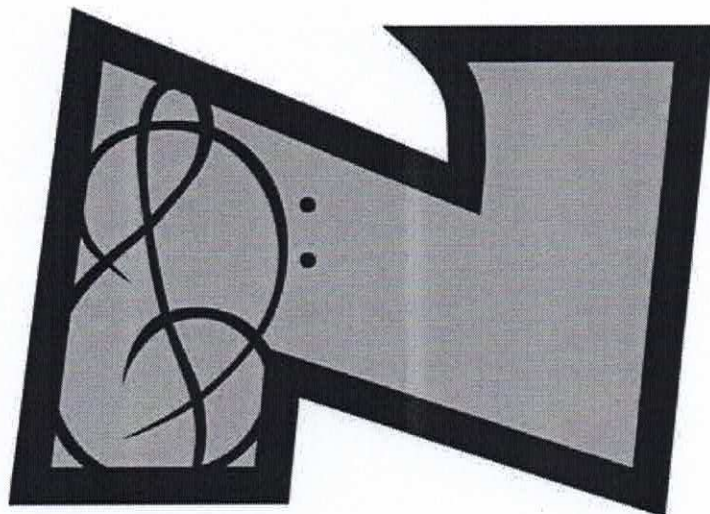


**L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL NORTH
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

2022-2023 HANDBOOK



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Introduction

A Message from the Director

Welcome to the LCHS-North Band program! There are many opportunities that await all of us through the year, but we need to work together as we put together a program that has integrity and pride. The goal is to expand our musical horizons and knowledge through daily practice, rehearsing, and listening. It is important that EVERY member realizes they are an important part of the program and the success the program achieves is a direct result of the hard work we put in!

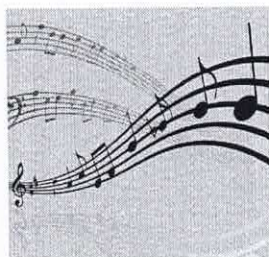
This handbook contains much of the information that you will need to be successful. The most important piece of information to take away from this is the calendar of events and activities. Understand that performance opportunities will arise during the year and the calendar is a 'living' document. Make sure you and your parents are on the LCN Band Boosters e-mail group and check the website (www.lcnbands.com) frequently for the most up-to-date information.

We look forward to making music with all of you this year!

Mr. Daniel J. Griffith, Director of Bands

LCN Administration and Instructional Staff

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ms. Meredith Beard..... | LCHS-N Principal |
| Ms. Melissa Chase..... | LCHS-N Assistant Principal |
| Mr. Nicholas Ellul..... | LCHS-N Assistant Principal |
| Mr. Michael Poljanac..... | LCHS-N Dean of Students |
| Mr. Daniel J. Griffith..... | LCHS-N Instrumental Music Director |
| Mr. Scott A. Oranchak..... | Fine Arts Paraprofessional |



Grading and Evaluation

Students in the instrumental music program at LCHS-N will be assessed on both performance and written skills.

Playing tests will occur every 2-3 weeks (roughly) and will alternate between a scale pattern exercise and a 1:1 playing evaluation of traditional instrumental etudes.

The goal of the assessments is to ensure all students are being challenged and growing as performers and musicians.

Your grade in band will be comprised of 2 components:

- 40% Formative Assessments: These will include written, playing, and rhythmic assignments/tests throughout the semester along with daily participation. This assessment is meant more to be a guidance tool for student growth.
 - * Daily Participation Points (3 points possible each Day):
 - On Time/Warmed-Up/Tuned 1 point
 - Prepared with Music 1 point
 - Playing on instrument during class 1 point
- 60% Summative Assessments: This is a formal evaluation on performance assignments and learning goals. Concerts, etudes, and scale tests are the primary focus of formative assessments.
 - * Performance Points (50 points for each performance)
 - Unexcused Absence – Loss of 50 Performance Points
 - Not in Proper Uniform – Loss of 20 Performance Points
 - Disrespectful Etiquette – Loss of 30 Performance Points
 - Tardy – Loss of 10 Performance Points

Each band student's marking period grade will be based on the LCPS Grading Scale and final grades will be calculated 1st Quarter 40%, 2nd Quarter 40%, Final Exam 20%.



Band Member Responsibilities

General Classroom Rules and Procedures

Specific classroom procedures will be covered with students during the first week of school. These expectations will include policies regarding self-warm-up time, talking, cell phones, and bathroom use.

Attendance Policy

All ensembles at L'Anse Creuse High School North are Co-Curricular classes. This indicates there will be requirements for students outside of the school day. For the band classes, this refers to performances. Band concerts are graded events for band students. For a list of required events, see the calendar at the end of this handbook or the calendar on the band website.

For a more detailed explanation of the LCN Instrumental Music program's attendance policy, see the band's Website (XXXX).

School Provided Equipment

Instruments – Students that sign-out a school instrument for use will be responsible for the care of that instrument, except in the case of typical wear and tear. All school instruments will be checked-in at the end of the year for inventory and maintenance purposes. Students continuing with the LCN Instrumental Music Program may be allowed to re-check the instrument out immediately if no maintenance is needed.

Uniforms – All students will be assigned a school instrument. It is the responsibility of the individual student to care for each part of the uniform. Uniforms should be hung up on their hangers when not being worn.

Girls – Concert Dresses. Girls will need to supply their own black shoes.

Boys – Tux Shirts and Bow-Ties. Boys will need to supply their own black slacks, shoes, socks, and white undershirt. A black belt is also recommended.

Locks and Lockers – All concert ensemble students will be assigned a band locker with combination lock at the high school. Students will be responsible for the lock. Lockers do not function properly unless students use the lock.

Folders – Each student will be assigned a Concert Folder. All concert folders should remain at school, except for concerts. Paper folders will be made available for students to take home music for practice.

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Practice Requirements

It is imperative that each student maintain a consistent level of practice. This is important from the standpoint of being prepared for performances and rehearsals. Everyone has a vital role and part within the ensemble, so PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!! At the high school level, we will not track individual practice through records. Instead, individual preparation may be checked through spot checks in class.

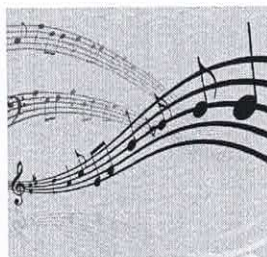
Band Booster Organization

Any parent or guardian with a member of any ensemble in the LCN band program is automatically a member of the Band Boosters. The Band Boosters support the LCN Band program through fundraising and volunteering at events. Running a successful instrumental music program requires a great deal of support. To find out how you can help, go to the web site Band Boosters or Volunteers pages (www.lcnbands.com) or reach out directly to the boosters via email (lcbandboosters@gmail.com). The general membership of the band boosters meets four times per year. These dates can be found on the band's calendar.

Booster Board

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Co-President | Heather Prevost |
| Co-President | Brenda Carlson |
| Vice-President | Angela Ressler |
| Secretary | Paula Cameron |
| Treasurer | Kenneth Grix |

Fundraisers – The LCN Band Boosters have several events and activities that raise funds for the band, in general, as well as individual students. The biggest of these fundraisers are the Winter Craft Show (December), Spring Craft Show (April), and hosting MSBOA Marching Band Festival (October). For more information regarding fundraisers, see the band website, or contact the band boosters at lcbandboosters@gmail.com.

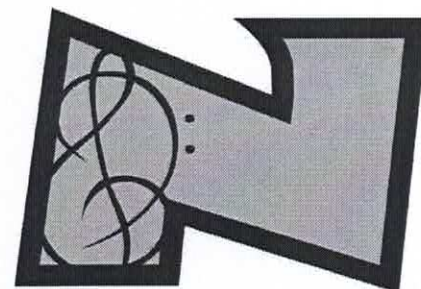


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - as of 09/07/22

CHECK WWW.LCNBANDS.COM/CALENDAR FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

| DATE | ACTIVITY | REPORT TIME | EVENT TIME |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------|
| September** | | | |
| 09 (Fri) | Home Football Game vs. Port Huron Northern HS (MB) - Senior Night | 4:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 10 (Sat) | Bottle & Can Drive #2 | --- | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| 15 (Thur) | Florida Trip Meeting – via Zoom | --- | 7:00pm |
| 17 (Sat) | Super Saturday (MB) | --- | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| 30 (Fri) | Home Football Game vs. Port Huron High School HS (MB) | 4:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 31 (Sat) | Trenton Marching Band Invitational (MB) | TBA | TBA |
| October** | | | |
| 01 (Sat) | Troy Athens Marching Band Invitational (MB) | TBA | TBA |
| 07 (Fri) | Home Football Game vs. Fraser HS - (MB) - Homecoming Game/Parade | 4:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 11 (Tues) | MSBOA District 16 Marching Band Festival – Hosted at LCN (MB) | TBA | TBA |
| 14 (Fri) | Home Football Game vs. Warren Woods Tower HS (MB) - Middle Schools | 4:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 15 (Sat) | DeWitt Marching Band Invitational (MB) | TBA | TBA |
| 26 (Wed) | Spaghetti Dinner/MB Performance (MB) | TBA | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| November | | | |
| 19 (Sat) | Mt. Clemens Santa Parade (MB) | 9:30am | 10:00am |
| December | | | |
| 2 (Fri) | Winter Craft Show Set-Up | ---- | 6:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 3 (Sat) | Winter Craft Show (All Concert Ensembles Perform) | TBA | 8:00am – 7:00pm |
| TBD | Winter Instrumental Music Concert (ALL) DATE TO BE DETERMINED | TBA | 7:00 pm |
| January | | | |
| 28 (Sat) | MSBOA District 16 Chamber Ensemble Festival (V) | --- | --- |
| February | | | |
| 03 (Fri) | MSBOA District 16 High School Solo & Ensemble Percussion Festival (V) | --- | --- |
| 04 (Sat) | MSBOA District 16 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival (V) | --- | --- |
| 27 (Mon) | Pre-Festival Concert (All Concert Bands) | TBA | 7:00 pm |
| March | | | |
| 09 (Th), 10 (Fr), & 11 (Sa) | MSBOA District 16 Band Festival (All Concert Bands) – Location TBA | TBA | 6:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 18 (Sat) | MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival (V) | | 8:00am – 7:00pm |
| 29 (Wed) - 4/3 (Mon) | LCN Fine Arts Florida Trip (V) | | |
| April | | | |
| 21 (Fri) | Spring Craft Show Set-Up | --- | 6:00pm – 9:00pm |
| 22 (Sat) | Spring Craft Show | TBA | 8:00am – 7:00pm |
| May | | | |
| 03 (Wed) | Spring Instrumental Music Concert (Concert Ensembles) | TBA | 7:00 pm |
| 22 (Mon) | Instrumental Music Banquet | | 6:00 pm |
| 23 (Tues) | New Marcher Orientation (2022-2023 MB) | | 6:00 pm – 8:00pm |
| June | | | |

(MB = Marching Band, COB = 9th Grade Band, SB =Symphony Band, WE = Wind Symphony, JE = Jazz Ensemble, ALL – All Ensembles, V = Voluntary)

**Please note that from August through mid-October the Marching Band class meets in the evenings.

Please refer to the **Marching Band Class Schedule** for exact dates and times.

PLEASE NOTE: We realize an incomplete calendar can make future planning difficult. Unfortunately, due to the late release of the district and JAPAC calendars, as well as the building power outage prior to school starting, we were unable to complete our calendar prior to printing. As soon as a complete calendar is finalized, we will be sure to send it out via email and post it on the band website.

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L'Anse Creuse High School North Instrumental Music Contract

(Return this page to school no later than Friday, September 16th)

I, _____, have received the band handbook.

(Print student's name)

I certify that I understand the standards and expectations in the handbook.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I, the parent/guardian, understand the standards and expectations in the handbook.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

LCN Instrumental Music Transportation & Emergency Permission

I give my son/daughter, _____, permission to ride the bus with the band to all district band events this school year, 2022-2023.

Emergency Information:

Emergency Contact Person

Phone Number

Alternate Contact Person

Phone Number

Insurance Company

Policy Number

As a parent or legal guardian, I remain fully responsible for any legal consequences that may result from any personal actions taken by the named student. My son/daughter knows that all school rules must be obeyed. I give permission to the chaperones and director to seek emergency medical attention for my child if necessary.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)