



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026/ 7:00 p.m.
Lakota East High School Band Room

Elected Officers present: Jessica Pike, Tina Wright, Christa Hobe, Mary Kuhlman, Jim Clary

Called to order: 7:01 by Jessica Pike

Director Reports:

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

- Symphonic Winds is being invited to OMEA State PD conference in Columbus on the weekend of Jan 30th
- Chair Auditions are set to begin a week later this year

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

- Band Camp time was reduced this year per kid request
- Everything is right on schedule
- Friday August 21 is the first home football game

Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director,

- Not present but did share an update which is posted at the end.

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

- Not present, no updates

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present, no updates

Mr Ethan Davis - Colorguard / Winterguard Instructor Lakota East High School

- Winterguard draft schedule has been released

Secretary Report: *Jim Clary*

- Due to computer and personal issues no meeting minutes were posted or voted on.

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Christa Hobe

- Looking for someone to take over Dine and Donate
- Thank you to Rob Sims and Missy Medrosa for helping hang the senior posters
- Corporate Sponsorships
 - New sponsors/Increased sponsors
 - Foreign Exchange
- If anyone knows someone interested in being a corporate sponsor we are always looking for more to share our band with.
- Fundraising idea: Family Sponsor where families have the opportunity to donate to the band and get names placed in programs as recognition for their support.
- Fundraising Opportunities/Donations
 - Tag Day - August 22nd
 - Looking for someone to help with Cake Roll Fundraiser (Order 10-19/11-2)(Del Nov 23)
 - Would like some help with Butterbraids fundraiser to either continue or change
- Krispy Kreme Donut Sales & Volunteers (Sarah Ellis)
 - Donut sales occur during every home football game(Volunteers needed to take over)
 - Volunteers are needed at each game

Vice President of Student Activities: Mary Kuhlman

- Volunteers needed for the pool party, Party on the Turf, Band Night Sept.25th, Senior Night Oct. 23rd

Treasurer Report: Tina Wright

- o **July Financials**
- Cash at beginning of FYE27 \$ 185,469
- Cash at end of month \$175,494
- Corporate sponsor Liberty Collective received +\$400
- Consumables \$33,023
- Prop Sales + \$910
- Equipment purchases - \$1194.72
- Band camp outings - \$6600
- Color guard flags and uniforms -\$12,098
- MB Consultant Scott Lang -\$1650
- Paid remaining prop balance -\$8275
- o Updated forms on band website for payment requests and deposits
- We do not reimburse for sales tax



July Financials
2026 - 2027 Budget

Committee Chair Reports

Jessica Pike – Band Camp

- Looking for a band camp chair for next year to cover this.
- Thank you for volunteers and donations

Sonya Clary and Stephanie Hewitt - Marching Band Uniforms

- Looking for help wrapping and pluming at football games.
- Looking for help wrapping before competitions

Alexandra Ince and Sonya Clary – Marching Band Uniform Alterations

- Looking for volunteers to help and shadow for the future
- Thank you for all the help during band camp making sure these kids uniforms got sewn, overall things ended up finishing early this year.
- Uniform and Alterations meeting is August 20th
- Would like some volunteers to help fit kids for Winds band tuxedos and dresses

Jim Clary and Dave Payne – Pit Crew

- Looking for help pushing the props onto the field during competitions and football games
- Looking for possible reserve people with CDL who could be interested in pulling our trailers to shows in the coming years.

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- Thursday August 20th before practice i will be out in front of the school filling show shirt orders
- Has car decals, stickers, magnets, etc are on sale for \$5. Will be available prior to football games
- Senior shirt order forms are ready
- Spiritwear store opening in the coming weeks

- Dine and Donate

- We are looking for volunteers to take over the Dine and Donate program for this year. Currently none of the events are set up, just need someone to work with the businesses to finalize details, set up Spring events, and make sure the events are communicated via social media.
- Upcoming Dine and Donate events
 - Could really use some help getting sponsor locations set up

Andrew Webber – Social Media

- Send pictures to Andrew at (513) 260-5863 or email at drew443@gmail.com

Maggie Panyko– Website

- No updates

Aimee Donnellon– Chaperones/Travel

- Room placements for band is scheduled
- List of Chaperones is out and will be meeting next week

Christa Hobe - Photo committee

- Thank you for picking up your orders
- Thank you Brunners, Missy and Rob Sims for any help with pictures
- Still accepting orders so please turn them in by August 21
- Looking for senior parents to help hang senior posters before and after football games
- Looking for help with taking photos during the year to catch all the great kid moments.

Amy Coons and Rochelle Foster - Tag Day

- Fundraising campaign is about two weeks
- Saturday, August 22 is collection day 9am-2:15pm,
- Need over 50 parent volunteers - Drivers
 - Minimum quota per section for parent signups
- Looking for Walmart volunteers for Tag Day
- Donation stations are Walmart on Cin DAY, Skyline on Dudley, and Liberty Collective
- Tag day ends with a performance in front of the HS at 4pm

President Report: Jessica Pike

- Volunteer Opportunities - Football Announcer, Craft Show, Spirit Chair, Band Camp, Jazz Fest, Pit Crew, CDL Drivers
- Any board position can be up for grabs every year. The treasurer position will be coming open for next year if anyone is interested.

Meeting adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Jess Scribner/seconded by Aimee Donnellon**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 22, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Innovation Hub. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the Lakota East Upbeat Club.

Good Afternoon,

I will be unable to attend the Upbeat Club meeting tonight, so here are some notes from the jazz program:

Welcome back to another great year in the Lakota East Jazz Program! It has been great to hear the bands play this week for the first time!

The performance calendar was shared with the students on their first day of school as a part of their jazz handbook and has been uploaded to Canvas, ParentSquare, and the East bands calendar. I look forward to sharing more at curriculum night on 8/26!

Information regarding part assignment auditions (similar to chair placements for the concert band) will be shared with the students by the end of this week. These will take place virtually as a Canvas assignment. Please let Mr. Todahl know if you have any questions.

The first jazz concert of the year is on Monday, October 5th in the Main Campus theatre at 7pm. This concert will feature the freshman jazz ensemble as well as all three main campus jazz bands.

Thank you so much for your support and I look forward to a great year!

Mr. Todahl