

May 2008

Dear 2008-2009 LHS Band Students and Parents,

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and looking forward to a great year in the Lewisville Band program. After a successful year at LHS, we are looking forward to next year with great anticipation. As you look forward to the summer, continue to practice your instrument as there will be music to pass off when you arrive at Band Camp. This is the **final communication** you will receive from the Band Staff, so please take note of the enclosed **dates** and **times**. Also, keep your eye on the Band website at [www.lewisvilleband.org](http://www.lewisvilleband.org) and watch your email for the latest updates. As the new year approaches, we are anticipating many exciting events and opportunities.

The new Band Hall and the renovation of the old Band Hall are exciting things on the horizon. As work continues on the new Band Hall, the scheduled completion date has been updated to August 1<sup>st</sup>. The old Band Hall renovations will begin on June 9<sup>th</sup> with a scheduled completion of August 11<sup>th</sup>, after Camp begins. With that said, we will be “homeless” for the summer. Most of our surplus equipment will be in storage for the summer. Percussion and Colorguard Camps will take place on the North Campus. Many of the indoor Band Camp rehearsals may take place in the Cafeteria/Auditorium area if Band Hall completion dates are behind schedule. Many plan “B’s” are being discussed at this time so we can move forward at the beginning of next year with the least amount of distractions. Our determination, as well as flexibility, will be important to the success of the 2008-09 year. I challenge you to be ready for a great year.

To continue, our production for the 2008-2009 LHS Marching Band will include the music arranged by David Mairs and Quiyan Murphy. Matt Weathersby will be returning as our Colorguard / Visual Director for next year. Eric Babula and Matt Johnson will assist Matt with the Colorguard. We have some exciting plans for the Visual package. So get ready!! It’s going to be great!! The show for 2008-09 will be unveiled on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. I look forward to seeing you there. Students should have received some of the marching show music. If you did not receive music, let your section or group leader know and they can take care of you. Students must have music memorized before reporting for Band Camp on August 4. Additional music will be given to students at Band Camp for other traditional music. We will be attending two local contests this Fall – the Arlington BOA Contest, the Marching Classic on the Lake. This is a State Marching Contest year, which will include Region and Area Marching Contest as well. The specific dates for these contests are listed on the calendar at the end of this letter.

In the Spring, we will be making an in-state trip. Plans are underway at this time for a very exciting trip. The Spring Trip will occur in April or May after Concert and Sightreading UIL and is optional for all band members. We will attempt to design a low cost trip so as to include as many students as possible.

The LHS Band wears formal concert attire for our concerts. Students are to purchase a dress for females or a tuxedo for males at a cost of \$90. Used dresses and tuxedos are available on the band website (1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served) at a reduced price. Returning band members will not need to purchase new concert attire unless your student has out-grown their old attire. We will size the students in their classes in October and place an order at that time. We will make announcements in their classes as the sizing times approach.

In addition, if your school-owned instrument is not in working order, you must take it to Music and Arts Center this summer to have it repaired before Band Camp. Music and Arts Center is located next to Christina's Restaurant on FM 3040 next to Vista Ridge Mall and their telephone number is (972) 315-8400. **Please make sure all instruments are in good working order for Band Camp** (both personal and school owned instruments). Don't wait until the last minute to repair your instrument as Music and Arts Center is quite busy during the summer (They are currently on a 2-4 week back-log in repairing instruments).

As we know, it costs money to run a Band Program of this size and magnitude. It is my goal and dream that we as an organization make it possible for Band to be a completely "free" opportunity for our students and parents. With that said, this Fall the LHS Band Booster Organization is continuing its work on the Sponsorship/Donor program. The program is broken into three segments: Individual, Corporate and Alumni. The intent of this program is to realize this goal and dream. We will be seeking your assistance in making this vital program everything it is intended to become. More on this in the Fall. We will continue to raise funds through our traditional events (Playathon, Dinner Theater, etc.) and sales (Cookie Dough, Pies). We will also look for new events such as a Winterguard show, a Golf Tournament as well as others. If you have ideas for fundraising, please contact a Board member with your ideas.

Until the Sponsorship/Donor program begins to generate income, we will continue to operate as usual with regard to payment of fees. As always, when we receive money given to the program from outside sources (through sponsorship, donor or fundraising), we will credit each student's account beginning with the last payment and backing up from there. These credits will be reflected in your monthly statements. So that all are aware of the costs pertaining to Band for the 2008-2009 year, the costs are listed below followed by a payment schedule. Please understand that if financial assistance is needed, there is assistance available through the Booster Organization. Please contact Mr. Steve Ward, Booster President for an application. His information is on the Band website. **We are here to help!!!** However, we can't help if we don't know.

We have a new opportunity this year regarding fundraising. We will begin this year to partner with the Marcus Band to work the Concession Stand at all Goldsmith Stadium events. This is a great opportunity for us to raise a substantial amount of money, that will in turn, greatly reduce the amount of fees charged to students. We will be expecting parents to sign-up to help in this important endeavor. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

The fees for the 2008-2009 year are as follows:

- Band Fee: \$450
- Band Shoes (needed for new Band members - Freshmen): \$25
- Maintenance Fee (for all School Owned Instruments): \$60
- Tuxedo / Dress (for all new Band members): \$90

The budget, showing the breakdown of costs for the Band Fee will be addressed and voted on at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Booster meeting. If you will be unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the 2008-2009 Budget, feel free to email Mr. Steve Ward, President and he will send you a copy. His information is on the Band website.

The payment schedule is as follows. As in previous years, we will ask for the first payment of the Band Fee at Registration.

- 1<sup>st</sup> payment - \$ 150 of the Band Fee plus \$25 (Band shoes) – Aug 2  
(Band Registration)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$100 BF plus \$60 (Maintenance Fee, if applicable) – Aug 30
- 3<sup>rd</sup> payment - \$100 BF plus \$90 (Tux/Dress, if applicable) – Sept. 30
- 4<sup>th</sup> payment - Last \$100 of the Band fee – October 30

**All Spring Trip payments (once the exact cost is settled) will be made from January 15 through March 15 in three payments and will only be applied once Band Fees have been met.**

Individual payments (such as check, cash or money order) are applied directly to your individual accounts. Please remember – financial assistance is available for any student in need. If you need an alternative payment schedule, one can be arranged. **We can't help if we don't know help is needed. Please communicate with Mr. Steve Ward or me. Money should never be a reason for not doing Band in High School.**

Please be reminded that according to IRS guidelines, all **fundraised** monies are spread equally across the entire Band program (unlike individual payments which go to your individual accounts). Fundraised dollars will be applied to the each individual student's Band Fee first, beginning with the October 30<sup>th</sup> payment and working backward from there to September 30, then August 30, then to the Aug 2 payment. Once those fees are satisfied, we will then apply fundraised dollars to the other payment such as LISD Maintenance Fee, Shoes and Tux/ Dress.

**Money for the Spring Trip will be applied to your account once all other fees are paid and your account is in good standing.**

Once we begin to fund the Spring Trip, a Spring Trip Deposit (to be set once the final trip cost is set) will reserve a spot for each student planning to attend the Spring Trip.

If you have questions or are confused about the process and payment schedule, please communicate with Mr. Steve Ward or me. We will be glad to help. **I say again, we are here to help, but we cannot help if we don't know help is needed. Please communicate with us.**

**YAHOO GROUPS:** The Band Staff and Band Booster Organization frequently issue updated schedule and event information via the internet through the product known as YAHOO GROUPS. Yahoo Groups is a means to better communicate to the parents and students of the LHS Band. This accomplished email funneled to the Booster Organization and then sent to Registered LHS band families via the broadcasting feature of Yahoo Groups. If your family has not registered for Yahoo Groups, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may register on the Band website (Click **Information**, then **Boosters**, then **Freshmen/New Student Guide**, then follow the instructions). The process is quite simple and the information is extremely important. If you need assistance, please contact Mr. Steve Ward.

**Saturday, Aug 2: Band Registration – LHS Cafeteria (New Day of the week)**

The 2008-2009 school year begins with Band Registration. All students must register for participation in the 2008-2009 LHS Band. All student and parents should attend registration on Saturday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> in the LHS Cafeteria. This is a date change from last year. The schedule for Registration is as follows;

- Last name A – F: 1:00pm
- Last name G – L: 2:00pm
- Last name M – R: 3:00pm
- Last name S – Z: 4:00pm

All Drum Majors and Leaders will set up after our morning session with the Freshmen and work until 5:30pm.

**Parents**, we will need help on several important items at Registration as well as help to fit the students for their Band Uniform on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00pm. Please contact Booster Vice President Michelle Nemecek if you can help. Her telephone number and email address are available on the band website.

**Every** person in the 2008-09 LHS Band will need to come to registration with a parent or guardian. If for some reason you cannot attend registration, please notify the Band Office by email at [courtneym@lisd.net](mailto:courtneym@lisd.net) as early as possible. We ask that the first payment of the Band fee be paid at Registration. If there is a cause for concern, please let me know and we can work through it. The Band fee covers such items as uniform socks, gloves, band t-shirt, music flip folders, bottled water for the year, clinicians for all bands, music purchase, uniform cleanings, as well as many other items listed in the budget. Please refer to the Band Budget for a complete listing. In addition to the first Band payment, **all new members** will need to purchase band shoes to be worn with the Band Uniform for \$25.

Please be prepared to do the following at Registration:

- 1) Turn in medical form, complete with policy number and telephone numbers.
- 2) Check your address, telephone and email information for accuracy.
- 3) Make the first payment on your Band Fees - \$150
- 4) Pay for new Band Shoes (if needed) - \$25
- 5) Pay the LISD Maintenance Fee for School-owned Instruments - \$60
- 6) Purchase additional items such as yard signs, booster shirts and instrument accessories **after** the band fee, shoes and maintenance fees are paid.
- 7) Music and Arts Center will be on hand for those last minute items need for Camp.

**Please make sure you familiarize yourself with the schedule that follows. Some items are different this year!!**

**Thursday, July 31**

Leadership Training – All Drum Majors and Section Leaders – 8:00am – 5:00pm.

**Friday, August 1**

Freshmen Camp – 9:00am – 11:00am

All Leaders – 8:00am – 5:00pm

All Seniors – 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**Saturday, August 2**

Freshmen Camp – 9:00am – 11:00am

Leaders – 8:00am – 5:00pm

**\*\*\*\*\*Band Registration 1:00pm – 5:00pm\*\*\*\*\***

**Monday, August 4: Everyone reports at 6:45am! (report to Band Hall for instructions)**

Students should remember to bring all of the following that apply to marching rehearsals:

- 1) Bring your own cooler with water only and your name clearly marked on it.
- 2) **Pack a lunch for the late morning break (new this year).**
- 3) Wear tennis or athletic shoes with socks (**Boots, sandals, heels, etc. are not acceptable footwear at rehearsals.**)
- 4) Wear shorts and light colored t-shirts (loose fitting attire is the best).
- 5) Hats, sun glasses and sunscreen are a good idea.
- 6) Always have pencil and music in flip folders at rehearsals.
- 7) Always have drill / coordinate books at rehearsals (you will not need this the first day of rehearsal. We will show you the type of drill and coordinate books needed for rehearsals).
- 8) Always have your instrument and all parts in good working condition.
- 9) Eat breakfast every morning and drink water before coming to rehearsal. This will help you handle the August heat.

**New Schedule for Band Camp**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (with Jamie Weaver from BOA)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Tuesday, August 5:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Wednesday, August 6:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Thursday, August 7:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Friday, August 8:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (Stadium)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band

**Uniform Distribution:**

2:00pm – 3:00pm	Seniors
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Juniors
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Sophomores

Due to the number of uniforms we have, you must come on the assigned day!

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (Stadium)
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**Saturday, August 9**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (Stadium)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band

**Uniform Distribution for Freshmen**

2:00pm – 3:00pm	Last name A – F
3:00pm – 4:00pm	G – L
4:00pm – 5:00pm	M – R
5:00pm – 6:00pm	S – Z
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Waterpark!!!!

**Monday, August 11**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Tuesday, August 12:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Wednesday, August 13:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)

**Thursday, August 14:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Leader Skits

**Friday, August 15:**

7:00am – 10:30am	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break (lunch – eat sack lunch)
11:00am – 12 noon	Small Groups
12 noon – 1:30pm	Full Band
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Everyone (on the Stadium field)
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Band Induction

**Saturday, August 16:**

4:00pm	Band meets
5:00pm	Potluck Dinner
6:30pm	Fall Preview Show

**Monday, August 18**

No Band Rehearsals for Teacher Inservice

**Tuesday, August 19**

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (Stadium)
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**Wednesday, August 20**

No Band Rehearsals for Teacher Inservice

**Thursday, August 21**

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Everyone (Stadium)
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**Friday, August 22**

No Band Rehearsals for Teacher Inservice

**Saturday, August 23**

9:00am – 12 noon	Band Rehearsal - Everyone
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Cluster MS Waterpark Party

**Monday, August 25:**

1 <sup>st</sup> day of school	No Band Rehearsal
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**Tuesday, August 26**

6:45am – 8:10am	Regular Band Rehearsal
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- Once school begins we will rehearse every morning from 6:45am – 8:10am. At the conclusion of morning rehearsals, freshmen band students (who have first period on the North campus) will board buses for the North campus to begin their day of classes.

**Freshmen and Sophomore Orientations** usually take place during Band Camp. I have not received those dates as of this publication. All Freshmen and Sophomore Band students will go to the afternoon Orientation session on the same date as published in your Orientation information. We have made special arrangements with the administrations on both campuses for LHS Band students to attend the afternoon session (regardless of the time you may have received in the mail) so as not to disrupt the morning rehearsals. We will release those affected students early from the stated 1:30pm rehearsal completion to attend their respective 1:00pm Orientation session. Freshmen parents should be prepared to pick up their student from rehearsal and transport them to North for their Orientation. The Band will not be providing transportation to North.

The last page of this letter is the calendar of events for the Fall 2008 semester. The Spring 2009 calendar will be released in November.

**Please Remember**

- 1) Mark **all dates** on your calendar.
- 2) **All dates** are required.
- 3) Arrive for every rehearsal at least 15 minutes early so as to have your instrument and supplies ready to start on time. Keep in mind the distance from the band hall to the marching field as you plan your schedule. Remember, **to be on time is to be late, to be early is to be on time.**
- 4) Always email **ahead of time** if you have any problems to [courtneym@lisd.net](mailto:courtneym@lisd.net).

I certainly hope that everyone has a great summer. If you know of anyone not receiving our mail-outs, please contact Mr. Steve Ward and give him the correct address and telephone number. We look forward to seeing each of you to begin a most successful year for the LHS Band.

Sincerely,

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The following dates are listed below for the 2008-09 LHS Band. This is by no means an all-inclusive list. Any additional dates will be given to you at the start of school. **All dates are required unless otherwise noted.**

August 16 (Sat) – Fall Preview Show / Potluck Dinner – 5pm  
August 23 (Sat) – Rehearsal – 9:00am – 12:00 noon  
MS / HS Band Night @ Waterpark – 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
August 25 (Mon) – School Starts (normal rehearsal schedule begins)  
August 29 (Fri) – LHS vs Grand Prairie (Away) – 7:30pm  
September 5 (Fri) – LHS vs Garland – Naaman Forest (Home) – 7:30pm  
September 6 (Sat) – Playathon (TBA)  
September 12 (Fri) – LHS vs Grapevine (Away) – 7:30pm  
September 13 (Sat) – Rehearsal – 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Parent’s Night – 8:00pm – 9:00pm  
September 19 (Fri) – OPEN  
September 20 (Sat) – Rehearsal – 9:00am – 12:00 noon  
September 25 (Thu) – Homecoming Parade – 6:00pm  
Community Pep Rally – 7:00pm  
September 26 (Fri) – Homecoming – LHS vs Tyler John Tyler (Home) – 7:30pm  
September 27 (Sat) – Rehearsal – 9:00am – 12 noon  
Western Days Parade – TBA  
October 2 (Thu) – LHS vs Mesquite – Horn (Away) – 7:30pm  
October 4 (Sat) – BOA – Arlington Marching Contest  
October 10 (Fri) – LHS vs Marcus (Away – Texas Stadium) – 8:00pm  
October 11 (Sat) – Marching Classic on the Lake Marching Contest  
October 17 (Fri) – LHS vs Flower Mound (Away) – 7:30pm  
October 18 (Sat) – UIL Region 24 Marching Contest (Standridge Stadium)  
October 24 (Fri) – LHS vs Hebron (Home) – 7:30pm  
October 25 (Sat) – UIL Area Marching Contest (HEB Stadium)  
October 31 (Fri) – LHS vs Coppell (Home – Senior Night) – 7:30pm  
November 7 (Fri) – LHS vs Southlake Carroll (Away) – 7:30pm  
November 14 (Fri) – Football playoffs Begin (Week 1 of 4 potential weeks)  
November 22 (Sat) – Dinner Theater – LHS Cafeteria  
December 2 (Tues) – All-Region Audition – Phase I – Grapevine HS  
December 6 (Sat) – All Region Auditions – Phase II – FRESHMEN – TCHS  
Lewisville Christmas Parade  
December 15 (Mon) – Holiday Concert  
December 20 (Sat) – Holidays begin

Fall SAT dates: October 4, November 1, December 6

Fall ACT dates: September 13, October 25 (paid by LHS), December 6