

WELCOME!

You are joining one of the best organizations at Linganore High School! Being part of the Band and Color Guard will be very rewarding and a lot of fun. Our Band and Guard have won many awards and honors, thanks to the hard work of each and every band member, director, parent, and school administrator.

Joining the Band can sometimes be overwhelming. You have become a member of a huge family that works very hard but has a great time. As you have probably heard, marching season keeps you very busy. The first thing to accomplish is making sure **all** forms are completed and returned. Yearly, you will be asked to fill out a **Membership & Info Form, Field Trip Permission & Med Form, Quota Form and Fund-raiser Permission Form**. Additional forms may be required during the year.

Here are some terms that will help you understand a little more about our band program.

BAND CAMP

There's nothing like marching on the practice field during the dog days of August. On dates and times set by the Band Director, you continue to learn the music and the drill for the marching show of the season. Make sure you wear light clothing, a hat, smooth on that **sunscreen** and bring your lunch with plenty to drink. Water is supplied on the field, but students should bring an icy bottle of water for their personal use. Parents, you'll be amazed at the transformation of this group from the first day to the last day of camp. Plan to come early some evening and sit by and listen. They truly make beautiful music. Band Camp is crucial to the success of the LHS marching season. Band Camp will be held August 1-5 and 8-11 from 8AM -6PM (8am-8pm on the 11th) Our annual ice cream social and parent showcase will be held August 11.

BAND DIRECTOR

We are very thankful to have Kevin Lloyd as our Band Director. He gives untold hours to writing music, designing drills, and directing our Band. His dedication to musical excellence is impressive as he teaches our high school students to become the best they can be. If you would like to speak with Mr. Lloyd, please phone him at school (240) 566.9827 or e-mail lancerband@aol.com.

BAND TRIPS

Every year we take a trip. On alternating years the Band takes a "Big Trip" or a "Small Trip." Paying for these trips comes from money you have earned through a quota system, in addition to paying regular yearly operating expenses. (see Quota). Big Trips are around \$850 add'l, and Small Trips are around \$350 at this time. The Lancer Band has marched in the parade down Main Street in Disney World, seen Broadway plays in the Big Apple, and marched in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, just to name just a few. One of the perks of being in the Band is having the opportunity to see places and meet people that you might never get to experience otherwise. **Trips are completely optional.**

BOOSTER MEETINGS

Monthly on Tuesdays - 7:00PM in the Media Center. This is your opportunity to get first hand information.

The Lancer Band thrives and succeeds on the enthusiasm and generosity of our Lancer Band Boosters Organization. Our meetings are monthly and mercifully short. Getting involved is easy and fun. The kids aren't the only members of our organization having a good time. Updates on the latest rehearsal schedules, upcoming events, and discussions of band business in general are covered at each meeting. Your participation, ideas and fresh look are important to us. No matter your talent or passion, there is a volunteer opportunity with the band that will suit you. Please join us at the next meeting. This is your opportunity to share.

COMPETITIONS

Besides performing the half-time show at every home football game, our Band participates in several competitions during marching season. The bands are divided into groups based on the number of performers and play in front of huge crowds at area venues. Each performance is timed and the band is scored on individual music, ensemble music, general effect music, and general effect visual. Trophies are awarded for Best Music and Marching, Best Color Guard, Best Drum Major, and Best Percussion as well as overall ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) This is a great family activity. Our Lancer Band has a reputation for having some of the most spirited fans. Directions to the competitions, performance times, and other information is available the week of each competition through yahoo e-mail.

FUND-RAISERS

As you will see in the Quota description, Band members are not strangers to the word "fund-raiser". Our Band tries hard to find fund-raisers that will be good sellers to help you earn that infamous "quota".

We have four types of fund-raisers:

* **Sales** - We offer many items for you to sell to friends, neighbors and co-workers. We try to find the best products to sell with the best profit margins we can earn. The profits you earn go directly to the student's quota.

* **Work for quota** - Many people don't like to sell or can't sell too much, so we offer opportunities to work concessions or other events. In addition to quota, you get to spend some "quality" time with other Boosters and maybe even with your son or daughter.

* Some fund-raisers require a **combination of sales and work**, like our famous LHS Subs. You can sell subs and earn quota for each sub you sell and/or you can help to prepare the subs each month on Sub Night. In this case the profit is divided. Half goes to the sellers and half is divided among those who work making the subs.

* The last type of fund-raiser doesn't go directly to your quota, but it helps defray our costs and ultimately lowers our operating budget by going into the **General Band Fund**. These fund-raisers, such as Domino's Pizza Nights, pop up occasionally.

Rest assured, we try to make the fundraising simple, profitable, and fun!

A fundraiser permission form must be completed in order to participate any and all fund-raising.

A black Deposit Box is located in the Band room for payments of any kind. A deposit slip should be filled out and included with payments.



If you have a question, just ask!



WEB SITE

The most important ways to find out all the information you need regarding the Band is our web site www.linganoreband.org. It is filled with committee news, a message from the Band Director, fundraiser information, forms, etc.

YAHOO E-MAIL

Throughout the year, it is necessary to get important information out to every family. We have a yahoo group e-mail account to supply you with that information. To subscribe, send an e-mail to:

linganoreband-subscribe@yahoo.com or sign up on the www.linganoreband.org website (JOIN YAHOO at the bottom of the home page). Questions – please contact Band Booster President, Peg Kase @ 301-831-9479 or e-mail: pegkase@yahoo.com

QUOTA

Quota is a loose term we use for money. It covers a student's share of operating costs as well as money for the annual band trip. Each year the Board of Education pays the Band Director's salary and a portion of other expenses. The Band program, however, has many additional costs to keep our students on the field. The Boosters pay for the Assistant Directors, Guard Instructors, Drill Writers, other teaching assistants, buses for all off-site activities, uniforms, cleaning and maintenance of uniforms, maintenance of and repairs to our Band Truck and two trailers, auto and liability insurance, many of our large instruments and cases, building and transporting props, the balance of our transportation expenses, and other administrative costs. The total amount of these items is divided by the number of students in the band and that amount becomes your share of the operating budget for the year. Once a student's operating budget is met, he/she can earn money towards their band trip. **The Band trip is completely optional.** No one is required to go on the trips, but they are a great experience for everyone. Details of the trip will be given early in the fall and you will be asked to sign a commitment form if you choose to go on the trip that spring. The total of your operating budget and the cost of the trip (if you choose to go) is your 'quota' for the year. (See Fund-raisers) **Please fill out and return the Quota Statement Form so that our Treasurer, Dennis Regulinski has an accurate e-mail address for you and your student. All Quota information will be sent directly to that address. Treasurer's e-mail address is: dkreg@verizon.net**



ROADIES

Another new term to learn is **Roadie**. These are our dedicated, hard-working parents who get all the instruments and props to and from each performance. They load, unload, haul, push, pull, drag, set up and tear down – all in record time (competition rules give each band a certain amount of time to get on and off the field) and usually with smiles on their faces! There's always room for more!

CHAPERONES

Many chaperones are needed throughout the school year for various band performance events; however the fall is the busiest time for chaperones. Marching competitions require the chaperone to arrive at school 30 minutes before the band's departure. Chaperones ride the bus and remain with the band throughout the event and watch the Lancer performance, then rejoin them as they leave the field. Chaperoning is a fun and exciting way to get involved, and like roadies, we always need more of them.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

When you walk into a competition, look for our LHS Band banner and lots of smiling faces ready to cheer on our Lancer Band. Our Spirit Committee members take turns arriving early to save the best seats for us. If you plan to make even one competition this fall, we can use your help. We have a spirit kit complete with band banner and noise shakers. Come join the fun and bring the whole family.

UNIFORMS

Your student will be fitted in both marching and concert uniforms during Band Camp. Flexibility is the always the watchword when fitting uniforms. Fitting dates are crucial. After each student is fitted during Band Camp, he/she will then return home with a **Uniform Clothing Form**, which will list all items and fees the student needs at the time of the fitting. The student will then return the form to school with a check for those items. Some items, like gloves, may need to be purchased several times throughout the season. **The Uniform Clothing Fee is the only fee that can be deducted from a student's quota account.** Mischelle Colella mischellec@comcast.net is our uniform committee chair and will be happy to answer your questions. All band students will be responsible for uniform maintenance fees each fall. Forms and fees must be turned in before we march. Second semester only students will be responsible for concert uniform fees.

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