



LRHS Band News and Notes

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Important January 2024 Dates:

- **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
- **Friday, January 26th and Saturday, January 27th:** ECDBA All District Band Clinic
- **Other important Dates:** Please link to LRHS Band Google Calendar: [Calendar – Leesville Road High School Bands \(leesvilleband.org\)](#)

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. **Bands Club Meeting:** Next Tuesday, January 16th, at 7pm.
2. **CB and SB Spring Trip: Concert & Symphonic Spring Trip:**

Plans are near final for the Spring trip to Atlanta. Because costs have come down, rather than two more payments, we will be asking for one final payment that will be due in three weeks on January 22. This pushes the dates out a little further than originally planned. This final payment will be less than \$300 and we will let you know the final, exact amount next week.

If you have questions, please contact band VPs David Johndrow (djohndrow@nc.rr.com) or Elizabeth Cotesworth Anderson (elizabeth_c_anderson@yahoo.com).

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. **Important Announcement:** This is a reminder that the CB/SB Band Trip to Atlanta is nonrefundable after Friday (1/12) by 5pm. If there are any reasons you need to back out, please communicate this with us ASAP.

2. Band Camp for the 24/25 Band Season - Important Updates:

Dates for Band Camp and Pre-Band Camp are SET and currently in the Symphonic Band Google Calendar. Please note there are a few changes this summer. We have to be finished with Band Camp by August 1st due to LRHS Sports Tryouts. We wanted to push band camp as LATE as possible as our first Home Game is on August 23rd and we don't want to forget everything we learned!

Here are those dates written out:

- Leadership and Rookies (First Year SB Students) ONLY at LRHS: July 15th and 16th (Mon/Tue)- 8am - 12pm
 - Percussion and Guard ONLY at LRHS: July 15th and 16th (Mon/Tue) - 8am-4pm
 - Pre-Band Camp at LRHS:
July 17th -19th , 22nd and 23rd (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday) - **ALL** 8am-12pm, Percussion and Guard will continue until 4pm.
 - Band Camp at Lees McRae College:
July 25th - July 31st (Thursday through Wednesday) Overnight Camp
 - August Rehearsal Dates:
Tentatively August 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 6-8:30pm - We are waiting to hear back from Mrs. Jacobs
3. **Other date changes to be aware of:** Reminder that the **MPA Concert** is now on **Friday, March 1st** due to MPA being a week earlier. With this, we will postpone the Small Ensembles Concert originally scheduled for February 27th to a later date.
4. **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. **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 \(smugmug.com\)](#)

2. **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](#)

3. **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/>

4. **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