



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2025/ 7:30 p.m.
Lakota East High School Media Room

Elected Officers present: Jessica Pike, Christie Wethington, Tina Wright, Jim Clary, Dawn Ritzu, Jessamine Scribner, Mary Kuhlman

Called to order: 7:31 by Christie Wethington

Director Reports:

Mr. Rob Tanis – Director of Bands, Lakota East High School

- Chair auditions begin Wednesday 8/27 for Symphonic band and Symphonic Winds
- Chair auditions begin after labor for concert band
- Chair auditions begin on Thursday 8-28 for the Freshman
- Symphonic Winds will be sharing a concert at Cincinnati Music Hall on Sunday March 22 • More information on future events will be given at curriculum night, Wednesday 8/27 • Gift Of Music will be Disney themed this year.
- Thanks to band camp volunteers.

Mr. Andrew Desmond - Assistant Band Director, Lakota East High School

- No Updates

Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director

- Jazz bands are off to a great start
- The bands played instruments for the first time yesterday (Monday 8/18)
- Fall concert is Monday October 6th at 7 PM at Lakota East Theater
- All information is on canvas, including calendar that has all performances information

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present, no updates

Mrs. Kat Eroskey-Mitchell – Band Director, Hopewell Junior School •

Not present, no updates

Secretary Report: Jim Clary

- Motion to approve the July 23 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: motion by Alexandra Ince /seconded by Christa Hobe.....Approved

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Dawn Ritzu

- Thank you Sarah, Shawn, and Joanna for setting up Donut sales last minute Friday August 15th
- Liberty Collective September 10th Grand opening, Soft opening will occur Tag day weekend.
- Jolly Treats will be at the Tag Day Finale event.
- Sponsor Banners will be printed and placed on the trailers soon.
- **"Also need someone to shadow and take over next year"**
- Fundraising Opportunities/Kroger Community Rewards – please scan the QR Code below to register your Kroger rewards account for Lakota East Upbeat club



Organization Number: VX721

Organization Name: Lakota East Upbeat Club

- Krispy Kreme Donut Sales & Volunteers () o Donut sales occur during every home football game, sales begin after halftime o Volunteers are needed at each game, thank you to those who volunteered for this Friday (8/23)

Co-Vice Presidents of Student Activities: Jess Scribner and Mary Kuhlman

- Thank you to those who helped make walking tacos and take care of the kids for party on the turf.
- Band Night Friday September 12th
- Dinner will be pizza, chips, drinks and cookies for 8th graders and our band members
- Looking for 12-16 volunteers to help feed the kids
- This event could use some Desert donations

Treasurer Report: Tina Wright

- July Treasurer Report – scan QR code below for July report
- June balance was \$160,000
- The end of July balance was \$147,000 (-13000)



- Corporate sponsors money collected
- Liberty Collective \$400
- State Farm (Mike Garland) \$2500
- Money that has come in.
- Spiritwear shirts \$2000 • Parent/ show shirts \$5520
- Money that has gone out this month: • Pool Party Rental \$450
- Guard Costumes(36) \$9800
- Prop Throne \$14000

Committee Chair Reports

Sonya Clary and Tracy Keenan - Marching Band Uniforms and Show Shirts

- Show Shirts have been passed out. All remaining will be for sale on Wed 8/27
- Uniform meeting Wednesday 8/28 at 6:00 for anyone who is interested in helping to wrap or plume before performances

Tracy Keenan and Alexandra Ince - Marching Band Uniform Alterations

- Uniform alterations are complete 174 uniforms

Alexandra Ince - Concert Band Uniforms

- Looking for someone to shadow to take over in two years
- Uniforms for Symphonic Winds (tuxedos and dresses) will be ordered/fitted soon
- Symphonic Band and Concert band may order concert black items if needed

Jim Keenan and Jim Clary - Pit Crew

- New band trailer has been wired and lights installed for upcoming season
- Foam blocks have arrived and will begin reinforcing and painting them
- Could use a couple more people to help

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- Senior shirts ordered, payment due at pickup in two weeks
- Hall of Fame apparel will be setting up a spirit wear store soon
- Next month Orlando shirts will become available to purchase
- Selling lanyard, decals, and magnets for \$5 via cash/check/square soon
- Section shirts – the section spirit wear does not have to be through HOF. The students received a new document and they are able to use whoever they want or I can help them submit their design/get quotes from any of the vendors listed
- Spirit Wear is a typically a fundraiser due to being sold to parents

Nicole Weinrich - Dine and Donate

- Upcoming Dine and Donate events ○ Aug 26th at Chipotle on Cin-Day Road ○ Sept 22nd Skyline chili and Cin-Day Road ○ Oct no dine and donate due to packed schedule
○ November – date TBD ○
December – date TBD

Andrew Webber – Social Media

- Getting things ready to post for Tag Day
- Send pictures to Andrew at (513) 260-5863 or email at drew443@gmail.com

Maggie Panyko– Website

- Website is being updated with new photos and links
- Also will have a new winterguard tab

Christa Sexton and Aimee Donnellon– Chaperones/Travel

- There was a good turnout for the chaperone meeting, we still need more if interested • All room and seating assignments are finished for the Orlando trip • September 1st is the final payment date for this season.
- Aimee Donnellon will now co chair for this season
- Sharon and Aaron will co chair next year with Aimee

Christa Hobe - Photo committee

- All button photos have been edited and are on smug mug • Some buttons and photos have not been picked up • 800 buttons and 130 portraits have been printed.
- Thank you to all parent help during photo sessions and helping pass out buttons and prints
- Senior parents can still purchase poster, and can also purchase an extra poster
- Looking for more volunteers to take photos at events
- Needing signup genius for volunteers to put up senior posters before each football game.
- Section photos will be available during October

Jennifer Roth - Spirit Committee

- Looking for help decorating lockers before competitions(Playing cards)
- When leaving for competitions we could use some help with the cowbells and signs at the Freshman building or around main campus to see the kids off.
- When returning from competitions arrive 20 minutes before to get out glow sticks, bubbles, and foam light up sticks.

Amy Coons - Tag Day

- Fundraising campaign is this Saturday August 23rd
- Need over 17 parent volunteers ○ Minimum quota per section for parent signups
 - Senior students go and perform at four donation stations around town (see Rachelle Foster) ○ Stations will be Chick-fila at VOA, Skyline on Dudley, Liberty Collective, Walmart on Cin-Day
- Tag day ends with a performance in front of the HS
- Increase in revenue over the years due in part to ease of donating online, and ability to donate to a particular student

President Report: Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington

- Board Positions for 2025/2026 season ○ All board positions are open every year ○ Vice-President of Ways and Means (Dawn is in her final year)

Meeting adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Alexandra Ince/seconded by Rachelle Foster.....**Approved**

Please see the Google Calendar on the Lakota East Bands website www.lakotaeastbands.org for the latest information and follow us @lakotaeastbands

***The next Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting will be Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 7:30pm.
Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the
Lakota East Upbeat Club.***