be held at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 3008 Old Raleigh Rd, in Apex, NC. The 4:00 pm performance is open to the public and free of charge. All low brass players are welcome to play in the group. Registration for musicians (\$10.00) starts at 1:00 pm, rehearsal at 2:00 pm, followed by the performance at 4:00 pm. Details for the Research Triangle, NC TUBACHRISTMAS (as well as all other TUBACHRISTMAS locations) are online at www.tubachristmas.com.
- 2. Attention Double Reed Players! UNC-Greensboro Double Reed Day - Saturday, January 13th**
Guest Artists: Reed Sections of the North Carolina Symphony. Melanie Wilsden, Joseph Peters, Aaron Apaza, and Wenmin Zhang
Hosts/Artist-Instructors: Courtney Miller and Michael Burns, Professors of Oboe and Bassoon at UNCG
When: Saturday, January 13, 2024, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Where: UNC Greensboro School of Music, 100 McIver St, Greensboro, NC
Who: For all advanced, intermediate, and beginner double reed students. Double reed players of all ages, band directors, and teachers welcome!
Website: <https://vpa.uncg.edu/music/double-reed-day/>