



LRHS Band News and Notes

05/08/2024

Edition 35

Important May 2024 Dates:

- **Thursday, May 9th:** IB and Orchestra Spring Concert at 6PM - [Tickets](#) (See note below re Thursday concert Tickets); [Instruction Sheet](#)
- **Thursday, May 9th:** CB and Jazz Band Spring Concert at 7PM - [Tickets](#) (See note below re Thursday concert Tickets); [Instruction Sheet](#)
- **Friday, May 10th:** SB Spring Concert at 7PM - [Tickets](#); [Instruction Sheet](#)
- **Tuesday - Thursday, May 14, 15, & 16:** Colorguard Clinics for 2024-25 - 3:30-5:30PM
- **Sunday, May 19th:** Senior Cookout with the Cs - 1-3PM
- **Tuesday, May 21:** New Parent Meeting & Final Bands Club Meeting - 7-8PM
- **Tuesday - Thursday, May 21, 22, & 23:** Battery Clinics/Auditions - 2:30-4:30PM
- **Wednesday - Thursday, 29 & 30:** Front Ensemble Clinics/Auditions
- **Friday, May 31:** Band Banquet - 6 - 8:30PM
- **Other important Dates:** Please link to LRHS Band Google Calendar: [Calendar – Leesville Road High School Bands \(leesvilleband.org\)](#) ; the [Orchestra Website and Calendar: Leesville Road High School Orchestra](#) ; All Ensembles' dates (combined programs) can be found highlighted at this link: [Ensembles Calendar](#)

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. “Graduating Parents” who served on the board or in committee positions:

Are you a parent who is "graduating" LRHS band and has served on the board or as a committee member during your times as a band parent?

If so, please email Allison Bullard (abullard2@wcpss.net) to let me know:

- a. Your name:
- b. Your child's name:
- c. What position (s) you have served during your time at LRHS:

2. Thursday Evening Spring Concert - A “*Note in the Pocket*” Special Project!:

Leesville Road High School Bands will be partnering with the nonprofit organization, Note in the Pocket, to host a clothing drive during our Intermediate, Concert, Jazz Band and Orchestra Spring Concert on May 9. Note in the Pocket's mission is to provide clothing to impoverished students with dignity and love across Wake County. In support of their cause, we are asking you to consider bringing in used clothes to donate at the entrance of the performance. The donation bin will be in the front lobby as you enter.

Thank you so much!

Ashelynn Justice, CB Student

3. Spring Concerts - Hospitality Committee Concert Receptions:

We are still in need of donations and volunteers! Keep reading to see how you can help:

We are asking all band families to please bring something for their reception. Items can be homemade or store bought. It works best if Symphonic band families volunteer for the Intermediate, Orchestra, Concert, and Jazz concert reception and vice versa.

[Symphonic Band Reception Signup](#)

[Intermediate, Orchestra, Concert, and Jazz Reception Signup](#)

Band Boosters Hospitality

Contact Casey Slock (919-271-5690) or Jackie Force (919-523-3721) with questions.

4. Important News from the Fundraising Committee

BBQ Fundraiser Wrap Up – A Special Thank You

As VP of Fundraising, I wanted to say a special thank you to:

- Anyone that purchased a plate. We sold 595 out of our 600 plates and made over \$4,000 for the Bands Club. I've heard a lot of positive comments about the food.

- Kristi Phillips, one of the best co-organizers ever. I couldn't have done this without you. Whew, glad it didn't rain until the event was over.
- The MANY volunteers that donated their time and items to ensure we were set up and ready to serve the first customer. Those of you that worked the three different tent areas (pre-orders, cash, and credit card) did a great job of moving everyone along quickly and efficiently to the serving area. I appreciate those of you that battled the heat to serve the delicious food. I'm grateful to those on the final shift and cleanup crew for being willing to stay a 1/2 hour later at the end to try and sell out. I hope many of you were able to get a nap and rest when you got home.

BBQ FEEDBACK REQUESTED - *Volunteers, I would like to hear from you.* If you discovered something about your role that could be improved next year, please let me know (big or small). It may be something small. such as having hand sanitizer pumps at the serving area which can be added to the Signup genius. I'll share any feedback I receive with Kristi at our post BBQ wrap up meeting later this month so we can update our BBQ notes.

- **Student Sign Wavers** - thank you for showing up on time and waving your own signs, our own BBQ signs, and for a few that brought the large green Pride flags to get the attention of cars. All the student participation really helped to drive in customers and allowed us to almost sell out. You should be proud. Thank you also to several students who worked multiple shifts. Every one of you that volunteered on Saturday played a vital role in the success of this event.

The LRHS Bands Club is made up of A LOT of great, hardworking, smart, and talented individuals. We're very lucky and blessed. As VP of Fundraising, I got to see all of those skills and great qualities of this group in action at Saturday's BBQ. I'm humbled and privileged to work alongside you to try and make the Bands Club better and better each year.

Melanie Shoffner
 VP of Fundraising 23-24
mbshoffner620@gmail.com

- **Check out these photos from the BBQ**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/uGWGcYyVB6ctJBHFA>

- **Capital Campaign Fundraiser (runs through May 2024)**

Have you donated to this fundraiser yet? If not, would you consider giving to help the directors purchase this items on this year's wish list ((a new sousaphone to replace a 30-year-old one and renovations to the instrument storage area).

Our goal for this fundraiser is \$25k. As of this week we had raised over \$18k which is amazing. Thank you to those who have generously given and for anyone else that is still considering giving to this very important fundraiser. Any amount helps.

To donate by credit card: Click the **Donate** button at the bottom of the band's website (<https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/>) or use the link below.

<https://lrhsbandsclub.square.site/product/capital-campaign-donation/2?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>

Review the attached letter for more details, as well as to give by check.

[Capital Campaign Letter](#)

Questions? Contact the organizers: Melanie Shoffner at mbshoffner620@gmail.com or Kristi Phillips at ksphillips136@gmail.com.

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. Spring Concert tickets:

Tickets for the Concert:

You can purchase tickets for our concerts next week at GoFan.Co (https://gofan.co/app/school/NC1303_1). Please note that just like last December, you do NOT need to purchase a ticket for BOTH the 6pm and 7pm concerts on Thursday if you plan to attend both.

2. Instruction Sheets for the Spring Concerts:

Here are the links to the Instruction Sheets for **ALL ENSEMBLES** for next week's concerts:

- [IB/Orchestra/CB/Jazz Band Concert Instruction Sheet](#)
- [SB Concert Instruction Sheet](#)

Please read these carefully and follow all the instructions given. Remember - Early is On-Time!

3. Marching Band 2024-2025 - Competition Dates:

The following dates will be next year's Marching Band competitions for Symphonic Band Members:

- September 28
- October 5
- October 19
- October 26

Specific locations will be shared at a later date, but please add these Saturdays to your calendar. Thanks!

4. NC Percussion Day: Saturday, May 11th at Enloe:



NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF PERCUSSION

RUSTY BURGE

PERCUSSIVE ARTS SOCIETY

DR. LAMON LAWHORN

5-11-24 | 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Registration/Expo Hall opens at 8:30 AM
William G. Enloe High School
128 Clarendon Crescent
Raleigh, NC 27610 **\$15/\$20**



5. Summer Jazz Opportunity for High School Students - 2024 Furman University/Greenville Jazz Collective Summer Jazz Camp:

Details about this exciting opportunity can be found at the following link:

[Furman University and Greenville Jazz Collective Summer Jazz Camp](#)

Previous Announcements:

1. **Venue Fundraising News!!!** Building your students Charms Account can be done by working at some of the venues that have offered our Bands Club that opportunity. Here's how:

We have a unified spreadsheet for volunteer opportunities.

[Signup Genius](#)

[Consolidated Volunteer Information \(includes signup genius link\)](#)

- Tabs are at the bottom for information on each venue.
- If you have any questions, you can contact: Dkswann@gmail.com or 919.645.7290

2. **Band Camp for the 24/25 Band Season - Important Updates:**

Dates for Band Camp and Pre-Band Camp are SET and currently in the Symphonic Band Google Calendar. Please note there are a few changes this summer. We have to be finished with Band Camp by August 1st due to LRHS Sports Tryouts. We wanted to push band camp as LATE as possible as our first Home Game is on August 23rd and we don't want to forget everything we learned!

Here are those dates written out:

- Leadership and Rookies (First Year SB Students) ONLY at LRHS: July 15th and 16th (Mon/Tue)- 8am - 12pm
- Percussion and Guard ONLY at LRHS: July 15th and 16th (Mon/Tue) - 8am-4pm
- Pre-Band Camp at LRHS:

July 17th -19th , 22nd and 23rd (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday) - **ALL** 8am-12pm, Percussion and Guard will continue until 4pm.

- Band Camp at Lees McRae College:
July 25th - July 31st (Thursday through Wednesday) Overnight Camp
- August Rehearsal Dates:
Tentatively August 13, 15, 20 and 22 from 6-8:30pm - We are waiting to hear back from Mrs. Jacobs

- 3. Color Guard Clinics for 24/25 School Year:** Join Color Guard for the 2024 Fall Season. Those new to our band program may not be familiar with Color Guard so here is a little info:

“Color guard is an outdoor performance-based group that competes along side the marching band. You will have the opportunity to spin a flag, dance, and spin weapons.”

Read the following flyer to learn more about the clinics in preparation for the next season:

[LRHS Color Guard 2024](#)

- 4. ECU Summer Band Day for High School Band Students:** All the info about this fun summer Marching Band experience can be found at this link:

 [ECU Summer Band Day for High School Students 2024](#)

- 5. LRHS Bands Club March Meeting Minutes:** Please read the minutes from the LRHS Bands Club March Meeting. It has all the details on current Bands Club activities:

[LRHS Bands Club March Meeting Minutes](#)