



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2025/ 7:30 p.m.
Lakota East High School Media Room

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

Called to order: 7:31 by Jessica Pike

Dr. Whitley/ Mr Zinc-

- Came to the meeting to discuss the upcoming Bond Issue on the Ballot
- Biggest takeaways were less building transitions, more flex learning spaces, smaller class sizes, and better safety and security because of fewer buildings.
- More info please go to www.forlakota.com

Director Reports:

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

- Thanks to all for support for the Norwood competition. Currently there are no plans to make up Norwood.
- Orlando Itinerary is being updated as it is constantly changing.
- \$300 band fees should have hit everyone's account.
- Thankful for the effort from everyone so far this season, from the students to the tag day volunteers, to the pit crew and all those who have helped with the props
- Here is an update on Instrument rental fees and other fees
- \$75 for Junior High
- \$100 for High School
- Wind is \$55 a Semester or \$100 a year
- Percussion is \$35 a Semester or \$60 a year
- Class fees come out to \$16.79 a year and that mostly covers the binder.
- Fall Concerts coming up Monday October 6th. Fall Jazz concerts at the East High school theater. Freshman start at 6:30 and it goes through all the Jazz bands at the high school level.
- Fall Concert band concerts coming up Monday October 13th. These will also be at the East high school Theater. Freshman will again go on at 6:30 and it will cycle through all of the other High school level bands up to Symphonic Winds.
- The Marching Thunderhawks will have a Community Show on October 21st at 8:30pm.

- Marching band will play at the Indy Super Regional on Friday 24th at 2:15 pm. Following the competition this day we will drive everything back to the East football Game against West. Saturday October 25th we will drive back to Indianapolis.
- For any updated events or times please consult the Google Calendar.

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

- Present but nothing to report

Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director

- Not present, but had some info to share.
- The Lakota East Fall Jazz Concert will take place Monday, October 6th, 2025, in the Lakota East Main Campus Theater, at 7:00 PM. The concert will include jazz bands from Lakota East Main and Freshman Campuses.
- Estimated Performance Times are listed below:
- 7:00-7:15 - East Freshman Jazz Ensemble
- 7:20-7:35 - East Jazz Lab Band
- 7:40-8:00 - East Jazz Ensemble
- 8:05-8:35 - Eastside Jazz Orchestra
- I also wanted to provide an update on the Navy Jazz Commodores concert that was scheduled for Wednesday, October 22nd. Unfortunately, due to budgetary and logistical issues, the Commodores had to cancel their performance at Lakota East.

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present, Would like to thank the upbeat club and volunteers for feeding and Taking care of the 8th grade Band kids on band night .

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

- Not present

Secretary Report: *Jim Clary*

- The last three meeting minutes can be found on the band website under the Upbeat Club tab.
- Motion to approve the August 19th Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: motion by Alexandra ince/ seconded by Aimee Donnelon.....**Approved**

Vice-President of Ways and Means: *Dawn Ritzu*

- Looking for someone to shadow and take over this role for next year.
- 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 so far this season

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

- Jess Scribner was not present, Mary was present but due to short meeting not much was presented

Treasurer Report: *Tina Wright*

- August Treasurer Report – scan QR code below for August report



- Our balance at the end of August was \$180,087, an increase of \$20,000
- Income includes:
 - Football Fundraiser (Krispy Kreme) \$1484
 - Senior posters
 - Photo sales
 - Chik-Fil-A dine and donate brought in \$141
 - Tag Day
- Annual insurance was paid
- Guard uniforms were purchased

Committee Chair Reports

Sonya Clary and Tracy Keenan - Marching Band Uniforms

- Reminder to bring equipment bag and hat, drillmasters, gloves, and anything to put hair up. No makeup, no jewelry, no facial hair are allowed
- Uniforms will travel on rack, equipment bags travel with student

Tracy Keenan and Alexandra Ince – Marching Band Uniform Alterations

- Nothing new to report

Alexandra Ince – Concert Band Uniforms

- Winds dresses and tuxedo shirt orders are underway.
 - Once all orders are placed, total cost amount will be sent to parents

Jim Keenan and Jim Clary – Pit Crew

- Looking for help painting the blocks
- Would like to find volunteer CDL drivers to drive or be available as a spare driver for next year's marching band season.

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- Nothing new was reported

Nicole Weinrich – Dine and Donate

- Looking for someone to take over this role.
- Upcoming Dine and Donate events
 - October has no dine and donate due to packed schedule
 - November – potentially Donatos, date TBD
 - December – City BBQ, date TBD

Andrew Webber – Social Media

- 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

Christa Sexton and Aimee Donnellon – Chaperones/Travel

- All hotels and Chaperones are ready for Orlando Regional

Christa Hobe - Photo committee

- Send Christa any photos of students at band events or non band events
- Still ordering extra photo buttons for those who want them

Jennifer Roth – Spirit Committee

- Locker posters will be done for competitions
 - Volunteers will be needed to help hang locker posters
- Will send information before each competition about send offs and welcome home

Amy Coons - Tag Day

- Not Present due to type of meeting.

President Report: Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington

- Tag Day – huge thank you to Amy Coons!
- Thunderhawk hustle 5K run/walk deadline is Thursday, \$10 of registration fee can come back to Upbeat Club

Meeting adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Alexandra Ince /seconded by Jim Keenan.....**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 October 28, 2025 at 7:30pm. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the Lakota East Upbeat Club.