



Upbeat Notes

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From the President

Hello Band Families --

As evidenced by the ticker on the website at lakotaeastbands.org, we are counting down the hours and minutes to band camp at Wright State University! So much behind-the-scenes work is being done and big thanks go out to Barb Wilson for her tireless efforts to get us prepared for a terrific week of good work and great fun. Please visit the website for all the forms, instructions, packing lists, donation and volunteer needs, dates and times you'll need to know for band camp. A special appeal to all those dads out there....we could use some extra male chaperones during the week of band camp. If you are feeling called to spend any number of nights with a dorm full of teenage boys, please let us know (I'm not sure that was the proper way to phrase it.).

We are also preparing for the exciting trip to Orlando in December. Again, please use our website to keep you up to date on the most current details about this trip. If, for some reason, you have not yet let us know of your student's intent to attend or NOT attend the trip, it is imperative that you let us know immediately. There are quite a few families we still have not heard from and we want to be sure to be able to include you, if you plan to join us.

Most importantly, we are quickly approaching the beginning of another school year and are preparing for that, as well. We invite you all to attend our monthly Upbeat Club meetings (we really try to keep them to an hour) to learn all that is going on to support our band programs, students and staff. It's a great opportunity to share ideas, voice concerns and really get involved in such a rewarding program. Our next meeting will be part of the band camp meeting at the Niederman farm on August 10. Most of our meetings during the school year will be the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the band room.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Jennifer Moak

Be Sure You are Signed up with CHARMS

The Charms Music Office Assistant is an online system used to manage student and financial information for the Lakota East band program. Charms gives us a single database of student information used in all aspects of our program (director communications, monthly Upbeat Notes Newsletter emails, other important email notifications/updates, etc.)

Charms offers several valuable features for students and parents:

- Finances. *View band camp payments, band fees, band trip payments, and fundraiser earnings in your student account.*



- Handouts. View and print Marching Band music & drills, Handbooks, and other important information.
- Student Info. Review and update your student and parent contact information.

Please make sure we have your correct information so you will receive important Charms emails on topics such as band camp, band trips, and band fees. Staying up to date with the band is a charm with Charms! Log in TODAY to review and update your student and parent contact information.

HOW DO I LOG INTO CHARMS?

PASSWORD for first time users:

* Beginning password is the student's 2 digit graduation year, first letter of last name, last 4 digits of phone number.

Example: Bob Smith's graduation year is 2012. His phone number is 779-9102 so his password would be 12S9102.

* Once logged in for the first time you can change your password if so desired.

WHERE do I enter my password?

* After clicking on the charms link, type your password into the 'student password' area. Click enter & you are now in Charms.

Still have questions about Charms? Contact Leslie at charms@lakotaeastbands.org and she will be happy to help.

Parent Help Needs

Parents Needed for the Uniform Committee

Ready or not here comes the marching band season!!!!

We are in **need** of parents to join our uniform committee, especially parents with younger students who will be involved for a while.

Please **check your calendar** & let me know if you're **willing & available** to help with uniform fittings on **any or all** of the following evenings.

Wed, Aug. 3rd 6-8pm

Thurs, Aug 4th 6-8pm

Mon, Aug 8th 6-8pm

Tues, Aug 9th 6-8pm

No experience necessary. We will train you on the spot. It's easy & a lot of fun.



We always have a great group of ladies & sometimes a gentleman or two working together to make sure our students look great!!

Also, while you are checking your calendar, we will **need several moms or dads to help students get ready for photos on Thursday, August 11th from around 8:30 am to 10:30 am** give or take a few minutes. Let me know if you can fit this into your schedule.

You may **contact Jen Prather** via email at kpra721363@aol.com or phone (513) 779-0586 evenings after 5:30 pm.

Thanks so much for considering helping our students step off on the right foot. Without **YOUR** help we cannot do this job!!

Jen Prather / Mary Elliott

Uniform Co-Chairs

P.S.S. If you are a stay at home mom & think you might like to join Mary Elliott as next year's co-chair let me know. This is my "senior" year & I want to make sure my replacement is well trained & ready to roll with Mary.

2011 Volunteers needed for the Video Crew

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions on the Video Crew for the 2011-2012 school year. No experience needed. Come join the video crew and have some fun this year with our great Marching, Concert, and Jazz bands. Below is a list of the positions open and the game schedule. I do not have the concert schedule yet, but we usually need camera operators for all concerts. Please e-mail me at LEHSBands.photos@cinci.rr.com if you are interested. All the jobs are easily to learn and perform, and require no experience. However, any experience or interest in video production is great. If anyone is also interested in directing the halftime show let me know because we may also need a relief director. This job requires a little knowledge of video production and running the mobile video control truck. This is a fun job as you get to be the person producing the entire halftime show that will be aired on the cable stations.

8/26 vs. Western Hills

9/16 vs. Hamilton

9/30 vs. Mason

10/21 vs. Princeton

10/28 vs. Lakota West

Camera Operators: (need at least four for each game and three for each concert) Run a professional studio camera and capture our exceptional students performing at the football games and concerts. No experience necessary.

Scoring Computer Operator: Run the graphics computer that is used to overlay all the scoring information into the video broadcast for football games. No experience necessary, but a computer savvy person would be great.

Cable Grip: Manage the cable for the hand held camera operator during football games. This is a fun job right on the football field. See the action up-close.



Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping so I can get the crew finalized.

Thanks for your support,
Mike Dawson
Video Crew Chief

Information for Upcoming Events

ORLANDO TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment for the Marching Band trip to Orlando should follow this schedule if at all possible:

- 6/2/11 - \$50
- 7/1/11 - \$200
- 8/1/11 - \$200
- 9/1/11 - \$200
- 10/1/11 - **TBD** based on total passengers

Marching Band UNIFORM FITTING INFORMATION

The Marching Band uniform fittings will be held on 4 nights during pre-camp. Pictures for photo buttons (provided by the East Upbeat Club) will also be taken on these nights. Please bring your instrument for the photo. Field Commanders and Color Guard will have their own fitting schedule and will not have fittings on these evenings, but will need to come and put on their uniforms for photo button pictures. We need to have all students in a uniform by Thursday, August 11, as that is the date the large group picture will be taken in the stands out at the football field. We would like everyone to make every effort possible to attend on their assigned evening. Mark the appropriate date and time on your calendar now to avoid conflicts when the time comes.

Please come dressed to try on the uniform - in soft gym shorts, bike shorts or boxers as shorts - NO denim or cargo shorts or long pants. Also you will need to be wearing a t-shirt **with sleeves** - NO tanks, sleeveless shirts or camisoles. (The t-shirt doesn't have to be white **this** time, but during the regular season it will need to be white.) **Drumline - if you wear a harness under your jacket you will need to have that on when you try on your jacket to get the proper fit.**

August 3, Wednesday - All Seniors will try on uniforms. Please report at the following times: 6:00 P.M. - Last names A - G; 6:45 P.M. - Last names H - O; 7:30 - Last names P - Z

August 4, Thursday - All Juniors will try on uniforms. Please report at the following times: 6:00 P.M. - Last names A - F; 6:45 - Last names G - L; 7:30 - Last names M - Z

August 8 AND August 9, Monday and Tuesday - Sophomores and Freshmen will try on uniforms. Please report on the following days and times: **August 8**, 6:00-7:00 PM - Last names A - C; 7:00-8:00 PM - Last names D - K. **August 9**, 6:00-7:00 PM - Last names L - R; 7:00- 8:00 PM - Last names S - Z.

Shoe measurements for rookies will also take place so please wear socks!



Parents - if you will be driving your student and need to wait for them, **please wait in the band room.** We will be doing the fittings in the jazz room and it will be very crowded to say the least. We appreciate your patience with this process. We will try to move as quickly as possible, but we want to ensure the best fit for every student and it may take some time. Waiting in the band room will make it easier to make sure that all students get the instruction and attention they need with minimal distraction.

If you have any questions a member of the Uniform Committee will be at pre-camp every morning or you can call or email: Jenny Prather, 779-0586/ kpra721363@aol.com OR Mary Elliott, 759-4309/ mary-m-elliott@fuse.net, 2011-2012 Uniform Co-Chairs. We will also need lots of help on these fitting nights and throughout the marching and concert season. Please contact us if you are able to help or for more information. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in getting our Marching Thunderhawks looking their best!

Gearing Up For Band Camp

Pre-camp starts this week for marching band students. Sometime during the upcoming week, please make sure you have submitted all the necessary forms and a picture. There will be a box in the band room where forms can be deposited. All medication forms need to be signed by a doctor and notarized, so please review the forms checklist at lakotaeastbands.org. Final payments for band may also be deposited with the forms.

A notary will be available at the Band Camp meeting to handle any last-minute forms.

Families are also asked to send soft drinks and snacks to be shared by all band members during our week at Wright State. Each student is asked to contribute at least one 24-pack of pop and one packaged snack item (chips, pretzels, etc). Other wish list items for band camp: plastic cups, large containers of powdered drink mix, paper towels, and napkins. These items can be left in a designated location in the band room.

Students will sign up for band room mates by grade level during the first week of band camp. Juniors and seniors will sign up for room mates on Aug. 2 and freshman/sophomore sign-ups will be Aug. 5.

Band Camp Chaperones

Band Camp chaperones are asked to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **August 10 at Neidermann Farm.** Chaperones will receive their assignments and get some sage advice of those who have experienced band camp as a chaperone before.

Niederman's Family Farm is located at 5110 LeSourdesville-West Chester Road in Liberty Township, 45011.

Next LEUC Meeting

The LEUC meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 10th about 7:15 pm at Neidermann Farm.** It is scheduled between the Band Camp Chaperone Meeting (6:30) and the New Band Parent Meeting (7:30).

The agenda will be quite brief (15-20 minutes): an overview of what LEUC is all about, a vote to pass the budget, and a simple presentation from the Mattress Fundraiser Company Spokesperson. We look forward to seeing you there.



New Marching Band Parents Meeting

If you are new to Marching Band, we encourage you to attend a new parent band camp meeting. **We will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on August 10 at Neiderman Farm in Liberty Township.** This is a great time to get all the facts about your students' week away at band camp and what they really need to bring with them. Please plan to attend.

Fundraising Information

4th Annual Mattress Sale Fundraiser!!

Support the Lakota East Bands on **Saturday, August 27, 2011**. We will be sponsoring our fourth annual mattress sale. Profits go directly to our band and student band accounts. Brand new, name brand (Restonic and Southerland) mattress sets 30% - 50% off retail. Top quality mattress sets with full manufacturer warranties. All sizes, price ranges, layaway and delivery will be available. Floor models will be on display at Lakota East High School from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 27**. If you, or anyone you know is in the market for a new mattress...check out this fundraiser!! If you need a new mattress **before our sale** or have any questions, please contact Debbie Harbin of Ultimate Fundraising Solutions at dkharbin65@yahoo.com. **ALL sales will benefit our Lakota East High School Bands.**

KROGER CARDS

New to the band family? Pick up a Kroger card for each member of your family. Did you know that you can pre-load your card with a credit card at any register? Yup....if you use a credit card to rack up points, you can use the card to load money on your Kroger card. This is the best of both worlds. You get credit card points and the Upbeat Club receives 4%. And...you can use your Kroger card to pay for Pharmacy items, gasoline, and groceries. What an easy way to help the Upbeat Club support this wonderful Lakota East Band program! Pickups available each day at pre-camp. For more information or to request a card, please email Lawanna Casto at cards@LakotaEastBands.org.

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

We are launching a new fundraising program at LakotaEastBands.org by offering advertising space to local businesses on our website. It is an excellent and affordable way for local businesses to target the people who live right here in our own community. If you have a business or know someone who does and would like more information, please contact Jennifer Moak at president@LakotaEastBands.org. You can also get additional information and see an example of what an ad might look like at our sample page at www.LakotaEastBands.org/ads.

Dates to Remember

August 1 - 12	Marching Band Pre-Camp 7:15 am – 12:15 pm (Monday – Friday)
August 1	\$200 due for Orlando Trip
August 10	6:30 pm Band Camp Chaperone Meeting at Neidermann Farm
August 10	7:15 pm LEUC August Meeting at Neidermann Farm



- August 10** 7:30 pm LEUC New Parent Meeting at Neidermann Farm
- August 11** Marching Band Group Picture at 9:00 am
- August 14 - 19** Band Camp at Wright State University
- August 19** 7:00 PM Band Camp Parent Show at Wright State University
- August 26** First Football game
- August 27** Mattress Fundraising Sale
- September 10** TAG Day

View the complete schedule - [HERE](#)

Check for updated event listings at: LakotaEastBands.org

Upbeat Club Leadership 2011-2012

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

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