

April 25, 2010

Dear Linganore Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to our incoming students and their families! We are happy to have you as part of our organization, and look forward to a great year for the band in our wonderful new building.

Our first meeting as a new band will be the evening of Tuesday, June 1. The band and color guard will rehearse from 5:30-8 in the band room, theater, and outside rehearsal areas. Our fantastic booster organization will host a parent orientation meeting and reception from 6-8 on this night as well. I sincerely hope you will consider getting involved with the boosters. Being an involved parent will enhance your relationship with your child and your ties to our school. In addition to June 1, we will rehearse on June 3, 8, and 10 from 5:30-8, and on Saturday, June 5 and Saturday, June 12 from 9am-4pm. If you have a conflict on one of these dates, just email me at [LancerBand@aol.com](mailto:LancerBand@aol.com) to let me know, but please try to attend for as much time as possible. These rehearsals are very important to our success in the fall.

In addition to these rehearsals at the high school, middle school directors will be working with the fall band material in class with our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students. Over the summer, students are expected to practice and memorize assigned warm-ups, the National Anthem, and marching show music. Recordings of our fall show music will be posted on our web site and may be downloaded at your convenience, and I encourage the students to practice with them. We may be scheduling some rehearsals over the summer. These dates will be announced in June and will be determined by access to our new building on Old Annapolis Road. Students will be expected to attend these practices if they are in the area, but we respect that family vacations, summer camps and other activities may mean that all students may not be able to attend every rehearsal between our final min-camp date on June 12 and our August band camp. It is always important that you email me or provide a note regarding any conflicts.

Our Band Camp will be held on the campus of the newly constructed Linganore High School on Old Annapolis Road. Camp will run August 2,3,4,5 and August 9,10,11,12 from 8am-6pm (8am-8pm on August 12 with a parent showcase at 7pm). Band camp is critical rehearsal time, and everyone needs to be there. Conflicts, if any, should be discussed with Mr. Lloyd and indicated on the enclosed commitment form. Students who miss any portion of band camp may not be prepared to march in our early season performances, at the director's discretion. For band camp, students should bring their instrument, music, pencil, comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen, a water jug and their lunch. Flip folders and lyres will be available for purchase at \$5 each. Flute players purchase a folder/lyre combination for \$10.

Students may participate in marching band and be involved with fall sports at Linganore. Band Camp is held prior to the official start of fall sports practices, which is August 15, so band must take priority during the first two weeks of August. More information about balancing band and fall sports will be available via email and on our web site soon.

One of the most important things you can do to stay on top of band info is to join our mailing list. Only you can place yourself on, or remove yourself from, this list. To join the band email group, send an email from your account to [linganoreband-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:linganoreband-subscribe@yahoo.com). To remove yourself from the list, send an email from the same account to [linganoreband-unsubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:linganoreband-unsubscribe@yahoo.com). If you have a spam blocker, be certain that it allows you to receive e-mails from this domain. Emails that contain information for incoming students will begin May 15, so please join the list by then. Again, only you can add or remove yourself from our email list.

You may also access band information through our web site, which is [www.linganoreaband.org](http://www.linganoreaband.org). Here you will find updated schedules, fund raising information, important contacts, etc. If you do not have access to the internet, please indicate this on the commitment form so that we can be sure to contact you by phone or mail. To reach me, please email [lancerband@aol.com](mailto:lancerband@aol.com) or [kevin.lloyd@fcps.org](mailto:kevin.lloyd@fcps.org). The band office phone number at LHS is 240.566.9478 through June 30. The number for the new school will be 240.566.9700. I will check for phone messages weekly, so e-mail will generally reach me faster.

Please see the schedule on the reverse and feel free to contact me with any questions. My staff and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lloyd, Director of Bands

## **Linganore High School Band – 2010 Calendar Information – Subject to Change**

Tuesday, June 1, 5:30-8:30pm, first **LHS Band Mini-Camp** date including all Fall 2010 wind, brass, percussion and color guard members. Plan to be outside. Bring your instrument, hat, comfortable shoes (no sandals or flip-flops), sunscreen, hat, pencil, water jug. Parents may attend a meeting with booster members from 6-8, which will also include a Q&A with Mr. Lloyd

Spring rehearsal schedule:

Tuesday, June 1, 5:30-8

Thursday, June 3, 5:30-8

Saturday, June 5, 9am-4pm (bring lunch)

Tuesday, June 8, 5:30-8

Thursday, June 10, 5:30-8

Saturday, June 12, 9am-4pm (bring lunch)

Additional rehearsals over the summer will be announced in June.

### **BAND CAMP at LINGANORE HIGH SCHOOL on OLD ANNAPOLIS ROADE**

August 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 from 8am-6pm. Pack lunch.

August 12 from 8am-8pm, including a showcase for parents at 7pm. Pack lunch.

### **No band rehearsals the week of August 16.**

Tuesday, August 24 and Thursday, August 26 – regular T/TH evening rehearsals from 5:30-8 begin this week and continue through the end of marching season on November 7.

### **Home football games** – game begins at 7pm, band reports at 5pm.

Friday, September 3 – not yet scheduled. May be home or away

Thursday, September 16 vs. Walkersville

Friday, October 1 vs. Westminster

Friday, October 8 vs. Woodrow Wilson

Friday, October 22 vs. Tuscarora

Friday, October 29, vs. Gov. Thomas Johnson

### **Tentative competition and festival schedule for fall – times TBA**

Saturday, September 18 – Martinsburg HS, WV (Tournament of Bands)

Saturday, September 25 – Westminster HS, MD (United States Scholastic Band Association)

Saturday, October 2 – No competition. Homecoming Dance.

Saturday, October 9 – Centennial HS, MD (USSBA)

Saturday, October 16 – Liberty HS, MD (TOB) and Towson University, MD (USSBA)

Saturday, October 23 – James Madison University Parade of Champions, VA (Independent)

Saturday, October 30 – No competition.

Sunday, November 7 – National Championships, Annapolis, MD (USSBA)

### **Tuesday after-school rehearsals for the Holiday Concert. All rehearsals 2:30pm – 5:30pm**

Tuesday, November 9

Tuesday, November 16

Tuesday, November 30

Tuesday, December 7

### **Holiday Concert (tentative date)**

Thursday, December 9, 7pm

Important: Competition schedules on Saturdays are determined by our performance time, and usually include a 3-hour rehearsal, packing, dinner, travel, warm-up, show, awards and return home. A typical Saturday competition day begins in the early afternoon with a return around 11:30pm, but this is variable.

## Linganore High School Marching Band Commitment form 2010

Dear LHS Band Students and Parents,

Each year, a marching show is designed for Linganore using marching drill that is written for the exact number of students in our group. When the group number changes after the drill is written, it creates both an inconvenience to students, who must learn the adjusted drill, and an expense to the band organization, which may have to pay the drill writer for extra writing time. For this reason, we ask all students planning to participate in marching band to complete the following commitment form, which is due to Mr. Lloyd no later than Tuesday, June 8, 2010. Only students who submit a commitment form by the due date will be written into the marching drill.

This commitment form has been an effective tool in limiting, and in many years eliminating, the instances of number changes over the summer. Marching band requires a commitment of time and energy, and families are requested to look carefully at the schedule before completing this form. Because these commitments have been honored in recent years, it has been unnecessary for us to require a financial deposit with this form, and we hope to be able to continue this practice.

In band, there is no such thing as "mandatory" and "non-mandatory" rehearsals. All students are expected to attend all practices and events. Every student is critical. We don't have extra players sitting on the bench who can substitute for you when you are not there. Students may, however, be excused from some rehearsals for reasons involving Linganore sports games (not club teams), unexpected conflicts, emergencies, and unique family events (such as weddings) at the discretion of the director.

YES! I plan to be a part of the 2010-11 Linganore Lancer Band.

No, after looking over the schedule, I have decided not to participate in the band program, and will contact the guidance department at LHS to request a schedule change.

Student name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2010) \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Concert Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

If you plan to play a fall sport at LHS, please list it here \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name(s) (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you plan to participate but anticipate any conflicts, please list them below. These will be discussed with Mr. Lloyd and a determination made as to whether the student should plan to participate. Please list the conflict date and reason for possible absence.

Mini-camp or summer rehearsals:

Band camp dates:

Football game or competition dates:

Other rehearsal dates:

Submit this form to your middle school director or Mr. Lloyd by June 5, 2010 or FAX to 240.566.9401. If mailing, send to Kevin Lloyd, Linganore H.S., 5850 Eaglehead Drive, Ijamsville, MD 21754.