



LRHS Band News and Notes

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Important Dates:

- **Monday, February 6th** - CB and SB Spring Trip Final Payment due - \$135
- **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday February 9-11th** - UNCG Honor Band (Optional)
- **February 24-26th**, [Eastern Region Orchestra](#)
- **Monday, Feb. 27th** - [Intermediate Band Field Trip](#)
- **Tuesday, Feb. 28th** - Small Ensemble Concert
- **Friday, March 3rd** - Capital Campaign deadline for donations to be included in the MPA Festival Concert Program (see details in the Previous announcements section below)
- **Friday, March 10th** - MPA Concert (all three bands) 7pm
- **March 13th and 14th** - LRHS hosts Middle School MPA
- **March 22-26th** - Disney Trip for Concert and Symphonic Bands
- **March 28th and 29th** - HS Music Performance Adjudication

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. [Intermediate Band Field Trip](#)

We are putting together a field trip on Monday the 27th of February for Intermediate Band. It is FREE field trip to go see the [Imani Winds perform at the Cary Arts Center](#). Students were given [THIS](#) form. Please make sure it is signed and returned by MONDAY February 13th.

We would love to have FIVE chaperones join us on this trip. Please email Mrs. Colburn (acolburn@wcpss.net) if you are available to join us! You will need to follow the bus in your own car because there is not enough room in the bus.

2. Announcements from the Directors - Attention All Students:

Please note the following calendar change: The Small Ensemble Concert will be moved from Monday, Feb. 27 to Tuesday, February 28th. The concert will feature small ensembles from both band and orchestra.

3. CB and SB Spring Trip:

The recent meeting about the upcoming CB and SB Spring Trip was very informative and provided a lot of information all band families will need to know as we get ready for the trip. If you were unable to attend the meeting or if you want a copy of the presentation slides to refer to as you prepare for the trip, the committee co-chairs, Melanie and Kristi, have provided a link to their PowerPoint Presentation. It can be viewed here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1BONmOiVRqueQdtVa4EPepqeBCji9wbjXYm5rQHZUIFk/edit?usp=share_link

Any questions regarding the information presented , or about the upcoming trip, can be sent to either Kristi or Melanie. You can contact them as follows:

Melanie Shoffner (mbshoffner620@gmail.com)

Kristi Phillips (ksphillips136@gmail.com)

4. **CB and SB Spring Trip Payment was due Monday, Feb. 6th, 2023:** Use the following link.

[Making TRIP Payments via PayPal](#)

5. Reminder when placing orders the RaiseRightGift Cards:

Please remember to order the digital version of these gift cards when placing your orders. We have to pay extra money when physical cards are ordered. Please see the information about this fundraising gift card program in the *Previous Announcements* section of this newsletter. If you have further questions regarding this program the contact person for this program is:

Angela Hamilton
(984) 204-9360

PREVIOUS NEWS AND NOTES-----

1. Welcome Mr. Cvijanovic!!!

We would like to welcome Mr. Josh Cvijanovic - or Mr. C. as the students call him - to our LRHS Band Club Family. By way of introduction, please read a little bit about him and the wealth of experience he brings to our program.

Associate Director of Bands



Josh Cvijanovic is the **Associate Director of Bands** and **Director of Orchestra** at Leesville Road High School in Raleigh. In this capacity he helps to oversee all aspects of the Instrumental Music programs, serving as a conductor of the Intermediate Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra. Mr. Cvijanovic comes to LRHS from Cedar Ridge HS in Hillsborough, where he led the band program from 2014-2022. Prior to that, he taught at Eastern Randolph HS for five years. Students in his programs participated in collegiate, District, and State level honor bands; including performances with the All-American Marching Band, the NAFME National Jazz Ensemble, and the Grammy Jazz Band.

Mr. Cvijanovic is active with the NC Bandmasters Association and NC Music Educators Association, serving as the Chair of the Jazz Education Section, the CDBA Central Region MPA Site Host, CDBA High School All-District Clinic Chair, and Central Region Jazz Treasurer. Josh is in demand as an adjudicator and clinician across the state for concert, jazz, and marching events. He has worked as a rehearsal assistant and conductor with the UNCG Summer Music Camp for eleven years, served as an Educational Consultant for Carolina Gold Drum and Bugle Corps, and in 2017 was a conductor with the "Carolina Ambassador's Honor Band," touring and performing in the U.K., France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and Italy. Since 2019, he has served as the Percussion Section Coach for the North Carolina Youth Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Cvijanovic graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education (2007) and a Master of Music in Percussion Performance (2009) from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. He is a member of the American School Band Directors Association (Class of 2022), Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Pi Kappa Lambda Honors Society in Music, NAFME, the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, and the Vic Firth Education Team. In 2015,

Cvijanovic was awarded the "Ed Rooker Encore Award" by the NC Chapter of the American School Band Directors Association; which is given to honor the achievements and service of new band directors and to promote the ASBDA mission of fostering rising talent in the music education profession. Josh has twice been recognized by the Central District Bandmasters Association: in 2020 he was elected the "Band Director of the Year," and in 2022 he was elected

the recipient of the prestigious Award of Excellence.

Josh and his wife Amanda, an EC Teacher and Department Chair at Eastlawn Elementary School, live in Burlington with their sons Henry and Benjamin.

[Associate Director of Bands – Leesville Road High School Bands \(leesvilleband.org\)](http://leesvilleband.org)

2. [Making TRIP Payments via PayPal](#)

- A few people have asked about whether it is still possible to sign up for the trip. All trip commitment forms and the first two trip payments must be turned in/paid by the November 15 deadline; the trip organizers are finalizing the details and students cannot be added to the trip after that date.
- Questions regarding the trip commitment forms or the trip in general can be directed to either a) Kristi Phillips (KsPhillips136@gmail.com) or b) Melanie Shoffner (mbshoffner620@gmail.com).

3. Leesville Bands Club Meeting Minutes: 11/15/2022:

- Here are the minutes for the Bands Club Meeting held on November 15th, 2022: [Bands Club Meeting 11/15/2022 Minutes](#)

Please take a few minutes to read so that you are up to date on our Bands Club activities.

4. Fundraising News: Scrip/RaiseRight gift card program: We have a new coordinator for this exciting fundraising program. We are putting together details for our band families and a full announcement will be included in next week's Band News and Notes. To introduce it, here is the description from the LRHS Band Handbook:

RaiseRight: Angela Hamilton

Updated Info on the Scrip/RaiseRight gift card program: Please Note: This program is a "Digital Gift Card" system. No physical cards will be supplied. Once purchased, families can access all of their gift cards in the RaiseRight app at any time. RaiseRight works similarly to the Grocery Cards. The major differences are: 1.) The cards are ordered ahead of time and delivered about 2 weeks after orders are taken. 2.) RaiseRight includes, but is not limited to, local stores. Some stores include Sears, Gap, Pottery Barn and some restaurants include Little Caesar's, Red Robin, Chili's. A complete list of stores and more details about the program can be found on the company's website at raiserright.com. Some cards are reloadable at the stores, but to get the rebate you must purchase a new one each time from the Band's Club.

Angela has provided the following extra information: The enrollment code for RaiseRight is: [411B3F35692L](#)

If you have further questions please contact Angela Hamilton (achamilton81@gmail.com).

5. Capital Campaign Reminder:

Capital Campaign donations from Charms

Donations to the Capital Campaign can be made from your student's Charms account. (Note that donations from fundraised money are not tax deductible.) **Donations must be received by March 3rd to be included in the MPA Festival Concert program.**

Here is the Capital Campaign letter with donation form:

[2022-23 Capital Campaign letter.docx \(1\).pdf - Google Drive](#)

Recognition Levels:	Captain \$500+
	Lieutenant \$250
	Sergeant \$100
	Corporal \$50

If interested, send the following donor information and your donation check – made payable to LRHS Bands Club – c/o Linda McCall LRHS Bands Club Treasurer, 4601 Wood Valley Drive Raleigh, NC 27613