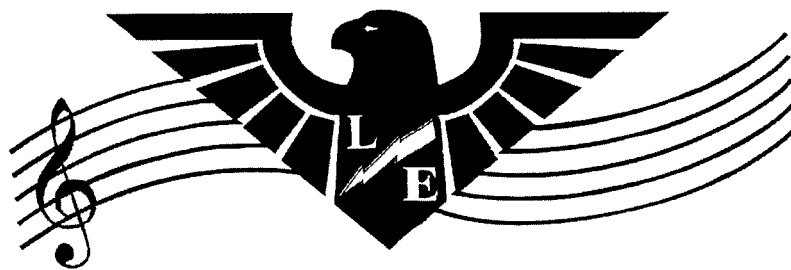


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Parent Handbook

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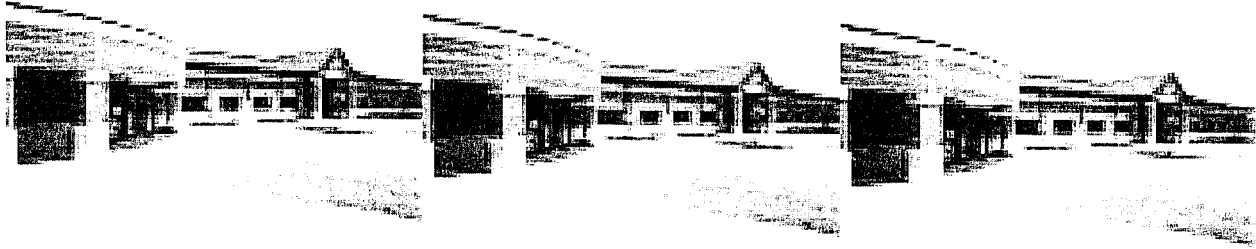
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For additional information, please visit www.lakotaeastbands.org.

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From the Podium...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this exciting activity we call band! We are proud to offer such a great program to our students here at Lakota East. Our bands have consistently earned superior ratings at every adjudicated event in which they have performed. This is not by luck, but by hard work, dedication, on the part of the students, directors, administrators, and parents. Without one of the four, any program would fall apart.

How can you help our program? You can help by being a part of a booster committee, a fundraising activity, chaperoning at a competition or football game, or just volunteering for something you enjoy doing that will help our students' musical growth. Even if your busy schedule only permits you to attend our concerts or contests that would be a wonderful way of supporting our bands. There is no better feeling than playing for a full house!

These next few years will probably be the most memorable ones your child will have and the band will play a big part in these memories. The band is like a big happy (most of the time) family. The closest friends your son or daughter will have might be a part of the band. You as a parent can make the memories even more special by being a part of the Lakota East Upbeat Club (believe it or not, the kids still like having you around!)

Welcome to our future! We can't wait to see you at the next event!

Bill Thomas

Rob Tanis

Todd Hartman

Lakota East Band Directors, Lakota East High School, Main & Freshman Campus

Welcome!

Dear Freshman Parents,

Welcome to the new Freshman Campus and the world of high school band! This will be an exciting year for both you and your child. As your sons or daughters begin the journey into high school band, I invite you to get involved right along with them. Please read this entire handbook and check out the many opportunities in which both of you may participate.

Our band directors are looking forward to an exciting year ahead! Through their outstanding teaching and leadership, they promote and maintain programs that benefit the band students throughout their high school years and beyond.

I encourage you to check out the Lakota East Upbeat Club. The time will pass quickly & your involvement will enrich your child's band experiences, as well as yours!

Kemmie Burrets, VP Freshman Campus
Lakota East Upbeat Club

What is Upbeat?

Lakota East Upbeat Club (LEUC) is the band booster organization that supports the band programs for the Lakota East High School Main & East Freshman campus, Hopewell Junior High School, and Liberty Junior High School. We provide financial & physical support for the bands, ensembles, jazz groups, and guard programs. Upbeat exists to support our directors and their efforts to offer these programs. Together we all work together to create music programs that are among the finest in Ohio.

One of the roles of the Upbeat Club is to facilitate communications between the band program & band parents. We provide a number of ways for you to get the information you need, allowing our band directors to spend their time doing what they are great at - instructing our kids to become the best they can be!

Meetings - Please join us on the third Thursday of every month (except December) in the Lakota East Band Room, Main campus, at 7:30 pm. Get the news first hand by attending! The director's reports will keep you informed on all of the important information that never seems to make it home or out of your child's backpack.

Elections of officers are held in May. Terms run from June 1 - May 31. All parents/guardians are members of the Upbeat Club.

Website – The quickest way to get band information, updates, and contacts is via the website. Visit www.lakotaeastbands.org frequently to keep up with band happenings on the Band News Board.

Newsletter – In an effort to go green, the monthly Upbeat Newsletter is available online at www.LakotaEastBands.org. A limited number of copies will be available in the band room.

Communications: Please notify the band directors if you do not have Internet access. The main tools used for communicating band schedules, information and last minute updates are the website and email messages and an alternate method of getting information will need to be established.

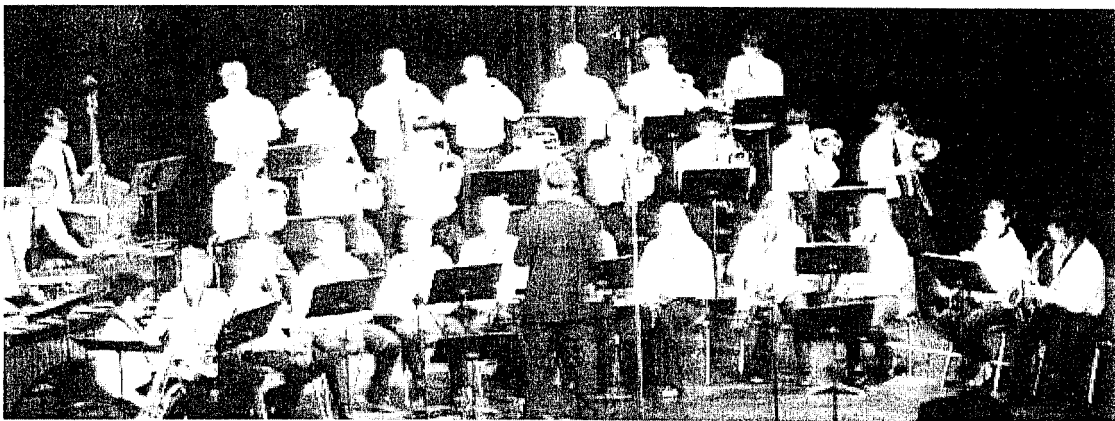


Concert Bands

The Concert Band program at the Lakota East Freshman Campus consists of two concert bands. These bands are busy for the entire school year. The full concert schedule is attached and also available on the website www.LakotaEastBands.org. Members of the volunteer Video Crew work with WCTV to provide taping of the concerts for subscribers of Warner Cable. Links can be found on the website.

Competitions and adjudicated events for the concert bands are held in the spring. Friends and family are very welcome and are encouraged to come to these performances to hear area high school bands at their very best!

The Lakota East Freshman campus concert bands perform in evening concerts in the Freshman auditorium and in the Liberty Theater on the main campus.



Jazz Bands

There are two jazz bands at the Lakota East Freshman Campus – the 12 O'Clock & 2 O'Clock Jazz Bands. The bands at both Lakota East & East Freshman campuses have rehearsals during the school day and membership in the group is determined by audition. These groups generally perform in Liberty Theatre on the Main campus and at competitions in the Winter & Spring. (See attached schedule)

Additional Ensembles



Pit Orchestra

Students have the opportunity to audition into the Pit Orchestra to play the score.

Other Ensemble Opportunities


The fine musicians at the Lakota East Freshman campus are encouraged to audition and join other musical groups to add to their musical abilities. Information may be obtained from the directors about the following ensembles: OMEA District XIII Honor Band & Jazz Ensemble, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Ohio All-State Band & Orchestra, Ohio University Honor Band, Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, Greater Miami Youth Orchestra Blue Ash Youth Symphony Orchestra, and Southwest Ohio Regional Honor Orchestra.

OMEA District Performance

The Freshman concert bands perform at the OMEA district contest in the Spring. The bands perform prepared music on stage for 3 adjudicators. This performance is open to the public. The bands will then perform music by sight reading for 1 adjudicator in private. The band's overall rating will be posted in the Concessions area.

Results from the OMEA district performance this past March: Lakota East had five concert bands perform at the Ohio Music Education Associations' district large group adjudicated event (formerly known as band contest) held at Fairfield High School. All five Lakota East Bands received the top rating of superior! This is quite a great accomplishment for our band program showing hard work and dedication to their music.

Each band performed in different OMEA classifications. OMEA classification is based on the difficulty level of the music and range from the hardest class, Class AA, to Class C. All Lakota East bands received straight Superior ratings. We are the only High School in the state of Ohio to have accomplished this. Here are the results and classification:

Band	Rating	Class
 Symphonic Winds	Superior	Class AA
Symphonic Band	Superior	Class A
Concert Band	Superior	Class B
1st Period Freshman Band	Superior	Class C
2nd Period Freshman Band	Superior	Class C

Freshman Marching Band Night

Members of the Lakota East Freshman Band get the chance to see and feel what it is like to be a member of the Marching Thunderhawks by performing with them on the field during halftime. There are 2 rehearsals after school the week of Freshman Night. Then on Freshman Night the Freshman are treated to pizza & pop before they perform. (See separate flyer for complete details)

Freshman Band Uniforms

Freshman Band members purchase the required items to wear during performances.

Concert Bands: Director will go over requirements in class - typically black pants, white shirt & tie for the gentlemen and black pants or modest skirt & white top for the ladies.

Jazz Bands: Director will go over requirements in class – typically black pants, white shirt & tie for the gentlemen and black pants or modest skirt & white top for the ladies.

Student Handbooks

All band members are issued student handbooks. Student responsibilities and the directors' expectations of the students are presented in these handbooks. Lakota East Upbeat Club membership information and volunteer forms are also included.

CHARMS

Charms is the LEUC on-line management system to help the band directors, Upbeat club, parents, and students organize contact information, work with trips, fees, fundraisers, form collection, calendars and finance. A couple of the most important aspects of charms are the ability for parents to keep track of their students "Student Account" (where students can earn money toward trips), fees associated with band participation, and as a repository of important contact information for each student.

Every Freshman band student will receive an individual student ID to access the site. Students have already received this.

To access Charms go to **www.charmsoffice.com**. At parent Student Login enter 'lakotaeastband' and click 'Enter Charms'. At the enter student ID enter your given student ID.

Everyone is encouraged to login and update the information in the Student Info link especially the email addresses. The Charms system is useful for all the Band directors and the Upbeat Club to contact parents and students with important band information.

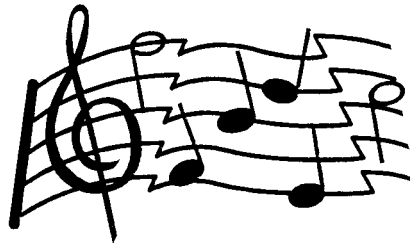
Important Links:

OMEA: <https://www.omea-ohio2.org/Default.html>

Resources for instruments & music: <http://www.lakotaeastbands.org/links.htm>

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.cincinnati pops.org/home.asp>

Cincinnati Conservatory of Music: <http://www.ccm.uc.edu/>



Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities support our band students in many ways. Some of which are providing guest conductors, purchasing school owned instruments, & paying entry fees for OMEA large group contests. Fundraisers of interest to Freshman parents & students are as follows:

Tag Day – This annual event is the first Saturday after Labor Day. This event raises money for the purchase and upkeep for all band uniforms. All Lakota East (main & freshman campuses) Band members canvas the East school district neighborhoods. See separate flyer for complete details.

Entertainment Books – Freshman can participate in this fundraiser. Great way to start your student account!

Scripts – Order Gift Cards for things you already purchase regularly and earn money for the bands!

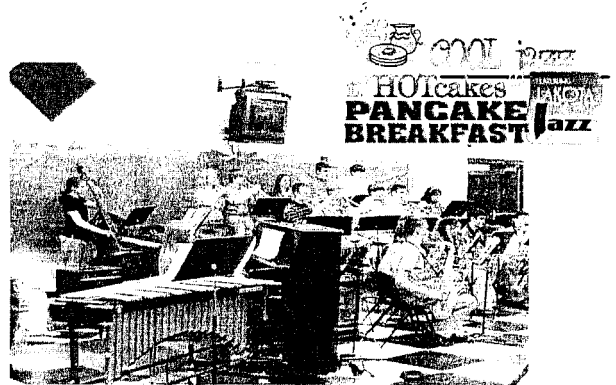
Spirit Wear - Show your Thunderhawk Spirit! Spirit Wear is available at every home football game, certain concerts throughout the year, and by visiting www.lakotaeastbands.org/shop.

Bake Sale/Concessions – During the PTSO Fall craft show - Main Campus, the Upbeat Club sells homemade snacks and sweets in the cafeteria.

Fruit & Cookie Dough Sale – Students take orders for Florida citrus fruit & cookie dough. Fruit can also be ordered for delivery as holiday gifts to friends & relatives that live outside of the area.

The next two fundraisers are the most fun of all the fundraisers because they provide Food, Fun, & GREAT Entertainment!!!

Cool Jazz N' Hotcakes! This is the best way to spend the morning - great cakes and great sounds of the Lakota East Jazz students from the Main & East Freshman campus, Hopewell Junior high school, & Liberty junior high! Committees for our next CJNH event are formed in early spring, look for information on the band website!



Get ready to Swing Dance! Don't miss this fantastic evening of Swing Dancing to the great sounds of the Lakota East Jazz students! A professional dance instructor will teach dance steps throughout the evening, and have you really Swing Dancing in no time! There is also a Dancing with the Stars event where you can cheer on 3 Lakota Administrators/Teachers in a dance competition!! This is a great family event!

LOOKING AHEAD...

...TO THE MAIN CAMPUS YEARS

Bands on the East Main Campus: (Placement into the following bands is by audition.)

- **Marching Band (all sections including color guard)**
- **Symphonic Winds**
- **Symphonic Band**
- **Concert Band**
- **Eastside Jazz Ensemble**
- **8 O'Clock Jazz Ensemble**
- **7 O'Clock Jazz Band**

Band Trips

The directors schedule band trips for the Marching Thunderhawks and Symphonic Winds. In addition, the bands perform in adjudicated events and competitions that may require travel. Symphonic Winds hit the Big Apple in 1998, and The Dixie Classic Invitational in St. Louis in 2001 and Chicago in 2004, winning the top honor award for a concert band both years. The Marching Thunderhawks have performed at Walt Disney World in 1999 and 2002, and competed in San Diego at the Holiday Bowl in 2005 against bands from all over the world and received first place in their class and second place overall. Last year the Marching Band had the honor of travelling to Pearl Harbor. The Marching Band trip for the Class of 2013 will be during their junior year.

Jazz Band Trips - Eastside Jazz Ensemble auditions annually for National Festivals. Should an invitation to participate in one these festivals be extended to the group, the band director approaches the families to discuss the options of adding the event to the schedule.

Camps

The Marching Thunderhawks attend band camp at Wright State University annually in August. Some members of the band may be required to attend additional camps (Guard, Field Commanders).

Student Accounts

Lakota East Upbeat Club offers several fundraisers where students earn money through participation. This money is credited to the student's account for future use. Student accounts have been established with the goal of allowing band members to earn money for major expenses, such as band camp and overnight trips.

Student Uniforms

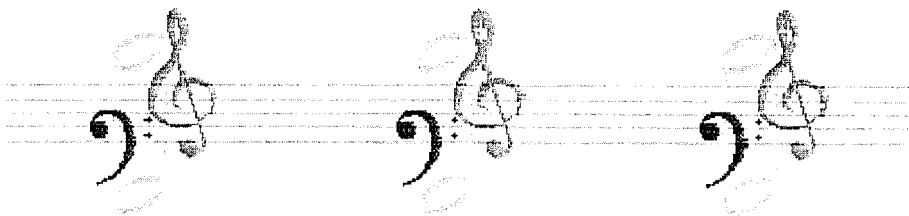
The Lakota East Upbeat Club purchases and maintains all purchased uniforms, which include Marching Band & Concert Bands at East. Students also pay a small maintenance fee for cleaning and repair of uniforms. Band members purchase the following items on their own. (* Denotes items that are purchased through the Uniform Committee)

- Symphonic Winds: Ladies - Dress* & Pearls*/Gentlemen - Tuxedo shirt
- Symphonic Band & Concert Band: Gentlemen -Tuxedo shirts
- Jazz Bands: Contact director for required dress – no school uniforms issued.
- Marching Thunderhawks: Marching shoes*, Gloves*, Berets*, Color Guard competition uniform*
A duffle bag* is included for first year marchers.

Lakota East Directors Band Directors & Upbeat Club Leadership 2009-10

Directors Of Bands	Bill Thomas, Director of Bands	William.Thomas@lakotaonline.com 759-8615x15185
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	Mindy Carroll & Lindsay Schroeder, Guard Directors	TBD.com
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LEUC VP of Freshman Campus	Kemmie Burrets	kwburrets@yahoo.com 777-1032
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Video	Mike Dawson	mdawson@isoc.net
Tag Day	Susan Joa	779-6773

*For complete list of Lakota East Upbeat Club leadership, visit: www.lakotaeastbands.org



EAST FRESHMAN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

East Freshman Concert Band Schedule

Date	Event	Place	Time
Thursday, September 3, 2009	Band Parent Meeting	LEFC Band room	7:00pm
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Tag Day	LEMC "Main Street"	8:00-12:00
Wednesday, September 23, 2009	Freshman Night Rehearsal	LEMC Band Room	3:00-4:00
Thursday, September 11, 2009	Freshman Night Rehearsal	LEMC Band Room	3:00-4:00
Friday, September 25, 2009	Freshman Night	LEMC Band Room	6:00pm
Thursday, November 19, 2009	Fall Concert	LEFC Theatre	7:00pm
Saturday, December 5, 2009	District Honor Band Auditions	Fairfield Middle School	TBD
January 15-17, 2010	District Honor Band Weekend	TBD	
Monday, February 1, 2010	Solo & Ensemble Recital	LEMC Music Area	6:00pm
Saturday, February 6, 2010	Solo & Ensemble Contest	Lakota West HS	All Day
Monday, March 8, 2010	Winter Concert	LEFC Theatre	7:00pm
Saturday, March 13, 2010	OMEA District Contest	Fairfield HS	TBD
Thursday, May 27, 2010	Spring Concert	LEFC Theatre	7:00pm

****All events in bold are required Concert Band Performances****

East Freshman Jazz Band Schedule

Date	Event	Place	Time
October 15, 2009	Fall Jazz Concert	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
December 04, 2009	Honor Jazz Band Auditions	Fairfield Middle	TBA
December 08, 2009	Jazz to the World Holiday Concert	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
January 07, 2010	Lakota East Winter Jazz Festival Freshman Band: 12 O'clock Jazz Band only	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
January 08-10, 2010	Honor Jazz Weekend	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
January 23, 2010	Jazz Swing Dance	LEHS Cafeteria	TBA
March 06, 2010	Beavercreek Jazz Festival	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
May 05, 2010	Lakota East Spring Jazz Festival Freshman Band: 2 O'clock Jazz Band only	Liberty Theatre*	TBA
May 15, 2010	Cool Jazz 'N Hotcakes Breakfast	LEHS Cafeteria	TBA
May 17, 2010	Spring Jazz Concert and Awards	Liberty Theatre*	TBA

*Liberty Theater in on Main Street at Lakota East High School – Main Campus

Lakota East Upbeat Club Freshman Information Form

Membership is free to all families of Lakota East band members. Every month Upbeat Notes, a source of information for band activities will be published & available on the band web site (www.lakotaeastbands.org) and a limited number of hard copies will be available in the band room.

LEUC Information form may be mailed to:

LEUC, Attn: Membership PO Box 1686, West Chester, OH 45071

Membership Information/Volunteer Activities

Student Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address, City, State, & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone(s) (kept confidential): _____

Family E-mail Address _____

Freshman School Bands (circle all that apply): Freshman Concert Jazz

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (Where would you like to help?)

___ 1) Help on Tag Day (Driver or Counter) (Saturday after Labor Day)

___ 2) Help with the Video Crew at Freshman Concerts - One Time _____ As Needed _____

___ 3) Help with the Fruit/Cookie Dough Sale (Oct/Nov & early December)

___ 4) Bake or sell items for the PTSO Craft Show Bake Sale

___ 5) Make Phone Calls for various events

___ 6) Help with the Swing Dance (Jan)

___ 7) Help with the Pancake Breakfast (May)

___ 8) Help with OMEA State Contest (May)

___ 9) Help sell Spiritwear - One Time _____ As Needed _____

___ 10) Help with Homearama (June)

___ 11) Have a Special Skill that may be useful to the band (i.e. nurse, sew, commercial driver, printing, signs, or Graphics etc.)

Please specify: _____



Thank You for helping OUR bands!



LAKOTA EAST BANDS PATRON REMITTANCE FORM 2009-10

Please print clearly.

Patron's Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check here if you are a Lakota East Bands alumni/alumni family ____ you will be designated as an Encore member.

Level

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|------------------------|------------------|
| ____ Conductors Circle | \$100.00 or more |
| ____ Applause Circle | \$50.00-\$99.99 |
| ____ Bravo Circle | \$25.00-\$49.99 |
| ____ Musicians Circle | \$10.00-\$24.99 |

Please be assured that any dollar amount you give will be greatly appreciated. Only amounts of \$10.00 and above can be recognized.

Payment accepted by cash/check/MC/Visa only. Please make your check payable to:

Lakota East Upbeat Club

Patron Program

P.O. Box 1686

West Chester, OH 45071-1686

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Security Code _____ Master Card/Visa (circle one)

Thank you for your support. Please make a copy of this form for your records. Each patron will be acknowledged in all 2009-10 LEHS concert programs and on the website.

Questions? Contact Bethann Niederman - niederman@fuse.net