Limestone Band Boosters Newsletter

April 2012 www.limestonebands.com

Coming Events

Check for updates at: www.limestonebands.com

4/13 Uniform Prep Session
Band room 5:30 pm

4/ 16 Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser Cafeteria 5:00 – 6:30 pm

4/ 16 Booster Meeting Cafeteria 7:00 pm

4/27 State of Illinois Concert Fest @ ISU's Center for the Performing Arts
Wind Ensemble
Arrive at LCHS in concert black at 3:30 pm. Leave at 4:00 . Perform at 6:00. Watch ISU performance at 9:30. Home at 11:00 pm.

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5/1 Spring Concert in Auditorium
All Ensembles 7:00 pm

5/4 And All That Jazz
Jazz Band 6:00 pm

5/5 And All That Jazz
Jazz Band 6:00 pm

5/21 Booster Meeting Cafeteria 7:00 pm

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Spring Break 2013
Trip to Disney World!

Next Meeting!

Monday, April 16, 2012 7:00 pm
LCHS Cafeteria

Get your Drive-Thru Dinner (see below & bring your own beverage) to the LCHS cafeteria, dine with friends and stick around for the Band Booster meeting! The 2012-2013 band packets will be handed out to all students/parents—that includes incoming freshmen. **Attention incoming freshman parents: attending this meeting will answer MOST of your questions and help you plan your summer vacation so it doesn't interfere with required attendance dates (pre-camp, band camp).** Mr. Empey will go over the summer and fall rehearsal and performance dates, rules, and more. We will also be handing out the detailed information regarding the Disney trip, scheduled for spring break 2013. As always, for each Booster meeting you attend, a chance will be put in the kitty for winning free 2012-2013 band fees!

Drive-Thru Dinner

April 16, 2012
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Price: $9.00

Pick up your meal at the LCHS Student Parking Lot (south lot)

1/2 Chicken OR Pork Chop, with mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, and roll & butter

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need donations of cookies or brownies to supply the dessert for the dinners. Cookies/brownies should be dropped off from 4:00-5:00 pm that day. If possible, please package the cookies/brownies individually in sandwich bags or wax bags so we can easily put them in the meal containers.

Starting at 4:00 pm, 6-8 adult volunteers are needed to help set up, package the dinners in to-go containers and tear down. We'll finish everything by 7:00 pm when the booster meeting begins.

If you would like to volunteer or purchase tickets, please call Jennifer Goble at 309-697-8727.

Fundraising News & Volunteer Opportunities — Have fun while you help!

Earn free money

for your student's account by making purchases using a Limestone Band Booster Kroger reloadable gift card. To get started, contact Booster treasurer, Lisa Forsman, & assistant treasurer, Kim Dunham.

Fun Funds from GFS Marketplace are another way to earn money while you shop.

Check it out at:
www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/gfs-fun-funds/

We earn $$$ by recycling ink cartridges, cell phones and aluminum cans. Bring cartridges and cell phones to the band room. Deposit cans in the trailer by the sidewalk that leads to the band room

Uniform managing….We're always looking for people to help with uniforms. No sewing experience needed. Come to the work session on Friday, April 13 at 5:30 pm in the band room. We will be unbagging the uniforms, bagging any items left by students in their bags, removing collars from the jackets (they just unsnap), removing hems, and then hanging everything back up.

Our trailers need your help! We need a volunteer (multiple volunteers?) to step forward to sand and paint the roof of the small trailer. The big trailer needs to have some lights replaced. Call Mike Stobaugh (697-6444).

Looking for a summer (Booster) job? Here is a list of the things boosters do to support the summer marching band rehearsals. Take a look, decide how you might like to help out, and mark your calendar now! Call Angie Becker (697-4885) or Adriana Bryan (697-4140) for more information.

- Tuesday and Thursday night rehearsals (starting July 10): Parents get water jugs ready for practice.
- Freshman Band Camp (July 23-25): We will have water ready and maybe put some snacks out for those that need them.
- Pre-Band Camp (July 30-Aug. 3): We will need parents for water before and during practice. We will also be getting things ready for band camp: towels ready, coolers lined up, trailers checked, etc.
- The night before Band Camp (Aug. 5): Help put up tents.
- Band Camp (Aug. 6-10): Parents help prepare the water and Gatorade coolers, snack prep, fruit cutting, lunch, lemonade. Help is needed during snack breaks, and for icing coolers, among other tasks.

Remember, parents are welcome to come any time. Be prepared to help where needed and just jump in. There is usually a lot to do early, and then there is a lot of sitting around while we wait to leap into action during the students' breaks. This is a good time to get to know the kids, staff, and other parents. Any time you can make it is appreciated.

Are You Good at Sales?

Have some spare time to contact businesses and community organizations? Then please get with Alan & Linda Doubet (674-0351) to see how you can help sell ads for the program book for this fall's Field Competition. This is a significant part of the fundraising effort for the competition.

Highlights from the March Booster Meeting

Mr. Empey reported that the Jazz Band received a division I rating for their performance at the Jazz in the Meadows. Winter Guard's first season has been amazing—they earned first place at the competition in Minooka and will go to the Midwest championships in Indiana. We already have 8 bands signed up for the 2012 Field Competition.

A sheet was handed out giving the latest information on the trip to Disney World planned for spring break 2013. *Depending on the number of participants*, the cost of covered expenses per student will range from $589 to $629. The more participants there are, the lower the price will be. The covered expenses include:

- Transportation throughout the tour via Peoria Charter Coaches
- Two nights' accommodations at Buena Vista Suites Hotel
- Private security guard on duty each night (11:00 pm-6:00 am)
- 2 full American breakfast buffets
- Disney Premium Ticket admission to the Walt Disney World Resort with park hopping privileges to the four main theme parks
- Full participation in Disney's "Performing Arts" program
- Vanguard tour escort while in Florida
- All taxes and gratuities, including those to guides, escorts and drivers
- Three Disney meal coupons
- Trip to Cocoa Beach with beach BBQ

Students will be responsible for meals en route to Orlando and on the way back. Additional money will be needed for some meals and for souvenirs. There will be a non-chaperone package offered for parents who would like to travel on their own to Florida, but still take part in the band's activities. Chaperones will be chosen by the LCHS band directors based on the number of available seats as well as the needed chaperone/student ratio.

Read the complete minutes at
www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/minutes/

Summer Schedule Dates:

Tuesday & Thursday rehearsals start
July 10

Freshman Camp
(required)
July 23-25

Pre-Band Camp
(required)
July 30 – August 3

Band Camp
(required)
August 6-10

Parent Preview
August 10

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It's never too early to start gathering items for this summer's garage sale. Get a box and start putting donations in it while you do your spring cleaning!

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We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.limestonebands.com

The Band Boosters organization exists to support the band program at all performances, as well as to provide manpower and financial support through fundraisers and events.

Band Boosters membership includes:

- Current and former parents of band and color guard students
- Former band and color guard students
- Relatives of band and color guard students
- Community members who support the performing arts

Band Booster meetings are held the third Monday of each month (except during the summer) at 7:00pm in the LCHS cafeteria.

Please join us! Become involved in your child's education and be part of a great organization!

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