



LAKWOOD BANDS
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July 3rd, 2019

Dear Lancer Marching Band Members and Parents,

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

With our season just around the corner, we'd like to take this time to provide an overview of all the information necessary to get started. If you are receiving this letter, we are counting on you to join us this year!

We are hard at work planning shows and performances for the fall, and the new stadium project is well under way and looking great! Please continue to check the Charms calendar for new items, and read on in this newsletter for more info related to the band's summer schedule.

Can't wait for another Lancer Band season!

-Mrs. Domenick & Mr. Shell

In this Newsletter you'll find information regarding:

- Pre-camp and Band Camp Schedules
- Uniform and camp payment information
- Info about FEES and WHEN THEY'RE DUE (August 8th!)
- Sweet Corn Festival Donut Booth information
- Information on the Band Patron Page for the 2019 Football Programs

Rehearsal Schedule and Participation

This year, we kick off our season with full-band rehearsals starting on Monday, July 29th. Pre-camp rehearsals will be spent mostly in music rehearsal, with some time being dedicated to basic marching fundamentals later in the 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.

“New Band Parent” Meeting

Parents of new band members are encouraged to join us Thursday August 1st from 7:30-8pm (the last ½ hour of our rehearsal) for a “New Band Parent” meeting. This meeting is to help parents of freshman and other new incoming band members learn about things like: What happens at band camp? How do football games work? What's a band festival? What is Charms and how do I use it? What fundraisers are available? How do I make payments? How does pick up and drop off go for practices and events? Etc! Please join us for this short meeting and we'll help ease your mind as your student embarks on this exciting journey as a Lancer Band member!

Information Forms and Calendar

Additional information including Emergency Medical Forms and Band Camp Prescription forms will be distributed at our first few rehearsals. The online Calendar (available both to the public and to band members with a Charms account) will be updated and set by that time as well. 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 or on Charms. FORMS will be available on Charms when they have been approved by the administration.

Drumline and Flag Camp

The Drumline and Flag sections will be holding sectional rehearsals during the days leading up to Pre-Camp. Drumline sectionals will be held the week of July 22nd (we will post exact times soon). Flag day-camp will also be held that week. All rehearsals will be held in the LHS band areas. Drumline and Flags: if you're on Facebook and your section leaders have created a group (hint hint!), make sure you join and keep up to date!

Uniforms

Uniform fittings are almost complete! If you haven't yet been fitted, you will be receiving a phone call to set up a fitting. Phone calls will take place in Seniority order. 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.**

Fall Rehearsal Reminders

As a reminder, during the school year Monday rehearsals take place AFTER SCHOOL until 4:00pm. Regular LHS students will rehearse 8th period straight through until 4:00pm (with breaks, of course). C-Tec students will need to report to LHS for rehearsal as soon as possible after school lets out on Mondays. All Fall Sport coaches have been made aware of this change and we are planning on sharing practice times as usual ☺

****NOTE: ALL STUDENTS** will need to share rides and make sure they have a way home at 4:00pm on Mondays. **No students should expect to stay at school until another practice**

later that day. I wanted to announce this now so everyone has AMPLE TIME to secure Monday rides ☺ Wednesday evening 6-8:00pm rehearsals are on as scheduled. (Note the earlier end time, returning students!)

Financial Obligations

All individual financial statements will be available in each student's Charms account by July 8th at www.charmsoffice.com (Charms log-in info on next page). The "Finances" tab contains updated credit balances 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 May.

I realize that some of you may have questions or concerns regarding our policy. PLEASE do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding finances!!!

It is important to understand the financial obligations associated with participation in band. However, it is our 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!

PLEASE call me before making ANY decisions about your child's future in the band program!!! Mrs. Domenick: 614-354-7080

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 8th payment.

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

Lakewood Band Boosters, Inc. Mail to: PO Box 70, Hebron OH 43025-0070

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

*****IMPORTANT REMINDER and UPDATE*****

All Band Fees MUST be paid BEFORE we leave for camp on August 8th!

***UPDATE*:** Students who do not have Band Camp itself paid for by the time we leave **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO TO CAMP.**

As we have all come to learn in the financial crisis of the past decade, individuals and organizations can not survive on credit alone. The Boosters must pay Band Camp over \$20,000 for our week there, and every time a student does not pay or pays late, we have to cover their costs.

This is NOT SUSTAINABLE, and we can not afford to do it.

All Band Camp and Other Fees can be paid for through earned credit, or payments made to the Boosters on Charms or through the mail (see below).

Charms (www.charmsoffice.com)

The Charms Office online record keeping system is the **only** way we manage student information. **All students MUST have information current and updated in Charms by July 29th!** All students were given detailed instructions on how to log in this spring. Every student already has a password (usually 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. You can log into Charms at www.charmsoffice.com. Please email me with any log-in issues. The schoolcode is: lakewoodlancerband

Contact Information for Directors!

Need to reach a Lancer Band Director quickly? Text us through the Remind system! Sign up for Lancer Band updates by texting the word @lhsband123 to the number 81010. You can text Mrs. Domenick or Mr. Shell directly through it. You can unsubscribe at any time. Also, if you prefer a phone call/leaving a voicemail, the band office phone number is **740-928-6620**. This number rings directly to our desk and voicemail 24 hours a day. ☺ If you can't reach me at the High School (or during the summer), please text me through Remind!

Summer Fundraising

Sweet Corn Festival raffle tickets are AVAILABLE NOW! Contact Holly Parsons 740-281-8827 for tickets! Ticket sales run up until band camp. Students earn 50% profit! Grand prize is \$10,000! Happy selling!!!

Band Pictures

Full group band pictures are Wednesday, July 31st at 3pm. Students will be receiving their uniform and purchased uniform-items in the days prior. Please let us know if your student has a conflict. Additional details can be found on the Charms Calendar.

Social Media: Follow us!

Facebook:  Lakewood Lancer Band (@lancerband1)

Twitter:  @lancerband1

Instagram:  lancerband1

Remind (text updates and text the Directors!): Text the word @lhsband123 to 81010

Websites: www.lancerband.net, www.charmsoffice.com

LHS Band Department

ldomenick@laca.org

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Band Office: 740-928-6620

PRECAMP AND BAND CAMP SCHEDULES

Week #1 Pre-Camp: (Monday through Friday, July 29rd- August 2nd) will consist of full band music rehearsals, sectional rehearsals, and introductory marching practice. These rehearsals will be held at LHS from 5-8pm.

Week #2 Pre-Camp and Depart for BAND CAMP! (Monday & Tuesday Aug 5,6, then Thursday - Tuesday, August 8th-August 13th) **Hartford Fair participants are excused from these rehearsals based on their show and fair schedule!)*

We will begin the week with two pre-camp rehearsals 5-9pm (short dinner break in the middle- bring dinner), then end by departing for band camp Thursday night! This is our 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 the camp is \$290.00. If you have more than one child in, band the cost for each additional child is \$270.00. Many students have already raised all or most of this amount through the Timbuk Flower Sale earlier this spring. All credit information is being compiled and a balance statement will be available on Charms next week. I welcome your questions and/or concerns regarding camp. Beginning immediately, you may pay all or part of your fees at your earliest convenience.

Week #3: Return from camp, and 1 post-camp rehearsal! (Thursday, August 15th). We will return to LHS on Tuesday August 13th, take a day off on Wednesday, and do one post-camp rehearsal on Thursday August 15th 5-8pm to keep everything fresh in our minds! **EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND this rehearsal!**

School Year Rehearsals: Required rehearsals will be held Mondays after school until 4:00pm and Wednesday evenings from 6-8:00pm (*returning members, note the time change!*)

Check your e-mail often for calendar updates and important reminders!

MUST Know Phone Numbers and Websites!

- Band Office: 740-928-6620
- Text a Director through the REMIND system!

Charms Office: *Where EVERYONE manages their information* ☺

www.charmsoffice.com

Schoolcode: lakewoodlancerband

Password: student's last name, all lower case (e-mail Mrs. Domenick with login issues)

www.lancerband.net

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

E-mail addresses:

Mrs. Domenick: ldomenick@laca.org

Mr. Shell: dshell@laca.org

Shannon Mills, Booster President: president@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.

All of the items below (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. **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 “Dockers” 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!

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 | \$25.00 |
| 4. Black Band shoes | \$28.00 |
- (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 “Impulse” shoes | \$28.00 |
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*****A Uniform Maintenance Fee of \$40 is assessed to every member to take care of dry cleaning throughout the year*****

Lakewood Band Boosters Donut Booth (Millersport Sweet Corn Festival)

Wednesday, August 28th through Saturday, August 31st

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!

Shift Schedules and Positions

We have positions available for all shifts in the following areas: window sales, icing, powder/sugar, donut boxing/stacking, donut runner/clean, cashier (adult only), mixing (adults only) and frying (adults only). We also need help before and after the festival for set-up/tear down.

Marching Band members may not sign up during the school day, during the parade Wednesday (they MAY sign up for the 7:30pm shift Wednesday though), or Friday night because of the football game. Below are the shift times.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8/28-8/30

7:00am-11:00am

11:00am-3:00pm

3:00pm-7:30pm

7:30pm-Close (includes clean up)

Saturday 8/31

7:00am-10:30am

10:30am-2:00pm

2:00pm-5:30pm

5:30pm-9:00pm

9:00pm- 11:30pm

11:00pm-Closing

Sign up at www.charmsoffice.com!

We are also still looking for SHIFT SUPERVISORS! E-mail Mrs. Domenick if you would like to volunteer for these positions.

LAKEWOOD BAND BOOSTERS
PATRON PAGE
2019 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 a Director no later than Monday, August 5th. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Band Office at 740-928-6620 or email Mrs. Domenick at ldomenick@laca.org.