

Lincoln Band Newsletter - August 2010

It doesn't seem possible! It's been a month since the last newsletter and a busy one at that!

Spat Camp is now over, and we hope you had an opportunity to stop by HWF and watch the kids hard at work. It is amazing what they can accomplish by working together. On Friday the 13th, the LHS Marching Band will present their first public performance in uniform. This will be as exciting for them as it will be for us. So, make plans now to come and cheer them on - and don't forget to invite your family and friends!

From Mr. Carlson and Mr. C: Students - congratulations for a successful spat camp and thanks for your hard work. Parents - please make sure your son/daughter gets to all rehearsals on time including the Saturday rehearsals. We look forward to a great season!

Rehearsal Reminder

Tuesday, August 10th

Tuesday's practice will be from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at HWF

Family Night

Friday, August 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Get ready for Fun!! Family Night is scheduled for August 13th at Howard Wood Field. This event is your first chance to see the band perform their show as well as an opportunity for you to march with your student on the field! Believe me this is no easy task but it is **a lot of fun!** Friends and relatives are also welcome to come and enjoy the party as we kick off the 2010 season – ***"Fiesta de Verano"***

Schedule for the day:

- 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Full band rehearsal at HWF
- 6:00 Band begins eating
- 6:15 Parents and band supporters begin eating
- 7:00 Band members should be in full uniform
- 7:15 Band photos
- 7:30 Bandparents Association meeting
- 8:00 Presentation of ***"Fiesta de Verano"***
- 8:15 Parent March (Our opportunity to march with our son/daughter on the field.)
- 8:30 Pick up Classic Cookie Dough orders and magazine vouchers as you leave

We will be serving pork loin sandwich meals for \$6 and all beef hotdog meals for \$5. All meals will include cole slaw, chips, a cookie, and pop. All band members who have not pre-purchased their meal will need to purchase their meal on Friday night if they choose to eat. Come and join us for dinner!

Parents/Supporters – While our kids are busy preparing for the show, there will be ample time for you to browse the many tables set up. Please take some time to browse through the spiritwear, check out the band poster, join the bandparents association, and look over the many volunteer opportunities available for you to help our band (and our kids).

As you leave, please remember to pick up your order from the Classic Cookie Dough Fundraiser. If your order includes a magazine purchase, please stop and get your magazine voucher before you leave. All items will be located outside the fence on your way out.

Presidents' Bowl Ticket Blitz

Begins Thursday, August 12th and ends Thursday, August 26th

Presidents' Bowl is Saturday, September 11th at Howard Wood Field. This is a wonderful event and a major fundraiser for the three public high schools. It allows our Booster Club to help fund many LHS activities including generous financial support to our marching band and other music programs. Our band students will receive pre-order forms this Thursday after practice. To receive the tickets, the form and money must be turned in on Thursday, August 26th at LHS from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. We are asking that each band family try to sell at least 4 tickets. Prizes will be given to the top 5 sellers at Lincoln.

Spirit Wear

Have you had a chance to take a look at the Spirit wear available? Bill and Brenda Childerston will be displaying a wide variety of spirit wear at Family Night. Show shirts, show pins, jackets, sweatshirts, blankets and other items will be available for you to look at. Stop by and take a look!

Spectator Bus to Marshall "Pursuit of Excellence" Saturday, September 18th



There are still some seats available on the spectator bus to Marshall, MN on Saturday, September 18th. Contact Leon and Brenda Olson at lhsband.olson@midco.net if you are interested in riding on the coach bus. Please include the number of people in your party. The cost is \$19 per person.

If you have already signed up for the bus, a follow-up email will be sent to you this week. If you have not received an email by Friday, please contact us at lhsband.olson@midco.net.

"Valleyfest" Des Moines Competition Hotel Information Saturday, October 9th

The Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel (the hotel the kids will be staying at) is completely booked for the night of October 9th. However, the Sheraton has arranged a small block of rooms with the hotel across the street for the same cost - \$92.00 plus taxes. Please call the Wildwood Lodge at 515-222-9876 and let them know you are with the Lincoln High School Band. Please note: there is a *limited quantity* and the rooms will only be available until September 1st.

Spectator Bus to Minneapolis "Youth in Music" Saturday, October 23rd



On Saturday, October 23rd, the band will be travelling to Minneapolis to compete in the "Youth in Music" competition. This competition begins with a preliminary event in the afternoon followed by a finals competition in the evening. **THIS IS A VERY LONG DAY!** We would be willing to organize a spectator bus to Minneapolis if there is enough interest. The cost would be approximately \$40 per person. Please let us know if you are interested in riding the bus by sending an email to lhsband.olson@midco.net. Please include the number of people in your party.

Festival of Bands

Saturday, October 2nd

LHS will be in charge of the Sioux Falls "Festival of Bands" finals at Howard Wood Field. This is a great opportunity to see how a competition works from the inside. Over 100 LHS volunteers will be needed to put on this high-quality, regional competition. Please contact Dan or Joan Westphalen at joanwestphalen@sio.midco.net or stop by and talk to them on Family Night to find out how you can be a part of this special event.

Miscellaneous

Band Posters

NEW this year! We will be selling band posters of our very own LHS Band for \$5 at Family Night. Stop and take a look on Friday!

LHS Calendars

The tennis team is selling LHS activity calendars for \$3. This is a great calendar featuring many different activities. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, a portion of the funds received on Family Night will go to the LHS band.

Whopper Night

Whopper Night, sponsored by the Dance and Cheer Team, will be held outside the main entrance to LHS on September 16th prior to the Variety Show and Coronation. For each \$5 ticket we sell, Dance and Cheer will donate \$3 to the LHS Band.

General Information

This section will help you better understand how the band works.

Funding

The LHS Band program is funded in three ways:

1. The Sioux Falls School District
2. The Bandparents Association
3. The Individual Student Account (ISA)

The costs of staging our marching band season varies each year depending on where we travel and which competitions we enter. The school district and the Bandparents organization pay most of these costs. Certain costs such as show design and music, the hotel for the overnight trip, and part of the transportation costs are covered through the ISA accounts.

The ISA - The goal for each student this year is \$165. This goal can be met through a variety of fundraising activities or by making a payment directly into the student's account. Purchasing Hy-Vee or Sunshine gift cards enable you to put funds into your student's ISA at no additional cost to you. (You receive a gift card(s) for the exact amount you spend.) Other fundraisers offered throughout the year will help each student easily meet their goal. All money deposited into the ISA stays there through the student's high school years and can accumulate year to year. Money remaining in the ISA at the time the student graduates cannot be withdrawn, but can pass into a sibling's ISA.

Please encourage your son/daughter to meet their ISA goal.

The Bandparents Association – Expenses covered by the bandparents are funded through membership fees, donations, and yes, fundraisers. In addition, the many volunteer hours from you, the bandparents, help make this program a success.

Bandparents Association Membership

Please consider joining the Bandparents Association. Your \$20 membership comes with an exclusive refrigerator magnet, the official Bandparents Association handbook, and being listed as a Bandparents Association supporter. Email Roger and Teresa Wood at woodfamily21@sio.midco.net with any questions or stop by and talk to them at Family Night. They will be happy to assist you!

Volunteers

A good organization is made up of a lot of great volunteers – and we've got the best! However, it is difficult to cover all the opportunities available. So, we encourage each of you to stop by the tables at Family Night and ask questions.

Needs and Wants

Chaperone bags/back packs

Keeping 225 band students looking and feeling their best for each performance requires a lot of supplies. You can help them look their best by donating any of the following:

- Black or white electrical tape – used to wrap around gloves to hold gloves up and also misc. repairs.
- Cups for water breaks – the band is dressed and ready to go over an hour before a competition. Add in the sun and you've got some very thirsty kids – before and after the performance.
- Individual tissue packs
- Rubber bands (thicker bands about ¼") – used to wrap around the uniform sleeves to keep things tight.
- Double A batteries for flashlights – help light the path on the way to an evening competition.
- Bottled water – carried in chaperone bags for emergencies.
- Individual Tylenol packets
- Garbage bags – for bus trips (you'd be surprised how much garbage they can generate.)
- Paper towels – again for the bus
- Shoe shiners – the disposable kind for that last minute shine if needed.
- Round band aids to cover earrings.
- Band aids
- Hair ties and head bands
- Paper towels – again for the bus.
- Individually wrapped feminine products

Any donations can be dropped off at the chaperone table at Family Night. You can also drop it off at any practice. Just let someone know it is for the chaperone bags.

Reminders



Student Band Photos

Great Plains Photography will once again be taking photos of our band members in full uniform. Individual photos will be taken on August 17th from 6 -8 p.m. at McKennan Park or on August 18th from 6 - 8 p.m. at their studio. Bring your uniform and your instrument. The photos are voluntary. Sectional photos and photos of the entire band will be taken during Family Night. Fridge magnets and photo buttons will also be available. Packets will be available during uniform fitting as well as at Family Night.

THANK YOU!!!

A huge THANK YOU to our committee chairs and all of our volunteers!!! The LHS Bandparent organization would not be the well-run operation it is without the dedication of our committee chairs and the support of our many volunteers. Thanks for all you do!!

Dates to Remember:



August 10 – Rehearsal from 2:30 to 6:03 at HWF

August 12 – Rehearsal from 5:00 to 9:00

August 13 – Rehearsal from 4:00 to 6:00
– Family Night at 6 p.m.
– Sectional and Band photos taken
– Pick up Classic Cookie Fundraiser orders

August 16 – First day of school
– Evening rehearsals from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (each Monday through the end of October)

August 17 – Individual photos taken from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at McKennan Park by Great Plains Photography
– Morning rehearsals at 6:55 a.m. (each Tuesday – Friday morning through the end of October)

August 18 – Individual photos taken from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Great Plains Studio

August 21 – Saturday rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

August 26 – Presidents' Bowl – Pick up tickets from 3:30 to 7:30

August 28 – Saturday rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

September 03 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 04 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 05 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 06 – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 07 – Evening rehearsal from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

September 08 – Morning rehearsal and Presidents' Bowl rehearsal at 4:00 p.m.

For more calendar information: lincolnband.org/calendar