

Limestone Band Boosters Newsletter



May 2012

www.limestonebands.com

Coming Events

Check for updates at:
www.limestonebands.com

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

7/10 Tuesday/Thursday
rehearsals begin
Band room 6-8 pm

7/14 Uniform fittings for
Juniors & Seniors

7/15 Uniform fittings for
Freshman & Sophomores

7/23 - 7/25 Freshman &
new member training

7/30 - 8/3 Pre-Band
Camp

8/6 - 8/10 Band Camp

8/10 Parent Preview



9/22 **LIMESTONE**
Marching Rockets
Field Competition

Spring Break 2013
Trip to *Disney World!*

Next Meeting!

Monday, May 21, 2012 7:00 pm
LCHS Cafeteria

Booster treasurer, Lisa Forsman will present a demonstration of the Charms website. We will also have the drawing for free 2012-2013 school year band fees. In the event that the winner is a senior parent, the choice will be given of donating the fees to the contingency fund for students needing financial help, or gifting the fees to a lower classman. You will have the chance to sign up to help with or provide supplies for summer rehearsals and there will also be a band camp fashion show! (No Booster meetings in June or July.)

Congratulations Limestone Community High School Winter Guard SRA Midwest Color Guard Circuit Champions 2012!



Front row seated left to right: Guard captains Merisa Swanson and Sarah Brown. Back row left to right: Shelby Caho, Ashley Wallace, Rebecca Fortner, Bethany Whitby, Merenda Farris, Brittni Taylor, Kathryn Theisen, Jennifer Jenks, Tori Hill and Peyton Heathcoat.

On Saturday March 31, the Limestone Community High School Winter Guard competed at their final competition of the 2012 season, (cont'd next page)



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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/](http://www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/gfs-fun-funds/)



Start gathering items for this
summer's garage sale now!
Get a box and put
donations in it while you do
your spring cleaning.

The Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships held at Laporte High School in Laporte, IN. The Winter Guard competed in the Scholastic Regional A division and came in 1st place with a score of 82.1. Senior captains and age-outs, Merisa Swanson and Sarah Brown, were given special recognition during the awards finale for their contributions to the color guard activity. This was the first year for LCHS Winter Guard and an amazing year it was! Director Alan Walker is very proud of these 12 girls and their successful season!

Band Camp Preview: Summer Rehearsal Advice for Freshmen (and for upper classmen who might have forgotten...)

By Hannah Becker, Class of 2012

The top ten things freshmen need to know:

1. WEAR SUNSCREEN IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU.
2. Drink water, if you don't want to pass out.
3. Don't wear jeans, long sleeve shirts, or anything that will make you hotter than you probably already will be.
4. After every day of band camp, go home and SLEEP. Trust me; it will make you feel better.
5. Don't wear black, navy, or anything dark. Light colors will help you stay kind of cool.
6. A water bottle will be your best friend during band camp.
7. Learn your music! Practice and memorize. The sooner you memorize the less stress you will have.
8. Practice your marching at home, so you don't get called out in front of everyone in "basic training."
9. Eat breakfast because if you don't, you might feel like passing out after 2 hours on field... trust me.
10. Oh, did I say WEAR SUNSCREEN AND DRINK WATER?!

2012-2013 Show News from Mr. Empey

Be sure to check out the preview of the 2012 opener titled *Wildfire* from our 2012 show, *Elemental Forces*.

<http://limestonebands.com/2012-field-show-1st-movement-posted/>

The pieces in the show are original compositions for Limestone by Ted Reicher. This is one of the coolest shows we have done. Even though registration is not yet completed, our numbers in the band are looking great with 110 students signed up for next year. We are holding consistently with the numbers of the past few years. I feel confident that this is going to be the best season yet for the Marching Rockets!

From the Director

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all the parents for their help and support through another successful year for the Limestone Band and Color Guard programs. The Marching Rockets for the fourth year in a row finished in the top three in their class at state, the Jazz Ensemble was one of three high school jazz bands in the state chosen to perform at the IMEA All State Music Convention at the Peoria Civic Center, the Winter Guard won their class and became the SRA Midwest Color Guard Circuit Champions in their first year of participation, the Symphonic Band has become a great ensemble that I feel will become great future leaders of the band, and as I write this, the Wind Ensemble is preparing to perform at the State Concert Band Festival at ISU on April 27th. I'm SO proud of the band students for their accomplishments this year and hope they are as well. I hope that through this program, the students understand the importance of hard work, dedication, and team work to have success, which I believe translates into the rest of their lives. The success of our program is dependent on great student leadership, which I feel was present throughout the school year. These students helped to motivate their fellow band members in difficult times and encourage the band to keep pushing to the end and strive for excellence. Finally, it's always sad seeing the seniors leave, but I would like to wish them luck in their futures and hope that they become lifelong musicians!

Andy Empey
Director of Bands

Highlights from the April Booster Meeting

Mr. Empey started the evening by playing the video of the Marching Rockets performing *Legend* at Bands of America last November. Members of the Winter Guard were asked to stand so they could be recognized for their achievement this year—culminating with winning first place in their class at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships in La Porte, IN.

2012-13 Band Information Packets: Students who have credit balances in their personal accounts may apply funds from those accounts to the final payment of their band fees. Students who use school-owned instruments will be charged a \$25 rental fee per year.

Disney Trip – Spring Break 2013: To be eligible to go on the trip students must be enrolled in band for the full school year. Students will be responsible for paying for their meals during the bus trip to Florida and back home. Non-chaperone parents riding the bus can purchase the same option as students. No children under the age of five will be permitted on the busses. A travel package is also available for those who want to travel separately but stay in the band's hotel. Students must ride the bus to Disney, but with proper pre-approvals, they can return home with their family after the performance. Mr. Empey added that this is not a required trip and will not affect the student's grade in band.

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

Payment Schedule (for your financial planning pleasure):

- 5/1 1st payment due for *band fees*.
- 6/1 2nd payment due for *band fees*.
- 7/1 3rd payment due for *band fees*.
- 8/1 Final payment due for *band fees*.
- 9/1 1st payment due for *Disney* trip.
- 12/1 2nd payment due for *Disney* trip.
- 2/1 3rd payment due for *Disney* trip.
- 3/1 Final payment due for *Disney* trip.



We earn money 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.



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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!

