



Upbeat Notes



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Dates to Remember

9/4	Home Football Game vs Glen Este
9/12	Tag Day
9/17	LE Upbeat Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. @LEHS Band Room
9/19-20	Ottawa-Glandorf Contest/Cedar Point
9/25	Home Football Game vs Princeton Freshman Night
10/1	Away Football Game vs Oak Hills (televised on Fox Sports)
10/3	OSU Buckeye Invitational Contest
10/9	Home Football Game vs Middletown Homecoming
10/17	Marion Local Contest
10/23	Home Football Game vs Sycamore Senior Night
10/24	Springfield Shawnee Contest
10/30	Home Football Game vs West
10/31	OMEA State MB Finals, Dublin, OH
11/4	Marching Band Concert @LEHS

Marching Band Rehearsals

Tuesdays

Woodwinds/Brass..... 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Percussion/Guard..... 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

All Band 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

All Band 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Individual Sections may call additional sectionals;
these will not be posted online.

Every effort is made to ensure good communication about the band schedule. But due to the last minute changes that occur during the Marching Band season, announcements may be made at rehearsals about schedule changes that are not posted online. If your student is absent from a rehearsal, please ask them to find out about any announcements made and let you know of any changes to the rehearsal or performance schedules.

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

**Check for updated event listings at:
LakotaEastBands.org**

TAG DAY is September 12!

Tag Day is a required activity for all students. Lakota East band parents drive students to the neighborhoods in the Lakota East community. Students then go door-to-door to solicit funds for our uniform fund.

Students will be paired up to request donations and will never be out of sight of the parent driver. The money collected will be used for the purchase of future uniforms and for the care and cleaning for all East bands uniforms.

Date Saturday, September 12, 2009

Time 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Place Lakota East High School
Meet in the hallway by the gym on the north side of LEHS

Dress Summer band uniform (show shirt, black shorts, white socks, tennis shoes). If you don't have the show shirt, please wear another Lakota East Bands shirt, preferably black.

Bring Drink, snacks, and a sack lunch.

Students have the opportunity to request to be paired up with another student. Pairings will be made in the order the requests are received, so turn in your forms quickly.

Lakota East band parent volunteers are still needed to drive students to the neighborhoods. We can't do it without you!

To volunteer to drive or for questions, please call Susan Joa at 779-6773.

Concert/Symphonic Band Uniform Fittings

The Uniform Committee is holding Concert/Symphonic Band Uniform Fittings on:

Tues, Sep 8 • Thurs, Sep 10 • Wed, Sep 16

Fitting timeslots are at 15 minute intervals from 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. on these dates.

Concert and Symphonic Band members need to sign up on one of the sheets posted in the band room ASAP.

Percussion and Guard members will need to schedule on Wednesday or Thursday, as they have practice on Tuesday evenings.

Symphonic Winds students will be measured and fitted during class time the next couple of weeks.

Parents who would like to help with fitting duties should e-mail Jen Prather (kp721363@aol.com) with times you are available.

Students, if you are unable to attend any of these nights, please call Mrs. Prather 779-0586, as soon as possible.

Marching Band Needs You!

Are you going to the home football games this year to see your son/daughter in the half-time show? Why not help the band by selling Split-the-Pot raffle tickets? It's fun, it's easy and we hope to raise over \$3,000 for our bands this year. We start ½ hour before the game and finish up at the start of the third quarter. Couples welcome! The game dates are:

Sept 4 • Sept 25 • Oct 9 • Oct 23 (Senior night) • Oct 30 (West game)

Contact Laurie McKenna: lmckenna@cinci.rr.com or 759-9411 if you can help.

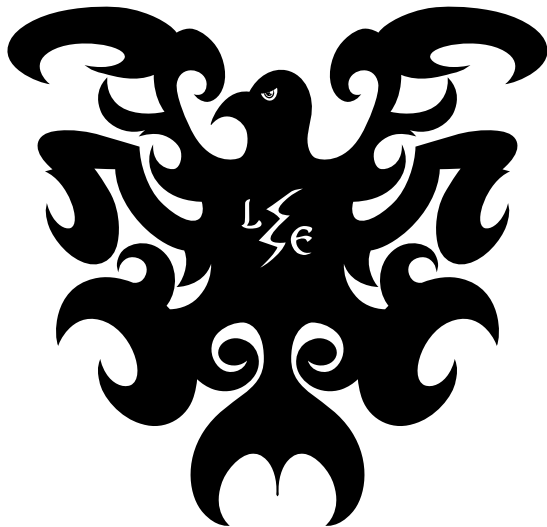
We also need donations of 12-oz disposable cups for third-quarter refreshments. Cups may be left in the band room at any time or given to the Third Quarter parents on home game nights. We hang outside the uniform room beginning about 5:30 p.m. Contact: Barb Garrett at 779-0667 or barrett@earthlink.net

Upbeat Club Leadership 2009-2010

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

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BE AFRAID OF THE DARK



LAKOTA EAST
MARCHING THUNDERHAWKS
2009-2010

President's Note

I will start by thanking everyone who has been making my position as LEUC president so enjoyable. I have been able to meet and work with so many fine people. As a group we are certainly blessed with an abundance of parents, whose main focus is to provide their children with the best band experience possible. I know for a fact, that other groups are envious of our parents unselfish gift of time, talents, etc. I look forward to all we can accomplish this year! –Ann Kilyk

Ottawa Glandorf /Cedar Point Weekend Details

- September 19 & 20, 2009
- Payment due NOW!
- Students: \$110
- Chaperones: \$32 plus cost for Room (varies by room choice)
- Money can be sent to LEUC PO Box or given to Ann Kilyk
- A few more chaperones would be welcome!
- Contact Ann Kilyk at 777-4377 as soon as possible if interested in chaperoning!

Say Cheese for the Photo and Video Galleries

Now that school has started and the 2009 East Bands are in full swing, I want to remind everyone about our great photo and video gallery website hosted on SmugMug and maintained by the photo and video crew.

Throughout the year thousands of photos and videos are taken at the various band events and concerts, and posted here for everyone to enjoy. The easiest way to get to the site is to click on the camera icon located at the bottom of the Home page of our main website www.lakotaeastbands.org.

The photo site requires a password to enter, which is kept in Charms or you can email webmaster@lakotaeastbands.org. The site is easy to navigate and includes a help page to explain all of the site's features. All of the photos and videos can be downloaded for free, or you can purchase great quality prints and gift items directly from the site. If you are unhappy with your prints or gifts, SmugMug will reprint or refund your order, whichever you prefer.

If you have videos or photos that you would like to share, contact mdawson@isoc.net for info on how to get your photos posted to the site. Visit today and check out this year's Band Camp photos and videos.

Want a fun way to help support the Lakota East Bands? Join the video crew and help operate cameras at the home football games and band concerts. West Chester Community Television records our Home football games and band concerts for broadcast throughout the season. As a video crew volunteer you'll learn how to operate professional television cameras while working with the remote production crew from WCCTV. It's easy, great fun, and as an added bonus you get into the football games for free. We particularly need parents from each campus (freshman and main) to operate cameras for their respective band concerts. If you are interested please email mdawson@isoc.net for full details.

Also, if you have your own camcorder and will be shooting video at any of the football games, Marching Band contests, or Band concerts, find out how you can contribute your video for the production of our annual DVD.

Thanks for supporting the Lakota East Bands –Mike Dawson, Lakota East Bands Video Crew



Photos by Frank Joa

Band Camp 2009 Wrap-Up — Be Afraid of the Rain—Mud—Wind—Dark!

After hours and hours of rehearsal throughout the week at Wright State University, the Lakota Marching Thunderhawks brought another awesome half-time show to life. Even with all of the rain, wind, mud, a couple of tornado warnings (one of those a false alarm), lightening, and an interesting version of meat loaf from the dining hall, the students, directors, college staff, and chaperones went above and beyond the call in their cooperation and flexibility the entire week. Rehearsal times and locations changed throughout the week due to the weather and the flooded practice field, so the logistics of communicating those changes to everyone and moving all of the equipment was monumental. Good thing we had the motivational speaker on the first night of band camp.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone who helped us with band camp this year:

- The students, directors, and college staff for a great pre-game and half-time show performance on Friday night. Your week of hard work certainly paid off.
- All of the chaperones - Denise Hoekstra, Renata Koebbe, Tammy Dudley, Michelle Manley, Emily Ball, Cathie Lower, Bethia Miller, Barb Wilson, Kerri Smith, Jennifer Moak, Donna Carr, Kelly Furnier, Pat Wertepny, Jill Cleaves, Jami Dyess, Barb Garrett, Steve Wertepny, Tim Elliott, Mark Cranston, Ken Miller, Bob Meyer, Bill Roy, Ted Wilson, Jeff Brauns, Sam Ball, Frank Joa, Mike Dawson, Mike Rieman, Matt McNally, Michael Dudley, Bob Niederman, and Mark Etterling. Without you, there would be no band camp. I hope you found it as enjoyable as I did.
- Bob Meyer, Mike Dawson, Sam Ball, and Tim Elliott for all you did moving the pit instruments, tables, ice/water/cups, and then moving it all again and again.
- Frank Joa and Mike Dawson for capturing the moment each and every day with 6000+ pictures (Be sure to visit SmugMug; the link is on the band website.) and for taking all of the photo button photos.
- Mike Dawson for videotaping the show. See it on SmugMug.
- All of the dance chaperones: band camp chaperones plus Debbie McPhillips, Marge Melick, and Sharon Feltner. The students had a great time dancing and the music doesn't get much better than that.
- Everyone who helped with check-in and check-out: Jen Prather and her daughter, Kemmie and Park Burrets, Chereé Gallant, Alex Vidas, Ann Kilyk, Cathy Elliott, Laurie McKenna, Laura Kavalauskas, Jennifer Moak, Susan Joa, Lori Dickinson, Pat Wertepny, Jennifer Samuels. That was a huge job!
- All who helped with serving Subway, KFC, and pizza (and the clean-up afterwards). Another huge job.
- Ann Kilyk, our LEUC President, for making her daily delivery runs to campus and for stepping up to help wherever she was needed.
- Cathie Lower, our band nurse, for all she did throughout the week.
- Ann Kilyk, Leslie Griffin, Tammy Dudley, Mark Cranston, Jami Dyess, and Kelly Furnier for assembling nearly 200 sets of photo buttons!
- Karen Meece and Lori Dickinson for being our cookie coordinators and to all who sent in cookies, snacks, and pop.
- Tim Elliott, Bob Meyer, Bill Roy, Mickey Vidourek, and Mike Dawson for all of their work on getting the Lakota Marching Thunderhawks trailer ready for the 2009 season.
- The Niedermans for hosting our marching band parent and chaperone meetings.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone by name, but please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

If your student left anything behind at band camp, you will have to contact Wright State University directly. Unfortunately, everything they find goes into a general Lost and Found on campus. I did bring back a drum line ball cap and a pair of sunglasses if you lost either of those things. Thanks again. Suzanne Roy and Linda Lowe

The following is a letter submitted to the Pulse Journal by band parent and Pit Crew member, Bob Meyer.

Best of the best

I have recently returned from the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawk band camp. The experience I had was enjoyable and motivating. What I saw was a group of young men and woman led by dedicated directors, especially Mr. William Thomas, working relentlessly with many hard working volunteers to meet the challenges and perfect a performance second to none. Through rain, mud, tornado warnings and multiple practice site changes they continued to work harder and with more passion than anyone I have been associated with in my adult years.

As I stood there and watched as they practiced in a driving rainstorm with only their clothes as protection I realized what I saw before me was a display of dedication, perseverance and teamwork. So whatever happens this year they have proved to all those who spent time at band camp this past week that they are already true champions, the best of the best.

To make this happen you need a group of parents and/or volunteers willing to put in time to support this success. By just taking a look at the East band website you will see the many committees necessary to provide this valued support. The support they give not only to the band but each other is a reflection of their values that they carry within themselves.

Thank you for allowing me as a parent and member of the Pit Crew to be part of this talented team.

So, if you want to experience what I did and view firsthand what I saw at band camp attend a home Lakota East football game. As they march from Main Street during pregame and perform their magic at halftime you will experience what I was so fortunate to watch, a group of young men and woman who proudly represent their school as the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks. —Bob Meyer



Photos by Frank Joa

How Will You Know...

... what is going on in the East Bands? Simply via our website, email messages and our newsletter!

Look online at www.lakotaeastbands.org and you will find everything you need to know about our great band program! Each band has a link on the homepage News Board with upcoming event dates and times, band accomplishments and necessary forms and handbooks for each class.

Plus, the Upbeat Notes is our monthly newsletter and is emailed to you at the start of every month! Make sure your correct email address is in Charms! If you aren't getting an email from charms@lakotaeastbands.org monthly, your email isn't receiving our communications! Contact us for help!

Band Calendar Update

Click Band Calendar on the News Board at www.lakotaeastbands.org to see ALL band events in one place! Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Monthly Upbeat Club Meetings, Special Band Events, Maps to the events, event date and times and more are all here!! Please check the News Boards for a specific band for any last minute changes to the schedule (especially during Marching Band)!

Fundraising Update

This last month saw a couple of events that put money into our general Upbeat Club fund. Our mattress sale on August 15 raised \$2,000 and our week of eligible meals at TGI Friday's netted a \$208 donation. Many thanks to Danette Diantonio for all her work with the Mattress Sale and to everyone who supported these fundraisers.

Entertainment Books

Students have been receiving Entertainment Books over the last couple of weeks. Freshman and non-marching band students will be receiving their books within the next few days. We are requesting that every family sell or purchase one book. Sales of additional books will result in funds in your student's personal account. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions about the sale:

- Sell one book for \$20, get a free 08-09 book and \$10 goes to the general Upbeat Club fund.
- Sell two, three, four or five books and the student gets \$5 per book in their personal band account (the other \$5 goes to General fund).
- It starts over from there, with the sixth book giving \$10 to the general fund and subsequent books giving \$5 to the student's personal account.
- A box will be in the band room for students to drop envelopes and money, which will be collected each day.
- If additional books are sold, the student brings in the money and I will get the books to the student the following day. You can also catch me at marching band pickup time each day of rehearsal.
- Entertainment Book sale will run through September 25.

Any more questions? Contact Jennifer Moak at moakaday@fuse.net or 759-0280.

Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough Sale

Mark your calendars for the Annual Fruit, Cheesecake and Cookie Dough Sale. Kick off date of the sale is October 12, 2009. Orders will need to be turned in by November 16, 2009. More information to be passed out in October. Contact Jean Fox (jean.fox@lakotaonline.com) or Mary Beth Gasser (gasserpb@roadrunner.com) for more information.

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