



LAKWOOD BANDS
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July 1, 2010

Dear Lancer Marching Band Members and Parents,

Welcome (or Welcome Back!) **to the Lakewood High School Lancer Marching Band.** I hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer break!

With our season literally just around the corner, I'd like to take this time to provide an overview of all the information necessary to get started. And remember- if you are receiving this letter, we are counting on you to join us this year. I say it every year, but it is once again true that we are on track to be the biggest Lancer Band yet (about 120 members!).

I can't wait to get started!

Miss Houck

In this Newsletter you'll find information regarding:

- Pre-camp and Band Camp Schedules
- Uniform and camp payment information
- Sweet Corn Festival Donut Booth information
- Information on the Band Patron Page for the 2010 Football Programs

Rehearsal Schedule and Participation

This year, we kick off our season with full-band rehearsals starting on Monday, August 2nd. The complete pre-camp and camp schedule has not changed since the Spring Meeting in April, but I'm including it in case you need a reminder. 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.

Information Forms and Calendar

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 August 2nd at our rehearsals. You will also receive a calendar that provides a tentative schedule for the entire 10-11 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. You may access the calendar now and anytime at www.lancerband.net. Simply click on the calendar link on the left of the page to go directly to the full Lancer Band Calendar.

Financial Obligations

All individual financial statements are available in each student's Charms account at www.charmsoffice.com (Charms log-in info on next page). The "Finances" tab contains updated credit balances for those who have flower sale or other 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 15th.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding finances. Our treasurer, Kathy Parrish, and I are more than willing to speak with you about any questions or concerns you may have. As was mentioned at the Spring Meeting, it is important to understand the financial obligations associated with participation in band. However, it is my belief that **financial matters should not keep a student from participating in our band program**. If you contact me with a concern along that line, **I can help**, provided that you and your student are willing to work to help yourself!

Good faith payment 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 or make payments ONLINE on Charms. 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 15th payment.

For all fees associated with the Lancer Band, checks should be made out to:

Lakewood Band Boosters, Inc.

Be sure to include the student's name and description of payment on the memo line or in an attached note.

Music

This year, we're gonna keep you guessing...until Jam Session that is! Returning 2009 members who attend the Jam Session on July 24th 4-6pm just might get a sneak preview (sorry freshman! You'll find out on the 2nd!) ☺

Yet another reason to come rock out at the Jam Session...!

Drumline and Flag Camp

As many of you have seen on the calendar at www.lancerband.net, the Drumline and Flag sections will be holding sectional rehearsals during the weeks leading up to Pre-Camp. Drumline sectionals will be held Monday through Friday, July 19th-23rd (see online calendar for details), and Flag day-camp will be held Monday July 12th-Friday July 16st from 9-1. All rehearsals will be held in the band room.

Uniforms

Uniform fittings will be taking place beginning the week of July 5th on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. You will be receiving a phone call to set up a fitting. Please wear athletic shorts and a t-shirt (no structured shorts or jeans) so we can accurately fit your uniform. Also, please plan on bringing your Summer Uniform Black Pants (See Uniform page of newsletter) so we can make sure they're the right style and length.

Website

Don't forget that www.lancerband.net is your source for all things Lancer Band! You can check out our calendar, handbook, and even photo slide shows and performance videos! You can also use the website to check for updates, and to find e-mail addresses for any of the Directors and Band Booster Officers. Our website is a great resource- be sure to check it out!

Charms (www.charmsoffice.com)

The Charms Office online record keeping system is the **only** way I will be managing student information this year. **All students MUST have information current and updated in Charms by August 12th!** All students were given detailed instructions on how to log in this spring. Every student already has a password (last name all lower case), and all fees owed are posted on their individual page. You should sign on to Charms NOW and check out all the amazing features. Please email me with any log-in issues. You can also link directly to Charms through www.lancerband.net. The schoolcode is:
lakewoodlancerband

Band Office Contact Information

If there's one phone number that should be programmed into your speed dial, it's the Performing Arts Department Hotline! **928-4496** is the number that rings directly to my desk and answering machine 24 hours a day. Besides e-mail, this is the most reliable way to contact the Band Department. Display it on the refrigerator. Program it in your cell phone. You're *going* to need this number! ☺

See you in a few weeks!

Miss Houck

lhouck@laca.org

Cell: 614-354-7080 Band Office: 740-928-4496

PRECAMP AND BAND CAMP SCHEDULES

Week #1 (Monday - Friday August 2nd- August 6th) will consist of full band music rehearsals and some sectional rehearsals. These rehearsals will be held at LHS from 5-8pm.

Week #2 (Monday – Thursday August 9th-12th) 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 13th, in order for all members to better prepare for camp.

Week #3 BAND CAMP! (Sunday - Friday, August 15 - 20) 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 \$185.00. If you have more than one child in band the cost for each additional child is \$165.00. Many students have already raised all or most of this amount through the Timbuk Flower Sale earlier this spring. All credit information has been compiled and a balance statement is available on Charms. I welcome your questions and/or concerns regarding camp. Beginning immediately, you may pay all or part of your fees at your earliest convenience.

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

Check www.lancerband.net often for calendar updates and important reminders!

MUST Know Phone Numbers and Websites!

Band Office: 928-4496
Miss Houck's Cell: 614-354-7080

Charms Office: *Where EVERYONE manages their information* ☺

www.charmsoffice.com

Schoolcode: lakewoodlancerband

Password: student's last name, all lower case

www.lancerband.net

Your source for a constantly updated CALENDAR of the entire year, pictures, and other important info.

E-mail addresses:

Miss Houck: lhouch@laca.org

Mr. Will: kwill@laca.org

Mr. Caldwell: rmcaldwell@laca.org

Laura Beard, Booster President: president@lancerband.net

Kathy Parrish, Treasurer: treasurer@lancerband.net

UNIFORM INFORMATION

This is a reminder of the needed uniform items and their costs. There are several uniform items that you will need to purchase on your own. 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 Inc, PO Box 70. Hebron, OH 43025-0070.

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 | <i>Purchase on your own</i> |
| 3. Black Dockers (or equivalent)
(plain or pleated front w/ room to move!) | <i>Purchase on your own</i> |
| 4. Black Belt | <i>Purchase on your own</i> |

Full Uniform Accessories

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| 1. White gloves | \$3.00 |
| 2. White Spats | \$5.00 |
| 3. Black Military Beret | \$22.00 |
| 4. Black Band shoes
(these shoes are used with summer, full marching, and concert uniforms) | \$28.00 |

Concert Band Uniform Accessories

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| White pleated-front formal tuxedo shirt | <i>*Will need to be ordered and</i> |
| Black banded wrap-around bow tie | <i>purchased in January*</i> |

Flag Uniform Items

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| Black "Impulse" shoes | \$28.00 |
| Danskin Black Shimmer Tights | <i>Purchase on your own</i> |

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, polyester, "carpenter" or "cargo" pants. There should be no pockets on the thighs or calves. Also, NO SKINNY BLACK PANTS ARE PERMITTED!

Black Pant Advice: BUY MEN'S PANTS! If you head to any department store, look for men's plain black pants. These will typically come with a pleated front and in the "Docker's" style. The best part about men's pants is that you can buy them with the appropriate waist and length measurements! That way, you can avoid looking sloppy or having to hem the pants!

*****A Uniform Maintenance Fee of \$30 is assessed to every member to take care of dry cleaning throughout the year*****

Lakewood Band Boosters Donut Booth (Millersport Sweet Corn Festival)

The Band Boosters' Donut Booth 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.

******Each parent and student is expected to work at least one shift!******

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE HELP by logging into Charms, clicking on the "Volunteers" tab, and selecting the time and shift you want!

We owe nearly everything we have to the people who have donated their time and help to run this booth. Funding a band program is difficult, and we can all be part of the solution!

_____ Wed. Sept. 2 – 9:30am-1:00pm

_____ Fri. Sept. 4 – 8:00am-12 noon

_____ Wed. Sept. 2 – 1:00pm-4:30pm

_____ Fri. Sept. 4 – 11:30am-3:00pm

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_____ Fri. Sept. 4 – 2:30pm-6:00pm

_____ Wed. Sept. 2 – 7:30pm-11:00pm

_____ Fri. Sept. 4 – 5:30pm-9:00pm

_____ Thurs. Sept. 3 – 9:30am-1:00pm

_____ Fri. Sept. 4 – 8:30pm-Midnight

_____ Thurs. Sept. 3 – 1:00pm-4:30pm

_____ Sat. Sept. 5 – 8:00am-12 noon

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We have positions available for all shifts in the following areas: window sales, icing, sugaring, general cleanup, mixing (adults only) and frying (adults only).

Sign up at www.charmsoffice.com!

LAKWOOD BAND BOOSTERS
PATRON PAGE
2010 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. Will or Mr. Caldwell no later than Friday, August 6th. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Band Office at 928-4496 or email Miss Houck at lhouck@laca.org.

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