

LRHS Band News and Notes 05/15/2024 Edition 36

Important May-June 2024 Dates:

- 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
- Sunday, June 9th: Graduation
- Monday, June 10th: 1st Rehearsal for SB 2024/2025; 6pm-8:30pm
- Other important Dates: Please link to LRHS Band Google Calendar: <u>Calendar Leesville</u> <u>Road High School Bands (leesvilleband.org)</u>; the <u>Orchestra Website and Calendar: Leesvill</u> <u>Road High School Orchestra</u>; All Ensembles' dates (combined programs) can be found highlighted at this link: <u>Ensembles Calendar</u>

New Bands Club Announcements:

1. Band Banquet News!!!

Food and Drinks for the Band Banquet

Panera will be catering our banquet. If you would like food at the banquet, <u>please order</u> <u>Panera using the attached PDF</u>. *All orders must be placed by May 23rd at midnight!* If you have an account from last year and do not see the menu, you may need to create a new account. You are more than welcome to bring your own food if you prefer.

Click here for the cooler and drink signup

• (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DACAA2FA7F49-49671550-2023)

Band Banquet Panera Flyer

2. Final Bands Club Meeting 2023/2024 Season: Tuesday, May 21st, at 7pm.

Please attend our last Bands Club meeting for this season. New parents for the upcoming school year are also invited to attend and learn about our Bands Club and programs.

3. "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:
- 4. Important News from the Fundraising Committee

Capital Campaign Fundraiser (runs June 30, 2024) – FINAL PUSH to Reach Our \$25k Goal

THANK YOU to the many families and friends that have given toward this annual fundraiser to purchase items on the director's wish list. As of this week, we have raised over **\$18,000** to help Mrs. Colburn and Mr. Cvijanovic replace a 30-year-old sousaphone and renovate the aging instrument storage area. As VP of Fundraising, I am humbled by your level of generosity.

If you have not donated, please consider doing so. Any amount helps. I'm making a final push in the last few weeks of the school year to raise as many dollars as we can toward our goal of **\$25,000**. The last day to give for this school year is June 30th.

To donate by credit card: Click the **Donate** button at the bottom of the band's website (<u>https://www.leesvilleband.org/home/</u>) 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 <u>mbshoffner620@gmail.com</u> or Kristi Phillips at <u>ksphillips136@gmail.com</u>.

New Announcements from the Directors:

1. 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!

2. 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. 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

2. **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

3. 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
- 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