

**Lincoln High School
New Bandparents
Survival Guide**

2018 Season

Introduction

Being a new Lincoln High School band parent can feel overwhelming. The LHS Patriot Marching Band not only does halftime shows and the occasional parade, but competes on the field against bands from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and many other states. Putting on top-quality performances requires time, travel, and effort from both students and parents. The hard work pays off, though. In recent years the band has started to gain national recognition, building on a tradition of excellence that has continued for over 40 years. This handbook is presented to guide you through events and opportunities for you and your child in the Lincoln Patriot Marching Band. After a statement of the band philosophy, the guide will first take you through the schedule of a typical marching band season. Once the season gets started events come up at a startling pace; the schedule will not only let you know what to expect, but will also help draw attention to important information for each event.

Educational Philosophy

One principle guides the band: our students are capable of great things. The staff work to find a place for every student who wants to participate. In band, students not only improve their musicianship, but learn the value of self-discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and many other important life skills.

The result is a level of professionalism (even in freshmen) that is awe-inspiring.

Band Parents Weekly Newsletter

The current president of the Bandparents Association--the non-profit group that helps to support the band--sends out a newsletter every week with important information. (You can also find this information on the LHS Band website, <http://lincolnband.org/>). During the marching band season, especially, this newsletter may contain so much information that the phrase "drinking from a fire hose" comes to mind. Typically, though, articles in the newsletter cover three basic topics. First, the newsletter provides instructions for upcoming shows and competitions, including transportation details (such as drop-off and pick-up times), required uniforms, show times, and meal schedules. Second, it lists volunteer opportunities from the host of committees in the bandparents organization. Finally, it includes information about student fundraisers: when upcoming fundraising sales will start, when they will end (and how to turn in order forms), and how fundraiser products will be distributed. This guide should help "decode" the wealth of information you will see in the newsletter.

The Marching Band Season

The marching band season extends almost half a year from distribution of music in the spring through the thick of competition season in the fall. Every four years the band takes a major trip; past examples include the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, and most recently the Hollywood Christmas Parade in Hollywood, California.

A Note on Dropping Off Students

Throughout the band season students will need to arrive at Door J (the *Band Door*) for practices and performances. This door faces the practice field behind the high school on the east side. You can drop off and pick up your student in the east side parking lot between the school and the practice field. **Please approach this lot from the south side of the school.** For competitions, you may want to park briefly during the evening or weekend while you unload your student or wait for the buses to return. In these cases, it is best to park in the south parking lot. Any car parked in the east lot **will** get blocked in by buses.

Student Recruitment Meetings

In March, 8th grade and high school students who are thinking about joining the band meet to learn about the show and band expectations. (Returning, also called veteran, students have their own meetings around the same time.) The most important piece to come out of this meeting is the student contract. Students and parents should review the contract; if they are willing to join the band, the contract should be signed and returned to the directors. **When the student signs the contract, he or she commits to participate next season.** Each student has a unique place in the year's upcoming show. A student who drops out leaves a "hole" on the field, which negatively impacts the entire group. Many of the schools against which Lincoln competes only take students who pass an audition. In contrast, the Lincoln band takes anyone willing to put in the time and effort, based solely on the promise of commitment.

New Student Meetings

In May and June, the band will hold several **required** meetings for new students. Students will receive and run through the music for the upcoming season's show (**to memorize before Spat Camp in the summer**). They will also meet their section leaders and learn such marching basics as standing at attention and parade rest. Finally, they will return home with an order form for black band T-shirts and Drillmasters: integral parts of the band uniform.

Pre-Season Sectionals

All through the summer, students meet once a week in their individual sections to work on marching band basics (drumline and color guard may meet more frequently). New students learn marching basics (and returning students review them). Most importantly, students work on memorizing their music before the season starts in July. **Students must have all of their music memorized by the beginning of spat camp!**

Spat Camp

Spat camp marks the start of the official marching band season, when students learn the show. It usually starts near the end of July. New members have a day of practice by themselves, then the whole band starts the next Monday. Spat camp sessions typically run all day on weekdays and in the morning on Saturdays. **Students should always arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.** Also, remind your child to bring the following items every day.

- water (half-gallon jugs work the best)
- tennis shoes and socks (NO Chacos)
- sunscreen, sunglasses and hat
- water

- sack lunch (or make arrangements for students to leave for lunch)
- instrument
- dot book (on a lanyard) and pencil

(Note that rehearsal times and locations for the hornline, drumline, and colorguard may be different.)

Beginning on the first day of spat camp, technical staff will spot check students to ensure that they have the show music memorized. Please encourage your child to get ready for their spot check;

Breakfast with the Band

After a couple of weeks of spat camp, family and friends gather on a Saturday morning to hear the show music for the first time. The Bandparents Association sells doughnuts and coffee as a fundraiser; also look for spiritwear sales, for membership sign-up to the Bandparent Association, and for volunteer sign-ups for various committees where help is needed for the season. While parents sign up for volunteer activities and socialize with other band parents, the students have a group picture taken. The Bandparents Association will sell this photo as a Poster Print at a slightly later date. **Marching band members will wear their black band shirt and tan shorts/pants; Colorguard will wear their colorguard shirt.**

Uniform Distribution

Towards the end of Spat Camp, students will get uniforms after practice: seniors on one day, juniors the next, and so on. At uniform distribution, students “check in” and receive a list of pieces to their uniform which they will take to the various stations for fitting. Seniors start the uniform process because the uniform they wore the previous year may very likely fit them their senior year. Juniors are next, Sophomores and then Freshman. Students usually will wear shorts and a

T-shirt for their fitting. Will also receive a garment bag as well as a hat box which will hold all elements of the uniform. Please allow plenty of time if you are a freshman student or a “new” upperclassman so the uniform “fitters” can find a uniform that will fit you well. After the fitting, students will sign up for their buses and hotel rooms for the entire season. The LHS Band typically travels with seven buses total and sleeps four students to a room on overnight trips. Students should discuss bus and hotel assignments with their friends ahead of time; once signed up, students may not switch assignments.

The uniform consists of:

- Black LHS Band T-shirt (standard is cotton, but athletic fabric short- and long-sleeve styles may also be available)
- **Long**, plain black socks
- Bibber (“pants”)
- Jacket
- Black cotton gloves
- Shako hat
- Gauntlets
- Drillmasters

Be prepared to purchase Drillmasters (marching shoes), black band T-shirts, and black gloves. As early as New Member Day in May, you will receive an order form for Drillmaster Marching Shoes and two black band T-shirts. You will own these and can use them from season to season. Students also need long, plain black socks, which you will have to provide separately.

Students will keep only uniform pants and jacket in the garment bag (**NO Drillmasters**); Gauntlets, gloves, and the like will go into the hat box. Students will either wear their Drillmasters or carry them separately.

Students may NOT eat or drink anything (except water) while wearing their uniform.

Colorguard members receive their uniforms separately from Uniform Distribution night/day; However, **colorguard members do need to do the bus and hotel sign-up at their respective time slot.**

Preview Night (AKA Parents/Family Night)

August concludes with the first full performance of the season's show before family and friends. Learn about the inspiration for the show from the directors, watch the spectacle come together, and listen to Doctor Beat. The Bandparents Association sells pork sandwiches or hot dog meals and soda before the performance. (You may sign up to help serve this meal at Breakfast with the Band or through the weekly newsletter.) You may purchase meal tickets ahead of time at Breakfast with the Band and during HyVee Card sales on Tuesday Nights. **Students who eat at the Preview Night must purchase a meal ticket.** The students eat first, as they immediately put on their uniforms after supper to take professional photos of each section and the entire ensemble. You may order these photos at this performance. Please feel free to invite friends and family to come and eat and then enjoy the show.

Competition Season

From early September through mid-October, the band will spend most Friday evenings (LHS halftime shows) and weekends (competitions) performing. **Watch the band schedule carefully for arrival times and locations.** Weekday practices still continue throughout the season: the times and places will depend on the availability of practice venues, which is set in part by the Sioux Falls School District. Practices also run on many Saturday mornings.

Halftime Performances

The Marching Patriots serve as the pep band at Lincoln football games, as well as performing "competition dress rehearsals"...errr, football halftime shows. On game nights, the band usually meets at Howard Wood Field (HWF); occasionally the students will be bused to HWF from the high school. **Students should arrive for performances ready immediately to put on their uniforms, already in long black socks, Drillmasters, and black band T-shirts.** Hornline, battery, and colorguard students park (or are dropped off) in the north lot of HWF, from where they split off to warm up as sections. Front ensemble students meet early on the west side of the south parking lot to unload trailers and set up for warmup. Parents can get tickets at the east side ticket booths to watch the halftime performance (and the game, too). The band stays through the game.

Presidents Bowl

The Lincoln Marching Band performs at the Presidents Bowl in early September alongside bands from Washington and Roosevelt. For many years the band simply performed the National Anthem alongside the bands from Roosevelt and Washington high schools, although last year the each band performed their season's show, instead. (Lincoln's was unfortunately rained out.) The Bandparents Association receives a portion of the ticket proceeds from the Presidents Bowl, along with other booster clubs across the schools..

Competitions

The band travels to competitions in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri throughout the season. Students are bused to the competitions; departure times from Lincoln vary from early morning to mid-afternoon, depending on the travel time. Although some venues have food for sale,

students generally need to bring food for meals and snacks on these trips. Students must have full uniforms and instruments packed for these trips. For day-long trips, students typically wear black band shirts on the bus, and either wear or carry on black socks and Drillmasters. Students can wear comfortable clothes on the bus for travel; some student also bring blankets and pillows.

Note that Sioux Falls School District policy prohibits cell phone use for taking photos, texting/messaging, and calling while on the bus, except when explicitly allowed by a chaperone. The district policy is something of a “moving target,” so other phone uses may or may not be allowed. The directors and chaperones will review cell phone policies with students on each bus trip.

Important: if you plan on bringing your child home after a bus trip (rather than having them ride the bus back to Lincoln), you MUST fill out a “Permission to Ride with Parent” form and turn it in the Thursday before the weekend trip. Pick one up from Mr. Carlson or Mr. Anderson, or find them in the Resources->Forms section of the Lincoln Band website (<http://lincolnband.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Permission-Form.pdf>). Students may only ride with parents/guardians, and must be checked out personally with their bus’s lead chaperone.

Parent Tips for Competitions

Many Lincoln bandparents travel to weekend competitions in the region, often with “road buddies.” Although many competitions take place in late summer and early fall, keep in mind that Lincoln often performs at the end of the evening; temperatures in the stands can get chilly (especially in Marshall, MN). You can get the best view of the shows between the 40-yard lines, but you will need to get to the competition at the opening of the gates to get those seats. A day of marching band

competitions can get long, so you may want to have a seat cushion in the car, in case the stadium has metal bench seats (like Howard Wood Field). Make sure to wear your spiritwear--especially show shirts--to create a “sea of red” in the stands with other Lincoln parents. When Lincoln takes the field and marches past the stands, it is a parent tradition NOT to shout out children’s names. Of course, regular performance etiquette applies: do not talk during other bands’ performances and applaud them heartily when they are done. Many bands feature solo performances during their shows; unlike a concert performance, the audience commonly applauds the soloists as they finish.

DVD Night

The band records the season’s DVD on a weekday evening in early October at Howard Wood Field. The recording session requires at least two run-throughs of the show. Family and friends are encouraged to come cheer the students, but be prepared for chilly temperatures in the stands.

Festival of Bands

The three Sioux Falls public high schools and O’Gorman High School host the Festival of Bands competition the first Saturday in October. The day-long festival has two parts: a street parade through downtown Sioux Falls in the morning and a field competition at Howard Wood Field in the afternoon (preliminary performances) and evening (finals). The Lincoln Band traditionally marches at the end of the morning parade. Students meet at Lincoln and ride buses downtown, so parents can drop students off at the school then find a spot along the parade route. As a host school, Lincoln does not compete in the field shows, but will do an exhibition performance either at the beginning of the finals competition or at the end. Parents can watch other area bands perform during the competition or can

volunteer for one of the **many** “host school” jobs (e.g. ticket-taker, band marshal, judges’ helper, water station worker just to name a few).

Bands of America Super Regional

Since 2014, the Lincoln band has attended the Bands of America (BoA) Super Regional Competition in St. Louis, Missouri. The trip itself has usually run from a Thursday through Sunday at the end of October. This year (2018) the band will travel instead to the Indianapolis Super Regional to perform at Lucas Oil Stadium. If you can get away, attendance at the Super Regional is well worth it. Not only can you cheer on Lincoln in the biggest competition of the year, but you can see up to 80 fantastic bands from a broad swath of the central United States. You can get a sense of which bands in particular to catch by checking out the HornRank website (<http://www.hornrank.com>), which previews and ranks participating bands across the country. For these Super Regional trips, the Bandparents Association tries to secure a block of rooms that parents may reserve; keep watch in the newsletter for information on hotel, cost, and deadline for securing one of these rooms. Tickets for prelims (held Friday morning through Saturday afternoon) are sold separately from tickets for finals on Saturday evening.

Post-competition Season

Chicken Dinner, Indoor Marching Show, and Silent Auction

The Chicken Dinner raises funds for both the Bandparents Association and ISA (Individual Student Accounts) accounts. Although the Bandparents Association caters in the food itself, bandparent volunteers actually set up, serve, and clean up after the dinner. Two to three thousand people attend the dinner and indoor show over two nights, so the band

needs lots of hands to fill all the jobs. Your student will bring home tickets for the Chicken Dinner towards the end of the season; he or she **must return** those tickets or money a couple of weeks later. (If you see announcements about Chicken Dinner tickets in the newsletter, remind your child to bring them to you.) **Students will need to purchase tickets for the Chicken Dinner in between Indoor Marching Show performances on those nights.** The Indoor Show is a special show held in the auditorium on stage and in the aisles (tickets sold separately from the dinner). The band reprises the season’s show, performs some additional entertaining pieces, and recaps the season. A highlight is the *Skipping with the Seniors* portion to the march “On the Mall.” The LHS Marching Band has held its Indoor Show annually for over 40 years! Finally, the Bandparents Association holds its Silent Auction fundraiser on the same evenings as the Chicken Dinner. Make sure to arrive a little early for the dinner to look over the items up for bid.

Uniform Return

Once ALL performances of the season are done, students will return uniform **pants, jackets, hats, and gauntlets.** The Uniform Committee sets aside a specific day and time for students to return their uniforms. The Bandparents Association will have them drycleaned once students have returned them. **Make sure that your student clears out all personal effects--including the season’s black socks and gloves--from their hat box and uniform bag.**

Awards Night

Awards Night closes the marching band season. Awards are given to sections for overall performance, improvement, or preparation (for example, being the first section to have all spot checks passed).

Seniors also perform a medley of pieces from their four years of shows.

Fundraising

As a bandparent, you will probably sometimes feel (as the author did) that the Lincoln band has its hand in your wallet and won't let go. Keep in mind that funding for the band comes from three sources: the **Sioux Falls School District**, the **Bandparents Association**, and the **individual students**. The School District pays the salaries of the directors, a portion of the transportation costs, competition entry fees and some equipment repair. The Bandparents Association helps with the additional cost of travel, food and lodging, equipment, and other staff salaries. Students, through their Individual Student Accounts (ISA) also share in the cost of food, transportation and hotel accommodations. The Bandparents Association organizes and tracks the fundraising for the ISAs through the ISA Treasurer; the money, however, is deposited directly with the school district under each student's name. Throughout the year you will see sales and fundraising opportunities to help the Bandparents Association meet its budget, and to fill your child's ISA. Several well-established fundraisers are described below, but keep in mind that the Bandparents are always looking for new opportunities.

Bandparents Association Fundraising

To keep the coffers filled enough to cover band expenses during the marching season, the Bandparents Association engages in several different fundraising activities. Parents can also pay dues directly to the Bandparents Association. Most Bandparents fundraising takes place through the sale of band-related items and through events run by bandparent volunteers.

Spiritwear, Poster and Picture Sales

The Bandparents sell various forms of spiritwear, from T-shirts and show pins to hats and jackets online through the lincolnband.org website or in-person at many of the band's special performances such as Preview Night. Make sure especially to get the season's show shirts. These red shirts carry the design for the season's show; band parents often wear their shirts to performances, creating a "sea of red" in the audience. You may also purchase a Band Poster--that is, the Breakfast with the Band photograph--as well as the section photos and group band photos in taken during Preview Night. Finally, don't forget the DVD of the season, which includes a performance of the show, a walk-through with every band member, and interviews with the directors. The profit from these sales goes to the Bandparents Association.

Preview Night

The profit from the dinner tickets at Preview Night goes to the Bandparents Association. The Bandparents needs volunteers to set up and serve the meal.

Presidents Bowl

The Lincoln High School Booster Club--the parents organization that raises funds for extracurricular activities--helps to host the Presidents Bowl (football games between the Sioux Falls high schools). By working at the Presidents Bowl, the Bandparents receive a portion of the ticket proceeds from the LHS Boosters.

Festival of Bands

As one of the hosting schools for the Festival of Bands, the Bandparents Association receives a portion of the gate receipts. The

Lincoln Bandparents host the evening finals competition at Howard Wood Field, which requires dealing with the busiest crowds of the day. Not only do the Bandparents work with the spectators, but also provide support “backstage” for the visiting bands.

Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction

Chicken Dinner ticket sales and the proceeds from the Silent Auction make up the single largest fundraiser for the Bandparents Association. The Chicken Dinner organizers always need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. The Silent Auction committee, likewise, can always use parents who can contribute items for the auction, or who know someone who can contribute.

Box Truck Fund

The Bandparents Association currently runs a special fundraising campaign to purchase a new box truck to transport instruments, both to and from Howard Wood Field and out of town. The truck serves a crucial role in getting the show “on the road,” but unfortunately the current truck suffers too many mechanical problems to take out of town. Fundraising so far has involved direct donations to the box truck fund.

Student Fundraising

Students (and their families) can raise funds for their ISAs throughout the year in various ways. You will see many announcements about these different fundraising campaigns.

Fundraising Sales

The Bandparents Association Fundraising Committee runs multiple sales drives throughout the year. Popular items have included Classic Cookie cookie dough, Krispy Kreme Donuts, fruit sales, wreath sales, and Jumpy Monkey Coffee (to name just a few). A

percentage of each sale gets deposited into a student’s ISA. Keep an eye on the Bandparents Newsletter for announcements on when the order forms will be coming home with your student and when your student needs to return them.

Hy-Vee and Fareway Card Sales

The Bandparents Association sell Hy-Vee gift cards throughout the year. You can use a card for its full face value at Hy-Vee, *and* 4% of the face value will be added to your student’s ISA.. Designated band parents sell the cards at the Band Room (Door J on the east side of the high school) on a weekly basis (e.g. on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.), as well as at events such as Breakfast with the Band, Preview Night and concerts throughout the year.

Sanford Premier Center

In the past few years students and parents have had the opportunity to work concessions at the Event Center and nearby venues. Families will earn money for each even worked that goes directly into their student’s ISA. These events can be quite the fundraising opportunity, and are very popular with band families. Look for emails announcing upcoming events, work with other band families, and help fill your child’s ISA.

Scrip

Through Scrip online, you can buy gift cards through various retailers for a discount and get a kickback to your students’ ISA. Clothing, cruise lines, home improvement stores; if you have a big expenditure coming and watch for a special offer, you could fund a regular year of ISA with just a few transactions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Parents may get more involved with band (beyond supporting one's own child) through many different activities. The Bandparents Association coordinates all of these efforts. You will see many appeals to volunteer each week. In an organization as large as the Lincoln band, every little bit helps, so please consider "taking the plunge" and signing up for an event.

Chaperoning

Chaperones help students prepare to perform by adding finishing touches to uniforms and making sure students have water available. When the band travels out of town, adult chaperones ride the buses with the students and, if the band is out overnight, chaperones stay in the hotel with the students. Be warned, out of town trips can take away from one's sleep: chaperones in the hotel, for example, take shifts overnight to patrol corridors, ensuring students' safety and adherence to curfew. Without chaperones, though, the school district would prohibit the band from travelling. And frankly, band kids are some of the best teenagers adults could ever work with.

Roadie-ing

Roadies construct props for the show during the off-season. They unload and set up props for shows, help pit musicians load instrument trailers, schlepp around low brass, and make sure carts, lights, and other equipment always function. At performance time, they move instruments and podiums on and off the field. In addition, a roadie towing crew--defined in large part by ownership of large tow-capable pickups--hauls props, instruments, and uniforms to all show venues. Younger siblings

can help as "junior roadies," an important function at some competitions that limit the number of adults (but not middle-schoolers) on the field.

Distributing Uniforms

The Uniform Committee takes responsibility for checking uniform pieces out to students at the beginning of the season and checking the pieces in at the end. They also take care of maintaining and cleaning the uniforms. They need help tracking pieces especially at uniform distribution and return.

Organizing Fundraisers for Individual Student Accounts

Many students/families pay for their individual contribution, in part, through fundraising activities, which the Bandparents Association coordinate. The Fundraising and Distribution Committees work together to organize sales of things such as cookie dough or wreaths, the profits of which go to ISAs. The committees always need volunteers to help sort orders at distribution time for student/parent pickup. Look for messages from the Fundraising Chair about upcoming fundraisers: when order forms should be coming home and when completed forms should be returned. Look also for messages from the Distribution Chair about distribution point needs and order pickup times. In fact, you might even consider spearheading fundraising operations as Fundraising, Collection, or Distribution Chair yourself.

Providing Spat Camp Treats

Spat Camp requires a lot of energy from the students, so the Bandparents Association provides snacks during the day-long practices through August. These treats end up being a very important part of Spat Camp. If you are interested in providing and/or distributing

treats for a day, look for appeals at the end of July and beginning of August.

Producing the Silent Auction

The Silent Auction, which takes place in conjunction with the Chicken Dinner and Indoor Show, provides some of the best fundraising for the band. The Silent Auction Committee works at a low intensity year-round arranging for donations from individuals and companies, then collects, sets up, and delivers items during Chicken Dinner week. Drumming up donations is straightforward: Businesses are very receptive and supportive of the LHS band, and there is an endless network of present and past band parents and supporters who are more than willing to donate. Typically, one phone call and you are done.

Working at fundraising events

The Bandparents Association holds several events to bring in money. All work is entirely volunteer, so all profit from these events goes to the band. At the start of the band season you will see repeated requests for workers in the Newsletter; the event Chairs will also have signup tables at events throughout the season (especially Breakfast with the Band and Preview Night).

- **Preview Night:** This event can use 20-25 volunteers to help set up and and serve the meal before the show preview starts.
- **Festival of Bands:** This event needs almost 90 volunteers. Bandparents help with the many tasks that the festival entails: selling tickets, handing out programs, monitoring aisles, staffing water stations in the band setup areas, and marshalling bands as they enter and exit the field.

- **Chicken Dinner:** For the two nights of Chicken Dinner, the Bandparents work in shifts setting up, taking tickets, serving dessert and drinks, bussing tables, and cleaning up after the dinner. The Chicken Dinner is easily the largest fundraising event for bandparent participation.

Glossary

- Band Door:** Door J, the busiest door at Lincoln High School (at least during marching band season).
- Band Locker:** individual cubby in the band room to hold instruments and music. Many students use their band lockers instead of their regular lockers to hold books and binders, since they spend so much time in the band room anyway.
- Black Band T-shirt:** a short- or long-sleeved t-shirt worn as part of the uniform, worn under the jacket in full uniform. The directors will occasionally call for students to wear their black band shirts for rehearsals as well.
- Battery (aka *drumline*):** the moving part of the percussion section that performs on the field; includes snares, quads, bass drums, and cymbals.
- Bibber:** the pants portion of the uniform
- Black Socks:** an often-overlooked but crucial part of the Lincoln uniform. Socks should be plain black and should reach to mid-shin, at least. Students will need several pairs, as they tend to disappear from one weekend to the next, only to reappear crusty and smelly when lockers are cleaned out.
- BoA:** Bands of America, a program of Music for All (<http://www.musicforall.org/>), which runs regional, super-regional, and national high school marching band competitions.
- Body Work:** extra movements performed by hornline and drumline, besides marching and playing.
- Drumline:** the percussion section, divided into the battery and the front ensemble.
- Chaperones:** adults who travel with the band.
- Colorguard:** the group on the field that spins flags, rifles, and sabers (as well as dances) for added visual spectacle.

- DCI:** Drum Corps International (<http://www.dci.org/>). An organization of college-age musicians and colorguard that perform in many cities during the summer. A drum corps (or drum-and-bugle corps) includes only valved brass instruments such as trumpets, mellophones, and tubas, and percussion. Many Lincoln directors, designers, and technicians participated in DCI at some point, and “corps style” has a clear impact on Lincoln shows. Many Lincoln students (and parents) attend the live broadcast of the DCI World Championships in a local theater at the end of August.
- Doctor Beat (aka “the met”):** a highly amplified metronome, the sound of which is sure to raise students’ anxiety once spat camp is over
- Dot Book:** a book of 3x5 pages--hung around the neck from a lanyard with an attached pencil--that each student uses to define their own individual movements and positions within the show, as well as noting any special movements or pauses. **Each student must have his or her dot book for each day of spat camp and rehearsal.**
- Drill:** the “choreography” of the show, defining the movements of the ensemble from one form to another
- Drill Chart:** a set of pages (usually between 100-120 of them) showing dot formations (each dot a single marcher) along key points in the show
- Drillmasters:** black marching shoes that are part of the uniform. Drillmasters must be purchased at the start of marching band season, along with black band T-shirts. The good news is, unless the shoes become so worn that the seams tear, one pair should last a student all four years of marching band.

Drum Major: one of four student conductors of the band on the field. Lincoln drum majors stand on aluminum podiums in front of the band and in the backfield so that every marcher can see at least one. Drum Majors represent the highest level of student leadership in the marching band, setting the professional tone of the band for the rest of the students..

Front Ensemble (aka pit): the stationary part of the percussion section that sets up in front of the field; includes mallet instruments (marimba, vibraphone, etc.), keyboards, tympani, gongs, and auxiliary percussion instruments. The pit does not normally march but has extra responsibilities loading and unloading their instruments.

Gauntlets: fancy wrist wear worn over the student's black gloves. Gauntlets come in left and right pairs, so students should take care to keep their gauntlets together.

Hole: a gap in the form because of a student absence.

Horn Line: the brass and woodwind sections

ISA: Individual Student Account. This is the money each student/family pays for participating in the band.

Plume: the "feather duster" thing on the band hats. Plumes are delicate, prone to bending and shedding, and generally unsuitable for teenage responsibilities. Chaperones hand out plumes right before the performance, and collect them immediately afterward.

Props: large "set" pieces on the field during performances.

Roadies: adults (and children) who help move the band and its equipment.

Section Leader: a junior or senior student who leads an instrument section (e.g. clarinet, trumpet, tuba, colorguard). Section leaders lead by example, help less experienced students learn the

show, help enforce discipline, and encourage fun and participation.

Show Shirt: a specially designed shirt that captures the spirit of each year's show. Most parents and students get one for each year in the band. Money from the purchase of show shirts, as with all spiritwear sales, goes to the Bandparents Association.

Spat Camp: the training period running from late July through August, during which time students learn the season's show.

Spot Checks: instructor checks of each student's music memorization, **beginning the first day of Spat Camp.** All music must be memorized before Spat Camp begins.

Tear: when two parts of the band on either side of the field are off tempo, or Doctor Beat, by being either too slow or too fast. This usually drives the Directors insane.

Technician: an adult expert, besides the band directors themselves, who instructs students in music or marching.

Turf Turds: bits of black plastic from Astroturf that students' shoes pick up and track home. No, you don't have mice.

YIM: Youth in Music, a competition in Minneapolis showcasing the best bands of the upper Midwest. Tip for travelling parents: stay out by the Mall of America and take the direct rail line downtown.

Author's Note

Thank you to the directors and to Deb Herold for their invaluable feedback. All opinions, misrepresentations, and mistakes are mine. This Survival Guide is something of a work in progress. If you find anything that is incorrect, outdated, unclear, or simply missing, please contact the author at martin.j.dennis@gmail.com.

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- Website
 - <https://lincolnband.org>



- Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/LincolnHSBand/>



- Instagram
 - [lincolnhsband](https://www.instagram.com/lincolnhsband)
- Instagram (Colorguard)
 - [lincolncolorguard](https://www.instagram.com/lincolncolorguard)

Colorguard Shutterfly

<https://siouxfallslincolncolorguard.shutterfly.com/#>

Charms

Charms is where you keep track of the ISA dues/balances by student ID #.
School code is: thelincolnband

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/>

Scrip

Scrip - portion of gift card purchase go towards ISA
There's a mobile app that's easy to use.

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

I think those links will help you get started. :)

Back at the Denny!

Here's some **GREAT** news!!!! We recently received word that we can once again work **all events** at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in order to contribute to our student's ISA!!! Michael Delamontanya is busy securing as many slots as possible for the Lincoln Band. Keep watch on your e-mail for the genius sign-ups that Michael sends out! If you have never worked at the Denny and would like to get in on the fun—simply send an e-mail to Michael at:

lhsbandparentspremiercenter@gmail.com

This is an unbelievably easy and fun way to contribute to your student(s) ISA. We are excited to once again work the "Denny."



Scrip Cards Upcoming Order Dates

~April 18th~

~May 9th~

~May 30~

For your information:

**Scrip pick-up is the
Tuesday following the order date.**

HyVee/Scrip Sales

Tues., April 3, No School—HyVee
Minnesota Ave.—Deli seating area 6-7 p.m.

Tues., April 10, Door J, 6-7 p.m.

Tues., April 17, Door J, 6-7 p.m.

Tues., April 24, Door J, 6-7 p.m.

Door J (Band Door)

The address to send your SCRIP checks is:

Nancy Becker
1909 South Alpine Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

If you want to create an online account to shop with Scrip and earn a rebate.

Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

- Click on the Sign In button near the top right of the page
- Click on "Get Started," the blue button near the bottom left of the next page.
- Click on "Join a Scrip Program" which is near the bottom left of this page.
- Enter our band enrollment code 7F7697E95LL93 and click register.

NOW...within the online option, you have 2 choices for purchasing Scrip cards:

- Place orders electronically and send me a check
- Set up a Presto Pay account which allows you to purchase physical cards or to purchase e-cards that can be used. With Presto Pay you enter your bank ACH info and there is a transaction of deposit and withdrawal of a few cents over 2 days. Once this is completed you receive a 4 digit code and send it to us at lhssdmarchingband@gmail.com, so we link your online purchases to your student's account. ***Please note that if you use Presto Pay there is a transaction fee of \$.15 each order so group your orders as much as possible. Also pay attention to the option of reload cards which you can do on your smartphone immediately.**

Easy and Convenient

Our products make it easy to earn on-the-go

PrestoPay™

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive ScripNow and reload their cards immediately.

MyScripWallet™

Our mobile website where families can reload their gift cards and order and use ScripNow right from their phone.

