



LRHS Band News and Notes

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Important March - April 2024 Dates:

- **Wednesday, March 13th & Thursday, March 14th:** IB/CB/SB MPA, Cedar Ridge High School; Instruction Sheets linked below
- **Monday, March 18th:** Orchestra MPA; Instruction sheet linked below
- **Tuesday, March 19th:** Bands Club Meeting *****See Bands Club Note below*****
- **Thursday, April 4th - Monday April 8th:** CB/SB Spring Trip
- **Friday, April 12th:** IB and Orchestra Festivals of Music Performance - Carowinds
- **Friday, April 19th:** Central Jazz MPA
- **Friday, April 26th:** NCBA All-State Honor Band
- **Other important Dates:** Please link to LRHS Band Google Calendar: [Calendar – Leesville Road High School Bands \(leesvilleband.org\)](#) or the Orchestra plus other Ensembles' dates can be found highlighted at this link: [Ensembles Calendar](#)

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. Important News from the Fundraising Committee

Capital Campaign Fundraiser (runs through May 2024)

Wow, I'm AMAZED by the generosity of former and current band families as I was reading the back of the Festival Concert program. Thank you to those who've already given to this wonderful fundraiser. I'm going to challenge and encourage those of you who've not given to try and do so by the end of May, if possible. Each donation, large or small, is very much appreciated and will help purchase items on the director's wish list.

- a new sousaphone to replace a 30-year-old instrument
- renovations to the aging band room's instrument storage

To donate by credit card: Click the Donate button at the bottom of the band's website (<https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/>).

Review the attached letter for more details.

📎 2023-24 Capital Campaign Letter.pdf

Out-To-Eat Night – Thank You!!!!

Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight to Gonza Tacos Y Tequila tonight to support the Bands Club. Thank you for putting up with my many reminders to print your flyer.

IT'S BACK....BBQ Fundraiser – Saturday, May 4th – Springdale Pool Parking Lot

Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more details regarding reserving your plate and how you can help to make this a very successful event.

- 2. Next Bands Club Meeting:** The next **Band Club meeting is Tuesday, March 19th** and among other topics, we will be discussing the Spring Trip to Atlanta. We'd like to put a special request for all chaperones to attend if possible. Even if you aren't chaperoning, we will go over the agenda, so please come learn about this wonderful experience our students are about to have!
- 3. Carowinds Trip Payments:** Orchestra and Intermediate Band families: Carowinds payments are now past due. Trip payments (\$200 for students, \$90 for chaperones) are made via credit or debit card in Charms. If you have not already done so, add money to your student's Charms ledger through the "make miscellaneous payment" procedure outlined at this link:

[Adding Money to the Charms Student Ledger](#)

New Announcements from the Directors:

- 1. MPA Details:** MPA, the Music Performance Adjudication, is a highlight event of the music year for all of our ensembles. This year MPA will occur on March 13th and 14th for our bands, and March 18th for our orchestra. Please read and follow all the details included in the following instruction sheets for each ensemble:

Symphonic Band: [MPA - Sym 2024.docx](#)

Concert Band: [MPA - CB 2024.docx](#)

Intermediate Band: [W](#) MPA - IB 2024.docx

Orchestra: [W](#) MPA - Orch 2024.docx

- 2. MPA - Volunteer Requests - we are still in need of volunteers for this event next week:** Parents - we need your help to make our MPA trip a success as well. We need chaperones to be with the students because our directors will be busy conducting during the event. Please consider volunteering your time to help out by signing up at the following SignUp Genius links:

[Symphonic Band MPA Chaperones](#)

[Concert Band MPA Chaperones](#)

[Intermediate Band MPA Chaperones](#)

[Orchestra MPA Chaperones](#)

All the details about what your chaperone responsibilities will entail can be found in the descriptions included in each SignUp Genius link. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Anglero at 919-332-4423. Thank you!

- 3. All Ensembles Calendar Link:** While we work to merge all the ensemble calendars into the bands page, dates for **ALL Ensembles, IB, CB, SB, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble** plus other important dates for students and parents to be aware of, can be found at the following link: [LRHS Ensembles Calendar](#)

- 4. Early Announcement for an ECU Summer Band Opportunity to consider:**

Dear band director colleagues and past student participants,

I hope that this finds you all well! As our 2024 season takes shape, I am very excited to share with you details/changes for this fall's annual **ECU High School Band Day**, hosted by the [East Carolina University Marching Pirates](#). This fall, Band Day will fall on **Saturday, August 31**, the first game of the season for the football team. It's an ideal time – the weather will be warm, school years will have just started, and competition season won't be quite in full steam yet.

Reflecting on last year's Band Day (and the past three Band Day's we've had at ECU), I've made a couple changes that I am hopeful will ultimately reduce some of the stress of the day and help ensure that students can fully enjoy what the day is supposed to be about – fellowship in music performance and the coalescing of musicians from all across North Carolina.

Sharing our halftime in this format is nothing less than a statement about the importance of music education and performance – to demonstrate to a very large audience the importance of the bonds we share and the depth to which it brings us together. It's essential that we get every part of this right.

Updates to ECU HS Band Day in 2024

Band Day Package Pricing

- The price for all students, teachers, and chaperones (i.e. attendees) will be a flat \$25 per person. This flat rate price will include:
 - NEW for Band Day - 2024 ECU High School Band Day T-shirt (which will be each student's uniform as well). (value: \$5)
 - Directors/participants will be asked to submit a shirt size; if none are submitted "Large" shirt sizes will be ordered
 - Boxed Lunch (there will be a mix of turkey and ham sandwiches with chips, cookie, and water) (value: \$10)
 - Directors/participants will only have the option to specify certain allergies for which accommodations will be made
 - Otherwise, we will automatically order enough turkey and/or ham sandwich meal boxes to cover every package purchased
 - Ticket to the game (value: \$10)
- There will **not** be an option for attendees to "opt out" of parts of the package; this will eliminate any confusion about who may have ordered what
 - Everyone accounted for in the package purchase will automatically receive a shirt, boxed lunch, and ticket to the game
 - The onus will be on the directors/coaches/participants to specify shirt sizes and food allergies; if none are specified, generic selections will be made on their behalf so at the very least SOMETHING can be made available to them
 - A separate Google Form will be sent out for specifications later

Payment Options

- [ECU Athletics uStore for credit card payments](#)
- Checks
 - Make checks payable to: ECU Athletics
 - For: School/participant name, 2024 Band Day
 - Mail to:

- ECU Athletics
Kimberly Tripp
349 Ward Sports Medicine Building
Greenville, NC 27858
- Purchase Orders: send these directly to me either by email or USPS and I will generate a basic invoice that I will send back to whomever is specified in the PO. Accounting offices should then be able to write a check or pay by card (see above for both options).
 - Mail purchase orders to:
 - Busuitoj20@ecu.edu OR
 - East Carolina University School of Music
A.J. Fletcher Music Center | Mail Stop 506
Greenville, NC 27858
Attn: Joe Busuito

Tentative Schedule – this will be determined by the kickoff, which will be announced later in the summer. You can assume the following timelines, though:

- 6 hours prior to kick: arrive/unload
- 5 hours prior to kick: begin practice with Marching Practice
- 4 hours prior to kick: lunch break, campus exploring, downtime, change into Band Day uniform
- 1.5 hours prior to kick: March Up the Hill
- 1.5 hours into game: joint halftime performance
- 3.5 hours: total game length

Music

You will be a part of our “Road Trip” show. The Marching Pirates will move and play the first part of this show, which will be a medley of U2’s “Where the Streets Have No Name” and Steppenwolf’s “Born to Be Wild.” I am currently eyeballing the [Paul Murtha arrangement of the Beach Boys’ “I Get Around”](#) as one of the two songs that you’ll perform with the Marching Pirates. I haven’t decided on the second yet, but it’ll be something on the new side.

I will keep you posted on details through the spring and summer, but as you can tell, we’re trying to get a solid head start on getting ready for our best Band Day yet. I sincerely hope that you can join us in Greenville for the day. As always, please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Best of luck to all working through MPA season, and I hope that you have a great spring. Take care, everyone!

Best,

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2024 ECU Band Day Shirt.png



2024 HS Band Day Poster.png



Previous Announcements:

1. 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

2. Bands Club Meeting January 2024 - Meeting Minutes: In case you missed the January Bands Club meeting, you can read all the important updates in the minutes linked here:

[W 2024-01 Bands Club Meeting Minutes.doc23/24.26](#)