



LRHS Band News and Notes

12/20/2023

Edition 18

Important January 2024 Dates:

- **Saturday, January 6th:** NC-ECDBA 2024 All-District Band Auditions - Details in Canvas
- **Wednesday, January 10th:** ERO -Woodwind/Percussion/Brass Virtual Auditions Due;
☰ Eastern Region Orchestra Audition Information 2024:
- **Saturday, January 13th:** ERO - String Auditions;
☰ Eastern Region Orchestra Audition Information 2024:
- **Tuesday, January 16th:** Bands Club Meeting; 7pm
- **Other important Dates:** Please link to LRHS Band Google Calendar: [Calendar – Leesville Road High School Bands \(leesvilleband.org\)](#)

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. Important News from the Fundraising Committee:

As VP of Fundraising, I'd like to give a HUGE shout out to:

- Kellie Monce (aka Mrs. Fruit) & Stephanie Marcellino (aka Mrs. Flower) for coordinating another successful Fruit & Flowers Sale. Thank you for the countless hours you put in preparing the envelopes, working with the suppliers, tracking orders, [etc.to](#) make this possible. I love my Christmas cactus and I hope many of you are enjoying your fruit and flowers too.
- Ken "Luminary" Leshner, Sharon Waidler, and Stephanie Eyster for coordinating another successful Luminary Event. Thank you for the many hours you put into ordering the materials, analyzing spreadsheet data, creating and monitoring sign up geniuses, etc. Many neighborhoods will be lit up this weekend thanks to all of your hard work.
- Thank you to the many student and parent volunteers who helped on Fruit & Flower Delivery Days, Luminary Prep Day, the two Sandbagging Days and delivering the luminary kits to local neighborhoods. You helped ensure all necessary tasks were accomplished for both of these fundraising events.

I appreciate all the members of my Fundraising family and the work they do. I look forward to more successful fundraising events in 2024. Have a safe and Happy Holidays and New Year too!

Melanie Shoffner

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. **NC-ECDBA All-District Band Auditions:** Reminder of auditions coming up the weekend we return in 2024 for All-District Band - all participating students should have all the information they need in Canvas and will receive an instruction sheet with any final reminders the week they return.
2. **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](#)

3. **Winter Concert Videos:** Please check out our Bands' YouTube channel for all the performances from last week's Winter Concerts. Feel free to share the links with family and friends. [\(307\) Leesville Road HS Bands - YouTube](#)

You can also view this year's pictures on our SmugMug page: [Photos from 2023-2024 - Leesville Road High School Bands \(smugmug.com\)](#)

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. **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 Mclver 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/>

3. **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 \(womansclubofraleigh.org\)](http://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

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The Woman's Club of Raleigh