



LRHS Band News and Notes

09/14/2023

Edition 5

Important Dates:

- **Friday, Sept. 15th 2023: FB Home Game Performance - 6:15- Instruction Sheet below.**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 19th 2023: Used Uniform Sale - 5:30pm-7pm - details below**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 19th 2023: Bands Club Meeting - 7pm - Concert Band performs - Instruction Sheet below.**
- **Saturday, Sept. 30th 2023: Marching Band Competition - Details to follow**

New Bands Club Announcements:

- 1. From the Bands Club Board:** Attention Symphonic Band members:
Band sweatshirts have been ordered for all Symphonic band students and should arrive before the first band competition on the 30th of September. Once they arrive we will make arrangements to distribute them. For questions, please contact the Symphonic Band VP, David Johndrow at djohndrow@nc.rr.com.
- 2. First Bands Club Meeting:** The first Bands Club Meeting for the 2023/24 year is next week - Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 7 pm. Come and learn about our club's events and fundraising opportunities. You will also get to hear our Concert Band students perform. Your support of our Bands Club is an integral part of our band program's success. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 3. Information from the Fundraising Committee:** Would you like to earn some money to support your student's Charms account and band expenses? We need parent volunteers to help us organize and run our fundraising activities. We also have opportunities at many local venues to work on concession stands which can benefit your child's Charms account. We are also offering the RaiseRight "Digital Gift Card" program this year - a great way to earn money for your student's account. For more details please read the following announcement:

FUNDRAISING – OPEN POSITIONS – PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Luminaries Co-Chair** – this individual will work alongside Ken Lesher, current chairperson to coordinate the sale of luminaries to different neighborhood associations; please contact Ken at mrlesher68@yahoo.com if you have any questions
- **Out to Eat Nights Coordinator** – this individual will organize two out to eat nights with local restaurants in the Leesville community during the year (one in the fall (late Sept/early Oct) and one in the spring (late Feb/early March))
- **BBQ Coordinator** – this individual will be in charge of planning and coordinating this Spring event; work with the Overturfs (former band family) who have provided food for us in the past (typically held at the Springdale Pool parking lot)

Contact Melanie Shoffner, Fundraising VP, at mbshoffner620@gmail.com if you are interested in these positions or have any questions.

Fundraising Facts for 2023-2024

Fundraising is an important part of the LRHS Bands Club. There are many ways you can participate during the year to help earn money for your student's CHARMS account, as well as for the General Bands Fund.

- **Venue Fundraising** – If you are interested in working at the concession stands for NC State Football, NC State Basketball, or the Hurricane Hockey games (and some other PNC Events) send an email to Craig Carson at carson.lrhs.band@gmail.com. He will provide you with more details and the sign-up genius link.

This is a fantastic way to put some money into your CHARMS account to help offset costs for the Spring trips, as well as get to know other hardworking band parents.

- Families must link or re-link their **Harris Teeter VIC Card** each year so the Band receives money for card usage from their Together in Education (TIE) program; this can be done in the store or online - www.tie.harristeeter.com. Follow the steps to link the card and select **7061 LRHS Band Booster**.
- **Mark your calendars – Bands Club Meetings – Tuesday, September 19th, Tuesday, October 17th and Tuesday, November 21st** to hear more about Fundraising details and key events, such as Fruit & Flowers Sales, Luminaries, etc. Come learn how both you and your student can get involved and start earning money.

RaiseRight (formerly known as SCRIP) gift card program: Angela Hamilton is the coordinator for this exciting fundraising program.

RaiseRight is a "Digital gift card" system. It works similarly to grocery gift cards but there are a few major differences to highlight:

- 1) The digital (electronic) gift cards are accessible on the RaiseRight app; once purchased, families can access all of their gift cards in the app at any time.

Note: No physical cards will be supplied as they cost \$10 to be mailed.

- 2) RaiseRight includes but is not limited to, local stores such as grocery stores. Some other stores include Walmart, Kohls, Home Depot, Gap, Ulta Beauty, etc. and many restaurants including Starbucks, Domino's, Panera, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc. A complete list of stores and more details about the program can be found on the company's website at raiserright.com.
- 3) 3% of the funds raised go to the band program and 97% goes directly into your child's Charms account.

Create your RaiseRight account today and start earning money for your student's account and the Band!! The Enrollment Code is: **411B3F35692L**.

Contact program coordinator Angela Hamilton at (984) 294-9360 or achamilton81@gmail.com if you have any questions.

4. Concert and Intermediate Band Uniforms:

CONCERT AND INTERMEDIATE UNIFORMS

The Used Uniform Sale will take place at LRHS from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19th. If you want to sell a uniform, please refer to the email sent through Charms over the weekend. The sale is the same night as the Bands Club meeting. Only cash and check will be accepted. After the Used Uniform Sale, the students will be fitted for the uniform items which need to be ordered. The fittings will take place during band class. More information will follow on purchasing new uniforms. As a note, here are the used uniform prices:

Used Tuxedo Coat: \$40
Used Tuxedo Pants: \$20
Used Dresses: \$30
Used Shoes: \$15

Additionally, We need help with both the used uniform sale and measuring students for uniforms. We cannot fit all the students without more parent volunteers. Please sign up here: [LRHS Bands/Orchestra Uniform Help](#). Thank you!!!!

Contact Erin Campbell with any questions at epc8877@yahoo.com or 919-274-5837.

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. **Jazz Band Starting Soon:** Hello Everyone! The time for jazz band to start up has finally arrived. Jazz band will be rehearsing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30. The ensemble will be auditioned, and the material for this audition will be released next week. If you want to be a part of the ensemble and you are able to make these rehearsal times, please fill out this form so we know that we have a full ensemble.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0H26sONzWCNA_3VetxITWQOnioLZ0ct_8xOeFbiub8bq4jA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0H26sONzWCNA_3VetxITWQOnioLZ0ct_8xOeFbiub8bq4jA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

2. **Symphonic Band: Marching Band Football Home Game Performance:** Here is the Instruction sheet for Friday night's game:

[W GAME INSTRUCTION SHEET A 15 September 2023.docx](#)

3. **Concert Band: Bands Club Meeting Performance:** Here is the instruction sheet for your performance at next week's Bands Club meeting:

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Previous Announcements:

1. **Fair Share for the 2023-2024 Band Season:**

- Fair Share for Intermediate and Concert Band - \$50 (\$25 for sibling)
- Fair Share for Symphonic Band - \$150 (\$75 for sibling)

Fair share for all three bands is due no later than September 19. Money to pay fair share can be added directly to your student's ledger in Charms via credit or debit card; we are no longer accepting checks or PayPal payments for fair share. If you are new to the LRHS bands program or need a refresher about how we use Charms (including the steps to log into your account), click here: [Introduction to Charms](#) The procedure to add money to the ledger is outlined here: [Adding Money to the Charms Student Ledger](#). If you have any questions or need assistance with your password, email the student accounts manager (emilyasby@gmail.com)

2. **Chaperones for Band Competitions:**

Competition Season is upon us! To maintain a safe environment during competitions and to ensure students have what they need and are ready to show their best on the field we need to have chaperones! Once we arrive at the competition location, we escort the students to their respective changing areas. After they are changed, we assist with any needs they may have (lost button, forgotten item(s), need a bandaid, etc.). After warm-ups, we follow the band to their staging area. Once there and prepped, chaperones go to the stands to watch the band's performance. After the performance, we will meet again to escort the students back to their designated changing area and set up a snack. After cleaning up, we are back to the stands to watch the remaining bands and the awards ceremony. Once all is finished, we will make sure

the students are back at the buses and hit the road home. See the 4 dates below and sign up for what works best for you. We would like to have 7 chaperones (including me), with a minimum of 2 male chaperones (NOT ON PIT CREW pit crew will have their own responsibilities) for each competition. You are free to drive yourself to the venue or we can share rides. Looking forward to a great season! If you have any questions, please call Karyn Anglero (919)332-4423. Thank you!

[Band Competition Chaperone Volunteer Signup Genius](#)

3. Marching Band Drink Donations:

As a reminder, all students in the Marching Band were asked to bring in drink donations in order to keep the students hydrated during games and competitions. We are still missing a significant number of donations. Here is the info about what students in each section were asked to bring:

- All Saxophones - Case of bottled water
- Trombones - Diet Sodas
- Cornets, Trumpets - Cokes
- Oboes, Bassoons, French Horns, Flutes and Piccolos, All Clarinets, Basses, Percussion, Trombones, Euphoniums- Sprites

The drinks can still be dropped off on my porch. Details:

The Slock Family Front Porch

8440 Eden Park Dr, Raleigh, NC 27613

***Drinks must be labeled with the student's name.**

Thanks,

Casey Slock, on behalf of the Bands Club Hospitality Committee

4. Open House Powerpoint Presentation - for those who were unable to attend:

Hope you had a fantastic first week of school this week! I wanted to send out our Open House Slides from last week, as I realized not everyone might have seen them.

Here they are:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1EgloxYo2to7H0Lmy2imbXKi0csjAre05/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110810136922022015501&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Big takeaways:

- Families need to log into charms to pay any payments for band. Fair Share for the bands are now posted and this needs to be paid by all by September 19th.
- First parent meeting (and Concert Band Performance) is on Tuesday September 19th in the Auditorium. Hope to see everyone there!

5. USAF Band FREE Concert - Boone, NC, October 25 at 7pm:

Hello!

Your United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants will be in Boone, NC at Appalachian State University, Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts, on Wednesday, October 25th at 7pm to present a FREE concert! This is a rare and exciting event to hear great patriotic music, Broadway classics and as always a salute to celebrate our veterans! We would love to have your support in forwarding this email and adding it to your calendar of events! FREE tickets are required and available at the link below:

Link to tickets:

https://mpv.tickets.com/?orgId=53490&agency=ASUV_MPV&eventId=100280#/event/E100280/ticketlist/?view=pricescales&minPrice=0&maxPrice=0&quantity=1&sort=price_desc&ada=false&seatSelection=false&onlyCoupon=true&onlyVoucher=false

Thank you for supporting your United States Air Force Band!

Best,

TSgt James Layfield

Principal Trombone, USAF Concert Band

Marketing Rep, USAF Concert Band

JOHN STANLEY ROSS, DMA
DIRECTOR OF BANDS
Hayes School of Music
Appalachian State University
PRESIDENT, Pi Kappa Lambda

ZOOM with me HERE:

<https://appstate.zoom.us/j/8785077498>

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Please see the following flyer for more information.

📄 [2023 Fall Tour BABB&SS Flyer Appalachian State University.pdf](#)

College Marching Band Opportunities for High School Band Students:

As you have seen in the past few newsletters, several colleges in the area have invited High School band students to come to special events hosted by their band programs. There are a lot of details listed with each invitation so the dates of each event are listed in this newsletter along with the link to a separate document which has all the pertinent details for those interested in some or all of these exciting opportunities.

- Western Carolina Band Day: Saturday, Sept. 9th 2023
- ECU High School Band Day: Saturday, Sept. 9th 2023
- UNC CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HONOR BAND: Saturday, Sept. 16th 2023 (registering ended Aug. 20th 2023)
- Wed., Sept 27 - ECU School of Music Wind & Percussion Student for a Day
- Elon Band Day: Saturday, Nov. 18th 2023

These events are a great way for high school students to experience college band activities and learn what these bands are all about. We will update you with other opportunities as our directors receive the invitations. Here is the document with the information we currently have available:

[Current list of College Band Events Document](#)
