

# LCN MARCHING CRUSADERS PARENT ORIENTATION

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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- Band Booster Rep
  - TBD
- Marching Band Staff Important People
  - Ms. Cates – Brass Caption Head all Season
  - Mr. Lee – Woodwind Caption Head all season
  - Mr. Berardi – Visual Caption Head, music arranger all season
  - Mr. Meti – Percussion Caption Head, music arranger all season
  - Mr. Oranchak – In-School Fine Arts Paraprofessional, marching season Mr. Berardi sub
- Marching Band Drum Majors
  - Brooke Eckenswiller
  - Makayla Nason

# COMMUNICATION

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- Website – Calendar, postings of events – [www.lcnbands.com](http://www.lcnbands.com)
- BAND app - announcements to students from directors & lead mb staff – students may respond to directors/staff only. No student to student messaging/posting.
- My Music Office – More info to come
- Director Email – Mostly used to communicate with parents
- Booster Email – Again, parents – more info in later slide
- Facebook Page – Run by band boosters (mostly)

# MARCHING BAND DUES & FUNDRAISERS

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- Why so much?
  - Camp fees – staff, housing, food, insurance, etc
  - Staff and equipment transportation
  - Snacks and water
  - Instrument and uniform cleaning and maintenance
- Fundraisers
  - We fundraise to help reduce the cost of instrumental music activities at LCN. Some events will raise money for the booster general fund. Other fundraisers, students will earn money for their accounts to help pay for future LCN instrumental music activities (camp, travel, etc).

# FUNDRAISERS

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- General Fund Fundraisers
  - Raffle Tickets (Registration Night)
  - Bottle Drives (June & September)
  - Jimmy John's Field – August (usually)
  - Hosting Marching Band Festival (October)
  - Spaghetti Dinner
  - Mt. Clemens Santa Parade (November)
  - Craft Shows(December & April)
  - Kroger & Amazon (year Round) – you can find this information on the band website
- Student Accounts (to be used for LCN Instrumental Music Events)
  - Raffle Tickets (Registration Night)
  - Candy Bars (Beginning of MB season)
  - Ackatz Pies Coupons (September/October)
  - Bed Sheets (November and picked up at Craft Show)
  - Century Resources – cookie dough and sausage (January?)
  - Dearborn Ham (?) (early spring in time for Easter)

# JUNE BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

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- Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 10am – 3pm
  - Report to the LCN band room by 10am for sign-in.
  - Groups of students and parents head out to neighborhoods to request returnable can/bottles for donation.
  - Bottles and cans will be returned to LCN as the day progresses for parents to take to local stores.
  - Volunteers -

# ATTENDANCE POLICY I

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- Summer

- July and Early August – M/W practices – There are many things going on. If you go on holiday, or you go to another camp during these three weeks, we simply ask: student alerts section leader, parent alerts Mr. Griffith (email or voicemail). If you are in town, student should be at the rehearsals. DO NOT allow work to be scheduled during rehearsals.
- Pre-Camp – Similar to the earlier summer practices, but they are longer and even more important. Please make every effort to be at these rehearsals.
- Away Camp - Required of all marching band members. An exception, or two may be made, but it is rare. Pre-Camp and Away camp are traditionally the 2 and 3 weeks prior to the school year starting. Please note this for future seasons.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY 2

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- Season Rehearsals – Marching band meets Monday and Wednesday most weeks (keep an eye out for the Saturday rehearsal). It is expected you will be at all rehearsals (unless ill.....). Do not schedule drivers training, appointments, etc., during these times. If you must be absent, a parent/guardian MUST contact the band director as soon as possible. Missed rehearsals will likely result in the students being held out of the next performance.
- Performances – All performances are required. All events were posted in late March, and it is reasonable to expect all marching band members to be in attendance. This includes Saturday Scholastic Competitions.



## ATTENDANCE POLICY 3

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- Pep Band! - It is possible the drum majors may organize a pep band to away games (there will be conditions they will need to satisfy – parent chaperone, approval of opposing school's athletic director, etc). Pep band is a voluntary event. Students will never be required to attend, no matter what the senior standing next to you says.....
- Playoffs - IF the football team should make the playoffs, the marching band will perform at the game in some capacity. How involved the band will be will depend on weather and students.

# ATTENDANCE 4

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- Call Times:
  - Call times are not when a student arrives.
  - Call times are when a student should be in their seat, or position on the field, ready to play.
- If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late. If you're late.....

# TRANSPORTAION

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- Band Camp – Parents/Guardians will need to plan for students to be dropped off and picked up from band camp.
- Season Events - There are plenty of students in the ensemble. IF you should be stuck without a ride to a rehearsal or performance, contact someone as soon as possible (friend, section leader, etc). There are plenty of veteran marchers and parents that will be willing to pick you up!
- Trailer driver.....

# MARCHING BAND UNIFORM

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- School Provides – MB Uniform – Jacket, bibbers (pants), Shako (hat) and plume or beret – these items stay at the school and are distributed before each performance. Boosters dry clean uniforms each winter/summer.
- You provide – Marching shoes, long black socks, gloves, and show shirt. New marchers should have ordered the gloves and shoes tonight with registration. The show shirt is part of the marching band dues for all marching band members.
- Under uniform items
  - Warm-weather – black shorts and show shirt
  - Cold-weather – black sweat pants and long sleeved black shirt

# REHEARSAL NEEDS

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- Large re-usable water jug (insulated preferred)- hydration is vital to your well-being during season!
- Backpack – holds student’s music and other items.
- Tennis shoes or marching shoes (closed toe) - Bare feet, sandals, or any open toed shoes are not allowed during any part of any marching rehearsal.
- Comfortable weather-appropriate and school-appropriate clothing – black jeans in August are not recommended.....
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Music, flip folder, lyre, dotbook/drillbook, black towel
- Positive attitude!

# SUMMER REHEARSALS

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- Twice per week rehearsals before and after Pre-Camp/Band Camp.
- See the calendar in the BAND app or on the website.

# PRE-CAMP

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- August 15 – 19 at LCN (1pm-8pm)
- Lots of music!
- Lots of learning the basics of marching and marching while playing. It's not just walking and blowing.....
- Some cardio –Marching band is a little physically active. You may need to do a little work to get into “marching band shape”.
- Health management – eat well, drink lots of water, stretch, sleep, avoid pop and sweets!

# AWAY CAMP

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- August 21 – 26 at Echo Grove in Leonard, MI – Parents drop-off and pick-up from camp
- Why we have parents/guardians drop-off and pick-up from camp.
- Students will spend a good portion of their days playing and marching. Please help us encourage them to drink lots of water, eat healthy, and sleep while at camp.
- Some students will get homesick. This is not abnormal. If your child calls with this problem, please encourage them to talk to someone at the camp (student leader, chaperone, director) and to stick it out. Things get better.
- Adults at camp – Directors, instructional staff, chaperones, camp staff
- Medical at camp



# CAMP CHAPERONES

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- Chaperones do not pay....
- Duties –
  - Medical at field (specific crew)
  - Monitoring
  - Prepping
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- To volunteer, email Mr. Griffith as soon as possible
- Priority to those who can be there all week and medical peeps

# PERFORMANCES

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- Required:
  - Home Football Games - 4 this year, some years it is 5 with 1 or 2 before the school year begins)
  - Saturday Scholastic Invitationals – 3 Saturday invitationals
  - 2 Parades – Homecoming & Mt. Clemens Santa Parade
  - Spaghetti Dinner
- Voluntary:
  - Away Football Pep Bands
  - 2023 trip to Orlando Florida

# LCN BAND BOOSTERS

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- Purpose – Concert and Marching Bands are expensive and complex activities. To assist the district and director with running and funding of the ensembles, the boosters raise money and
- Executive Board/By-Laws – names of the executive board and committee chairs, as well as the organization's by-laws can be found on the band website. Several committees are in need of new chairs each year. Please consider volunteering to help run an activity. Even as a new parent! Thank you in advance!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Meetings – The boosters meet once per month. This information will be updated soon, based on the new executive board members. Please watch the website calendar for dates.
- Volunteering – We are looking for friendly and organized adults to help with marching band and concert band activities. Please see a booster board member for details ASAP!

# TRAVEL 2023!

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- Orlando, Florida – Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Disney Springs, Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom
- Not cheap, but totally worth it! We will do some fundraising (but not likely enough to cover the trip)
- Voluntary
- In end-March/begin-April
- Concert Band Performance & Marching Band parade performance
- Parents may come along – their cost is more, since they will be 2 to a room (yes, students are 4 to a room)

# FUTURE TRAVEL

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- Traditionally, we travel every other year.
- Typically, we rotate between New York city and Disney

# BAND WEBSITE

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- [www.lcnbands.com](http://www.lcnbands.com)
  - Home page will have upcoming events and documents.
  - Calendar will show dates of events and may have documents attached.
  - Booster page has the names of the officers and those in charge of special events. There is also a link for the booster sign-up genius
  - Please keep an eye on the website as events approach. This is one of the primary locations you will find information. Other locations will be
    - Parent emails from Mr. Griffith/Mr. O with updates and docs (using the parent email from Powerschool)
    - Weekly emails from the band boosters (sign-up by sending request to [lcbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:lcbandboosters@gmail.com))
    - Student class Schoology folders
    - Facebook page

# QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

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- The marching band is a growing organization. In order to maintain an efficient use of everyone's valuable time, it is important we all respect the group and the process. If you every have a question, please ask!
- Any questions?