

Dear Band Families:

I hope you're having a great summer and are looking forward to the beginning of the marching band season. For the first time we are sending the summer letter via email. As this will be our most consistent form of communication, we ask that you keep us updated of your current email address. The attached band calendar has changed little since it was sent home in February. All updates are marked in bold print.

Band camp begins!

Here's the schedule for the next two weeks. A full calendar of band events is attached. Please refer to it often!!

Monday July 26-Band Camp. 7:00am-5:00pm Full Band (Full band=hornline, drumline and color guard)

Tuesday July 27 Band Camp. 7:00am-8:30am Freshmen/new members. 8:30am-5:00pm Full Band

Wednesday July 28 Band Camp. 7:00am-8:30am Freshmen/new members. 8:30am-5:00pm Full Band

Thursday July 28 Band Camp. 7:00am-8:30am Freshmen/new members. 8:30am-5:00pm Full Band

Monday August 2-Band Camp. 7:00am-5:00pm Full Band

Tuesday August 3 Band Camp. 7:00am-5:00pm Full Band

Wednesday August 4 Band Camp. 7:00am-5:00pm Full Band

Thursday August 5 Band Camp. 7:00am-5:00pm Full Band

Monday August 9 NO REHEARSAL!

Tuesday August 10 Band camp. 1:30-6:00pm

Wednesday August 11 Band Camp. 1:30-6:00pm

Thursday August 12. Performance for teachers/depart for Camp Lakewood

It's imperative that all band members work diligently on preparing their band music for camp. It is our goal to have the majority of the show music memorized BEFORE the start of school. Audio of our music is posted on the band website: <http://spiritstlband.org/music.html>

During camp and throughout the year we will try very hard to avoid conflicts with sports and other school activities. When you encounter a conflict, please bring it to our attention immediately so it can be resolved quickly and beneficially to all concerned.

Band members will be choosing their cabin mates for Camp Lakewood on July 26. Band members may group as many 12 band members. Start thinking ahead so this process can move smoothly on Monday!

Band Forms and Physicals

If you received this letter and are not planning to participate in the marching band, PLEASE contact me immediately. Likewise, if you have not returned your camp forms, we will assume you are no longer interested in being in the marching band. If you have been contacted regarding the need to turn in band forms-including physicals- please do so IMMEDIATELY so your band may participate.

Dr. Helms reminds us that all students must have all fines, detentions (or other school discipline) and NC credit resolved BEFORE they may participate in school activities.

New Activity Fee

Below is the text from the Lindbergh website outlining the new activity fee that must be paid for all students participating in athletics and activities. As mentioned within this text, the proceeds from this fee will generate funds to preserve these programs during budget reductions. This is not a band or Bandstander fee.

Activity Fee Helps District Save Student Programs

Thursday, July 15 2010 @ 02:05 CDT

In a step to preserve extracurricular sports and activities for students, Lindbergh Schools will begin charging a nominal fee for gate admission to athletic events, and for students grades 6-12 who wish to participate in extracurricular programs. The combined steps are estimated to generate more than \$60,000 in revenue, helping offset \$4.7 million in district budget reductions.

The Board of Education approved charging a one-time annual fee of \$35 for high school students and \$10 for middle school students as part of the budget reduction process last February. This fee covers unlimited activity and athletic participation for each student during the 2010-11 school year.

In addition, the board approved a recommendation to charge \$3 for gate admission to athletic events. This includes varsity football, varsity boys and girls soccer, varsity and JV boys and girls basketball, and wrestling meets.

Q: How do I pay the activity fee for my child?

A: All high school students participating in activities or athletics need to fill out a participation permission form in the athletic office. At that time, they will be asked to pay the \$35 fee, which covers unlimited participation throughout the school year. Middle school students should bring their \$10 payment to the principal's office.

Q: When is payment due for participation in fall athletics and activities?

A: Students must pay their activity fee before they begin participation in a sport or organization.

Q: What form(s) of payment do you accept?

A: Cash is preferable, but checks are also acceptable and can be made payable to "Lindbergh Schools".

Q: Can I buy a season pass for sporting events?

A: Season passes will be available for purchase in the athletic office at a 20 percent discount, and also at the first home football and soccer games. Free family passes and Senior Associates gold cards have been discontinued.

If parents have additional questions about these changes, please call the LHS athletic office at 729-2414, or Sperrung Middle School at 729-2420.

Other upcoming events/meetings:

Thursday July 22- Band leadership meeting (officer section leaders) 11:00-2:00pm in the band room.

Tuesday July 27-Camp Lakewood Chaperone meeting -6:30pm at Neumeier home.

Monday August 2-Band Parent Meeting-6:30pm in the LHS Bandroom

Tuesday August 3-Band Pool Party at Whitecliff Park -6:00pm

Please refer to the band calendar

The attached band calendar is also posted on our band websites. Please check it often as it will be adjusted as events change or are added. The first two days of Labor Day weekend are very special as Mr. Jeff Throop, President of the Tournament of Roses, and his wife, will be visiting us!!! We have a whole array of activities planned for those two days that involve the band and the community. All of these events are as well as our current fundraisers listed at www.spiritstlband.org

Dealing with Summer Heat

As you know most school athletics and activities at this time of year take place outdoors. I have found that band members spend a good deal of the summer indoors! Spending hours outside can be a big change!

Attached is the Lindbergh School District guidelines for all activities/athletics regarding summer heat. Sherrie Neumeier, our band nurse, has also listed some important reminders to stay cool and healthy during this time of year:

1. Get your band member back into good sleeping habits. Get a full eight hours of sleep.
2. Get out and exercise! Get out of the air conditioned house, DAILY, to build up some tolerance to being out in the elements.
3. HYDRATION is very important. We cannot express this enough! Be sure your band member comes prepared with a WATER JUG with spout lid, clearly marked with your band member's name. A plastic water bottle is not sufficient. Band members should not wait until they are thirsty to start drinking water!
4. Students should NOT skip breakfast prior to coming to band camp. REMEMBER, this is the most important meal of the day!!
5. Wearing SUNSCREEN is a must! Apply it in the morning before coming to the practice field.
6. Wear white and light colored clothing! Wearing HATS, SUN GLASSES, and any other protective gear will go a long way to keeping your band member cool and protected.
7. All band members are expected to wear athletic shoes at band camp!!! ABOSULUTELY NO FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS will be accepted as proper footwear!
8. Looking ahead to Camp Lakewood--It is suggested for those students who have environmental allergies to continue or start taking their oral medications prior to going to Camp Lakewood. Every tree, weed, and allergy-producing plant know to Missouri grows right there at Camp Lakewood. Every stinging insect also lives there too, so if your student has an EPI-PEN, THEY MUST BRING IT EVERY DAY. Same goes for INHALERS.

Officers, Drum Majors and Section Leaders Meeting

TO BE RESCHEDULED

Band officers/section leaders meet in the bandroom on Thursday July 22 from 11:00-2:00pm. (new time) Topics: Rehearsal etiquette, sectionals, goals for camp. Have all camp social activities/themes ready to go! This is a meeting to FINALIZE plans that you have previously discussed with each other. Come prepared!! Please contact Mr. Spiegelman if you cannot attend.

Parent Meeting

Please plan to attend our first band parent meeting of the year on Monday August 2 at 6:30pm in the bandroom. It's a great time to get aquatinted, see each other again and get the latest news on the show, band camp, uniforms, our upcoming performance schedule, how to get involved, fundraising projects and our band trips!! I hope to see everyone there!

Pool Party

Following rehearsal on Tuesday evening August 3 we will have our annual pool party at Whitecliff Park. We hope all band members will plan attend. It's a great chance to have fun and get to know each other. We will have dinner and time for games and swimming! More information will be given during band camp.

Who do I contact????

Here's a mini-directory of parent contacts regarding band events and topics. PLEASE check our websites often for news and updates.

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Scholarships for Tournamnet of Roses Trip

You should have recently received an e-mail from Bandstanders with information and an application form pertaining to anticipated need-based scholarships they hope to offer to band members for the upcoming Tournament of Roses Parade trip. The scholarship application should be completed and returned in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL to the LHS Band green mailbox (in the LHS bandroom) no later than July 30th.

For a copy of the application or more information, please go to the **www.bandstanders.info** or **www.spiritstlband.org** websites.

Contact Us

Although I will be out of town through July 21, answers to many questions regarding the band program can be answered by looking through the attached materials or by referring to the band websites listed above. To stay connected with the band program, I urge you to keep your email and all contact information current by sending them to us.

Here's to a very exciting, SPECIAL year with the Lindbergh High School Band!!

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