

Upbeat Notes



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Dates to Remember

- 1/15-17 Honor Band Weekend
- 1/21 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @LEHS Band Room
- 1/23 Jazz Swing Dance
@ LE Freshman Campus
- 2/1 Ensemble Recital
7:00 p.m. @ LEHS
- 2/6 Solo & Ensemble Festival
@ Lakota West
- 2/18 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @ LEHS Band Room
- 3/4-7 Winds Trip— Music For All National
Concert Band Festival
- 3/6 Beaver Creek Jazz Festival
- 3/8 HS/Freshman Winter CB Concert
7:00 p.m. @ LE Freshman Campus
- 3/12-13 OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event
- 3/18 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @ LEHS Band Room
- 3/20 Lebanon Jazz Festival
- 4/15 LE Upbeat Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. @ LEHS Band Room

MB=Marching Band • CB=Concert Bands • JB=Jazz Bands

Check for updated event listings at:

LakotaEastBands.org

Marching Band Completes Record Year!

The 2009/2010 Marching Thunderhawks earned the highest score in the school's history at the Springfield Shawnee March-O-Rama on October 24. Additionally, the band earned numerous other honors throughout the season:

- 3 - Best Over All Music
- 3 - Best Over All General Effect
- 3 - 1st Place
- 3 - Grand Champion
- Best Percussion
- Best Auxiliary
- Best Field Commander
- Best Visual
- Best Marching



The Lakota East High School Marching Thunderhawks have established a tradition of excellence and showmanship earning Superior Ratings in every field competition and Superior Ratings in the OMEA State Marching Band Finals in their 13 year history including this year's State Finals on October 31 in Dublin, OH.

Marching Band Outstanding Member Awards

Congratulations to the 2009-10 Marching Band Award winners:

- Ashley Niederman - Outstanding Freshman Auxiliary Member
- Sara Rayburn - Outstanding Sophomore Auxiliary Member
- Bethany Clark - Outstanding Junior Auxiliary Member
- Katie Iles - Outstanding Senior Auxiliary Member
- Adam Feltner - Outstanding Freshman Member
- Laura Moak - Outstanding Sophomore Member
- Melissa Lower - Outstanding Junior Member
- Evan Gallant - Outstanding Senior Member

Swing Dance is Coming— Saturday, January 23!

Save the date for our 4th Annual Jazz Swing Dance. This event has become hotter every year so you don't want to miss it.

If "Dancing with the Stars" has you motivated to dust off your dancing shoes then this event is for you! Even if you've never danced a step, our professional dance instructor will have you swinging those hips to the award-winning East Jazz Bands in no time! No where in Cincinnati can you have this much fun on a Saturday night for such a great price.

Admission includes live music, dancing and instruction and refreshments. One of the highlights of the night is the dance competition where our Lakota Administrators/Teachers are paired with professional dancers! There will also be an open dance competition where everyone is invited to show off their skills.

This is the perfect event to invite friends, neighbors and family members. **What a great holiday gift!**

Advance tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and will be available:

- Lakota East Craft Show Nov. 14/15
- Freshman Band Concert Nov. 19
- East Band Concert Dec. 14
- Jazz Band Concerts Dec. 8 & Jan 7
- Additional presale dates TBA

Tickets will be \$12 at the door the night of the dance for everyone.

***We are moving the event this year to the Lakota East Freshman Campus to take advantage of a higher ceiling and wider dance floor.**

Upbeat Club Leadership 2009-2010

For a full list of committee contacts, visit our web site: www.lakotaeastbands.org

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President Note

As I write this I am feeling a bit sentimental. Tonight is the Marching Band End of Season Concert, which will be my son's last marching band event, other than next years Memorial Day Parade. Many people have asked me if I am sad, and I keep saying not really because I still have a sophomore daughter that will continue for two more years. But if I would be honest, I would have to say yes, I will feel a bit of a loss. I feel this loss every year though knowing the social situation of other band parents sitting together in the stands, cheering our children on is over. Some of these friends I have met through marching band will not be back next marching season.

We will forever share this season though in our memories. And what a season it was! Starting with the Cedar Point Trip and continuing through the Shawnee March-A- Rama and the state finals. I will never forget how thrilled the kids were when they came back to the buses, having earned the highest score in history!

The first main campus concerts are all masterfully behind us, with the first Freshman concert to be in a few weeks. Symphonic Winds will play at Capital University on November 13, with many of our Jazz bands playing at the Craft Show the next day. December will bring the next round of main campus concerts. There is never a dull moment in the band department!

Fruit and cookie dough sale is wrapping up. We shared a quarter auction with the choir, which was fun to attend. (Be looking for another Quarter Auction in the future.) Tickets for the Swing Dance will go on sale soon. I encourage everyone to support the bands as much as possible. We provide opportunities for a lot of great kids!

Let me end by thanking all of the people who have been instrumental with the success of our year so far. There are way too many to really name individually, but please remember you are all appreciated greatly. There are big groups of you like the uniform committee, pit crew and driver, 3rd quarter refreshments, split the pot, etc. that are so important to the bands success.

Ann Kilyk — Ann Kilyk, LEUC President

Guard News

Tryouts went wonderfully. The 2010 Winter guard has 18 members and we are looking forward to a great season.



Fundraising Notes

Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough Sale

Thanks to all who turned in orders for the Fruit and Cookie Dough Sale. Orders should be picked up on Saturday,

December 5 from 9 a.m. to 12. If you are interested in helping with delivery or pick up, please contact MaryBeth Gasser (759-7905) or Jean Fox (779-7973). Service hours are available.



Please remember to use those Kroger Cards!

If you need one, contact Jennifer Moak at 759-0280 or moakaday@fuse.net

Just in Time for Holiday Giving... Lakota East Spirit Beads!!

Students and parents alike will love showing their school spirit with these amazing jewelry creations. Order these wonderful keepsakes for holiday gifts, graduating seniors, your favorite teacher, your student at the beginning of their high school career, an alumni, a sentimental parent, or for anyone who would like to honor their Lakota East spirit!

We have bracelets, earrings, pendants and beads that fit most of the popular add-a-bead bracelets out there. Check out our Upbeat Club website for beautiful photos of these wonderful and affordable items.

Golf Lovers

Bob Meyer finds the idea of a golf outing to be an intriguing possibility for a fundraiser. (He is probably just wanting an excuse to buy that new putter!) He would like to put together an exploratory committee see if a golf outing would be a possibility to make a large amount of money with a single event. If you are interested in being on the committee please contact Bob Meyer at kzer93@aol.com by December 18. If you have any knowledge about golf outings, but can not be on the committee, any insight or info you could pass on would still be appreciated.

Split the Pot 2009

A big thank you to Laurie and Pat McKenna for handling Split the Pot. The football season is over so the final amount collected is in! The total for the season was \$2068, which is great considering some of the dismal weather we experienced several of those Fridays.

We also need to thank all of the band parents that assisted Laurie and Pat throughout the season. These parents include: Loraine Henderson, Joe Kirchner, Jennifer Bedel, Dave Wilson, Carrie Murray, Mark Unger, Robert Roose, Carol Duffy, Pam Mason, Steve & Britt Turner, Matt & Laurie Fuhr, and Dana Massie.

A Note from the Pit Crew

Fellow Band parents,

Now that the marching band season has ended I took some time to put together my thoughts. First and foremost was my involvement as co chair of the Pit Crew. To me the experience was made most fulfilling due to two things. The first is the level of the Band's performance and the dedication of the band and its directors.

Second, the opportunity to be with the finest group of people I know, the pit crew, was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had. At every game and/or competition we came together to do our part for the success of the band, but along the way we had a lot of fun and shared more than loading and unloading equipment; we shared friendships that will I am sure last than just a season. A special thanks to my co-chair Tim Elliott who, simply said, is a good person. Being a part of Pit Crew is one of those joys that come along once in a lifetime. Just like we are proud of our students those same students should be proud of the pit crew members. Everyone should be fortunate enough to give back to our school community.

Every year Senior parents "retire" from the Pit Crew. Please consider joining our team next year. We're flexible-schedule friendly so would love to include you even if you can only make a few games or contests. All are welcome and there is very little heavy lifting. My friend Tim Elliott will do that. And he may even let you drive the golf cart. Please contact me if you have interest or questions. My numbers are in newsletter. We will have a spring meeting to discuss the coming year and discuss ideas. Just ask a former member how much they enjoyed themselves.

And finally, thank you to Mr. Thomas and his team of directors for their dedication to helping us achieve what we all want, a chance to see our young adults live up to their potential. Good luck to those departing seniors. Your dedication and commitment will serve you well as you venture out to achieve your goals in your life ahead. —Bob Meyer

Junior School News

Hopewell Junior

Congratulations! The HJS 8th grade Concert Band, 8th gr. Jazz Band, and HJS Vocal Chamber Ensemble have all been chosen to perform at the 2010 Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 28-30. Over 120 vocal and instrumental ensembles ranging in age from elementary, middle school, high school, and college from all over the state submitted recordings last spring to be considered for this honor.

Through blind listening, a panel of music educators chose our three ensembles to be a part of the 16 performing groups chosen! This is a Lakota School District First to have 3 performing groups from the same junior school to perform and possibly an OMEA Conference first! Go Hopewell Junior! As you can imagine, we are very proud of our students!

- HJS 8th Grade Concert Band Performance Friday, January 29, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Millennium Hotel Grand Ballroom
- HJS 8th Grade Jazz Band Performance Saturday, January 30, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Millennium Hotel Bronze Ballroom

Congratulations for the following 8th grade Hopewell Junior band students that accepted into the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music Jazz Explosion:

- Gannon Joyner-guitar
- Amanda Weisbrod-alto saxophone
- Ryan Guard-trombone
- Aaron Jolliffe-Trombone
- Scott Harris-Drum Set

Congratulations for the following 8th grade Hopewell Junior band students that auditioned and were accepted into the Junior Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble:

- Jessica Sun-flute
- Gannon Joyner-percussion
- Sean Lally-percussion

Liberty Junior

The Liberty Junior School Music Dept held its annual candy sale from Sept. 25 to Oct 5. The product, Worlds Fine Chocolate, seemed to be a big hit. The band students worked very hard and made it a very successful sale. We appreciate the diligence of everyone involved. We would like to express a special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who collected and counted money for the sale.

The first concerts of 09 -10 Liberty Junior School Bands were held Oct 22. We were fortunate to have two guest conductors at our eighth grade band concert, Mr. Bill Thomas and Mr. Rob Tanis. This concert is one of two evening LJS performances of the seventh and eighth grade bands this year. The second performances of the 09-10 Liberty Junior School Bands will be at two LJS in-school assemblies on Dec 18th.

Congratulations to the following Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Band students on being selected by audition to participate in the following select ensembles in the southwest Ohio area.

2009-2010 Great Miami Youth Symphony Orchestra:

- Mary Casto –clarinet
- Kerry Iles – clarinet

2009-2010 Junior Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble

- Connor Biddle – trumpet
- Tommy Kava – euphonium

2009-2010 Jazz Explosions

- Tommy Paradiso – alto saxophone
- Cody Shreve – baritone saxophone
- Chris Sefton – trumpet
- Sam Beiting-piano
- Dylan James –bass.

Webmaster for East Bands wanted!

Website experience is helpful, but no experience needed. The right candidate should be comfortable with working on computers!

Contact Chereé Gallant at webmaster@lakotaeastbands.org.