



LAKEWOOD BANDS

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Dear Lancer Marching Band Members and Parents,

Welcome (or Welcome Back!) **to the Lakewood High School Lancer Marching Band.** I hope this newsletter finds you in both good health and good spirits. Like last summer, I am currently in Chicago, IL completing graduate courses at the VanderCook College of Music. Though I love it here, I'm getting more and more excited to get back to hang out and work with the Lancer Band! I spend all day with other band directors from all over the country and I'm convinced- they just don't make bands like you guys. I really do have the best job in the world!

As you know, after a fantastic year in the Lakewood Band Department, Mr. Carver has moved on to become the Director of Bands at Johnstown. I'm sure this has been an exciting summer for him in his new position, and I wish him only the best for his future there (even if he is a "Johnnie"...!) ☺

But, as always, when one door closes, another opens. This year we welcome Mr. Ken Will to the Lakewood Band Department as the Assistant Band Director. Mr. Will is a 2008 graduate of Ohio University, where he studied trumpet with Professor John Schlabach (who was also my teacher and mentor). While at Ohio University, Mr. Will participated in many performing ensembles, including the Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching 110. In addition to performing as a member of the 110 drum line for four years, Mr. Will is also an accomplished band and percussion arranger. Mr. Will's diverse musical background and variety of experiences will surely make him a huge asset to the Lancer Band program!

Rehearsal Schedule and Participation

Our season is literally just around the corner, as we begin full-band rehearsals on Monday, July 28th. Our two weeks of evening "pre-camp" will be spent mostly in music rehearsal, with a small amount of time being dedicated to basic marching fundamentals in the second week. Even though many of you have already been exposed to our "high energy" marching style, we'll be starting again from the most basic of marching fundamentals in order to give our newest members every opportunity to become comfortable with our style. This will give all returning members a great opportunity to review and sharpen their marching skills as well.

In between classes and rehearsals, I have been busy preparing for our upcoming season writing music, sketching drills, and ordering uniform parts and supplies. Back in Hebron, Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Will have been working every week to get everything ready for our first rehearsal. If you are receiving this letter, we are counting on you to join us this year. Your spot in the drill has already been established, and your participation is vital.

In this Newsletter you'll find information regarding:

- Precamp and Band Camp Schedules
- Uniform and camp payment information
- Sweet Corn Festival Donut Booth information
- Information on the Band Patron Page for the 2007 Football Programs

Additional information including Emergency Medical Forms, Band Camp Prescription forms, and Maps to Band Camp for Visitor's night (Thursday only please) will be distributed during the week of July 28th at our rehearsals. You will also receive a calendar that provides a tentative schedule for the entire 08-09 school year. I want to impress upon you how important it is to keep this calendar handy throughout the year. Changes to this schedule will be made only if absolutely necessary. The calendar information can be easily accessed at www.lancerband.net. Check our site daily for updated calendar info!

Financial Obligations

Along with this newsletter, you have received a financial statement for the 2008 school year. This statement contains updated credit balances available for those who have flower sale or Kroger credits, and will outline the details of your financial obligation for the year. This information is based on the intent form/uniform order sheet filled out in late May. Payment for band camp/uniform items is due before we leave for camp on Sunday, August 10th.

I welcome your questions. If possible, please contact me through e-mail first, as I am not as able to receive phone calls during my classes. **REMEMBER! FINANCIAL MATTERS WILL NOT KEEP STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN OUR PROGRAM.** Please contact me with concerns along those lines... I CAN HELP! (quietly), provided that you are willing to work to help yourself! Good faith efforts during the summer are also greatly appreciated. You can mail a payment (even a few dollars here and there helps defer the cost) to the address at the top of the newsletter. Any donations or payments received over the summer will be applied to your total balance. It's a great way to get a head start on the August 10th payment. Checks can be made out to the Lakewood Band Boosters. Be sure to include the student's name on the memo line or in an attached note.

CHANGE!!!: We will be charging a \$20.00 usage fee again this year for the use of school-owned instruments. This is unfortunate but necessary, as our repair budget is simply inadequate to cover the normal yearly repairs of a 100+ member group. Since instrument owners are responsible for their own repairs, this seems like a fair and equitable requirement for instrument borrowers.

Music

July 28th will be here before we know it, and Mr. Will and I are hard at work writing your show! This year, we're taking on the music of supergroup Bon Jovi! Also, I should mention that currently, this year's Lancer Band stands to be the biggest in recent years. 117 members and counting! I **can't wait** to hear you play these tunes. It's gonna WAIL! Bring your ear plugs!

Contact Information

Though most of you provided your most recent e-mail address, I am finding that my database is increasingly out of date. If you have an e-mail address, PLEASE write me so I can update my records. This is especially important for those hoping to be appointed to a **staff position!** Hurry! Also, please notify me of any updates to phone numbers or street addresses. I am trying to keep our roster up to date.

See you in a few weeks! Can't Wait To Get Started!

Miss Houck

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614-354-7080

PRECAMP AND BAND CAMP SCHEDULES

Week #1 (Monday - Friday July 28th- Aug. 1st) will consist of full band music rehearsals and some sectional rehearsals. There will be no marching that week. ☺ These rehearsals will be held at LHS from 5-8pm.

Week #2 (Monday – Thursday August 4th-7th) will include full band music rehearsals, sectional rehearsals, and basic marching fundamentals. These rehearsals will be held at LHS from 5-9pm. Bring dinner or a snack! We will not rehearse on Friday August 8th, in order for all members to better prepare for camp.

Week #3 BAND CAMP! (Sunday - Friday, August 10 - 15) This is my favorite week of the year! Band Camp will again be held at the Ohio Retreat Center in Marengo, OH. ALL MEMBERS ARE FULLY EXPECTED TO ATTEND. The cost of camp is \$160.00. If you have more than one child in band the cost for each additional child is \$140.00. Many students have already raised all or most of this amount through the Timbuk Flower Sale earlier this spring. We will compile all credit information and make it available in a mailing this summer and during early August practices. I welcome your questions and/or concerns regarding camp. Beginning immediately, you may pay all or part of your fees at your earliest convenience.

Evening Rehearsals (6-8:30) will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the season.

UNIFORM INFORMATION

This is a reminder of the needed uniform items and their costs. Payment for the below items is due by August 12th. There are several uniform items that you will need to purchase. Listed below are the items and their approximate cost. Payments or installments for uniform or camp fees may be sent beginning immediately to: Lakewood Band Boosters, PO Box 70. Hebron, OH 43025.

Summer Band Uniform

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| 1. Royal Blue Summer Shirt
(worn by flags too!) | \$14.00 (\$15.00 XXL and up) |
| 2. Black socks | purchase on your own |
| 3. Black Dockers (or equivalent)
(plain or pleated front w/ room to move!) | purchase on your own
(call with questions) |
| 4. Black Belt | purchase on your own |

Full Uniform Accessories

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| 1. White gloves | \$3.00 |
| 2. White Spats | \$5.00 |
| 3. Black Military Beret | \$22.00 |

Black Band shoes

\$27.00

(these shoes are used with summer, full marching, and concert uniforms)

Concert Band Uniform Accessories

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| White pleated-front formal tuxedo shirt | \$16.00 |
| Black banded wrap-around bow tie | \$4.00 |

Flag Uniform Items

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| Black "Mirage" shoes | \$27.00 |
| Danskin Black Shimmer Tights | on your own |

All of the above items (except the black pants, black socks, and black belts) are to be purchased through the Lakewood Band Boosters to insure uniformity. The black pants may be purchased anywhere. We are looking for casual-dress slacks (Dockers or equivalent), **not** work-style, bell bottoms, "carpenter" or "cargo" pants. There should be no pockets on the thighs or calves.

Uniform Maintenance Fees

Band: \$27.00 Color Guard/Band: \$27.00 Color Guard Only: \$13.50

Again, payment for these items is not due until August 10th (Camp Fees due the same day). Please settle your accounts by that date if at all possible. The Uniform Committee has already started contacting students and conducting uniform fittings. NO MONEY is due at the time of the fitting ☺.

Lakewood Band Boosters Donut Booth (Millersport Sweet Corn Festival)

The Donut Booth Project at the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival is by far the largest fund-raising event we have all year. Every student at every grade level has already benefited from the money raised in past years, and will continue to do so. We are counting on each band parent and student to work at least one shift in the booth. We have positions available for all shifts in the following areas: window sales, icing, sugaring, general cleanup, mixing (adults only) and frying (adults only). The atmosphere is fast but fun, and the time passes very quickly. Because of the football game on August 29th, we are asking Middle School Band Parents to volunteer for Friday evening shifts so High School Parents can attend the game performance. High School band students should not sign up to work on Wednesday, as they'll be marching in the parade. Please please please help by filling out the sheet below and returning it to Miss Houck during August rehearsals. THANKS!

I volunteer to work at the Donut Booth at the following times:

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| _____ Wed. Aug. 27 – 9:30am-1:00pm | _____ Fri. Aug. 29 – 8:00am-12 noon |
| _____ Wed. Aug. 27 – 1:00pm-4:30pm | _____ Fri. Aug. 29 – 11:30am-3:00pm |
| _____ Wed. Aug. 27 – 4:30pm-8:00pm | _____ Fri. Aug. 29 – 2:30pm-6:00pm |
| _____ Wed. Aug. 27 – 7:30pm-11:00pm | _____ Fri. Aug. 29 – 5:30pm-9:00pm |
| _____ Thurs. Aug 28 – 9:30am-1:00pm | _____ Fri. Aug. 29 – 8:30pm-Midnight |
| _____ Thurs. Aug 28 – 1:00pm-4:30pm | _____ Sat. Aug. 30 – 8:00am-12 noon |
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| | _____ Sat. Aug. 30 – 5:30pm-9:00pm |
| | _____ Sat. Aug. 30 – 8:30pm-Midnight |

Note: Please mark your Calendar with the date and time you have volunteered to work. You will receive a call to confirm your shift. THANKS!

Phone number _____

Name of each worker

Position Desired

Please return this form Miss Houck at LHS.

LAKWOOD BAND BOOSTERS
PATRON PAGE
2008 LHS FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The Lakewood Band Boosters are again sponsoring a patron page to be published in all five Lakewood home football game programs. Show your support for the Lancer Marching Band! Purchase a line listing your family's names for only \$5.00 for the entire season. Please limit each listing to four names. Businesses can purchase a special block listing for only \$25.00 for the entire season. Please ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors, as well as businesses you frequent, to be a part of the Lancer Band Patron Page. Thanks for your support!!!

NAMES OF PATRONS

AMOUNT COLLECTED

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Please return this list and the money to Miss Houck, Mr. Carver or Mr. Caldwell no later than Wednesday, August 6th. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Band Office at 928-4496 or email Miss Houck at lhouch@laca.org.

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