



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2026/ 7:00 p.m.
Lakota East High School Media Room

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

Called to order: 7:00 by Jessica Pike

Director Reports:

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

- Thanks 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 Jazz Concerts coming up Monday October 5th. Fall Jazz concerts at the East High school theater. Freshman start at 7:00 and it goes through all the Jazz bands at the high school level.
- Fall Concert band concerts coming up Monday October 12th. 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 November 5th at 8:30pm.
- Marching band will play at the BOA Central Ohio Regional at Obetz Fortress stadium Saturday September 26 with performance at 1pm
- Marching Thunderhawks will also play at the BOA Louisville Regional on Saturday October 3rd at 12:30pm
- 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

Mr. Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director

- Not present, but had some info to share.
- Congratulations to Skylar Smith for being selected to be a member of the 2027 Ohio All State Jazz Ensemble! This is a tremendous honor and accomplishment as this ensemble is comprised of the best high school jazz musicians in the state of Ohio

- The Lakota East Fall Jazz Concert will take place Monday, October 5th, 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
- Dress Code for all Main Campus Jazz bands is a Black button down long sleeve shirt, black pants, black shoes, black socks, black belt, ties are optional. No hats Except for at special events

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present

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

- Not present

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

- Varsity Winterguard has been registered for WGI

Secretary Report: Jim Clary

- The last two months of meeting minutes have not been uploaded and cannot be voted on at this time. Will revisit next month

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Vacant

- Looking for someone to shadow and take over this role for next year.
- Krispy Kreme Donut Sales & Volunteers ()
 - Donut sales occur during every home football game, sales begin after halftime
 - Volunteers are needed at each game, thank you to those who volunteered so far this season

Vice President of Student Activities: Mary Kuhlman

- Band Night should have 347 kids attending and would really appreciate any volunteers to help make sure these kids are fed.
- October 23rd is Senior Night

Treasurer Report: Tina Wright

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



- Our balance at the end of August was \$190,370, an increase of \$4901.43
- Income includes:
 - Football Fundraiser (Krispy Kreme) + \$665.91
 - Corporate Sponsor (Foreign Exchange) + \$500
 - Kroger + \$464
 - Tag Day + 39,417.88 after expenses
- Annual insurance was paid - \$300

Committee Chair Reports

Sonya Clary and Stephanie Hewitt - 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
- Thanks for the quick turnaround with washing uniforms this weekend

Sonya Clary 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 Clary and Dave Payne – Pit Crew

- Nothing to report

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- Spiritwear store open with delivery on the 19th
- Only 6 show shirts left

Emily Rutherford – Dine and Donate

- Upcoming Dine and Donate events
 - First Dine and Donate is tonight at Torchy's Tacos
 - October Dine and donate at Raising Canes on Tylersville

Andrew Webber – Social Media

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

Aimee Donnellon – Chaperones/Travel

- Nothing to Report

Spirit Committee - Vacant

- Looking for someone to chair this position
- 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 and Rychel Foster - Tag Day

- 30 non marchers showed up to help
- Seniors had a great time at performing stations

- 89 students earned prizes
- Senior class won most sales
- Total Earned was \$40,875

President Report: Jessica Pike

- Tag Day – huge thank you to Amy Coons and Rachelle Foster!
- Cake Roll/Pretzel Fundraiser starts 10/19 with delivery on the Monday November 23rd
- Spring fundraiser vote, Butterbraids vs Little Debbie
- Bylaws amendment was a unanimous vote to adopt
- Thunderhawk hustle 5K run/walk deadline is Thursday, \$10 of registration fee can come back to Upbeat Club Hustle is on October 25th

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 October 20, 2026 at 7:00pm. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the Lakota East Upbeat Club.