



September 2013

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Coming Events

Check for updates at:
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Tuesday Rehearsals 6-9
Thursdays 6-8

9/6 Show-Me-Dough/
Butter Braid pick-up

9/6 Home football
game

9/7 James Maughan
Benefit performance

9/9 Mid-Illini Marching
Band Festival
Canton High School

9/13 Home football
game

9/14 Competition at
Morton

9/16 Booster meeting
LCHS Cafeteria
7:00 pm

9/21 Competition at
Normal West

9/27 Homecoming
Parade 4:00 pm
Football game



10/5
Marching Rockets
Field Competition

10/11 Home football
game

10/12 Competitions at
Illinois State University
& University of Illinois

10/18-19 Bands of
America - St. Louis

Next Meeting!

Monday, September 16, 2013
7:00 pm
LCHS Cafeteria

The competition is coming! If you haven't already signed up to volunteer for this important event, you still have a chance to do so at the meeting. We will also hear the latest on the band's schedule, fund raisers, and the Bands of America trip to St. Louis—including information for chaperone volunteers.



The 3rd annual Marching Rockets Field Competition will be held on October 5. Twelve bands, totaling 1100 students, have signed up to participate.

Your help is needed to make this day a success. If you haven't already volunteered for something, you can read about how you can help and how to sign up at <http://limestonebands.com/sub/field-competition/volunteers/>. For those who are donating bake sale items, please package servings individually and label items (brownies with nuts, etc.)—don't mark prices; our volunteers will do the pricing so like-items are priced the same. Hospitality food donors: crock pots and other containers that you want returned should have your name on them. The school will provide serving spoons, etc.

Drop-off instructions for Bake Sale items & Hospitality Room food:

- Deliver items between 11:00 am and noon.
- Drive into the Teachers' Lot (north of the school, with "Bus Parking Lot A" signs). Tell the parking lot attendant that you are dropping off food.
- Drive to Entrance Door 4, a "Directors Hospitality" sign will be outside.
- Bring the food inside and to the left, there will be tables to set the food on.

If you are staying to work the competition, exit the parking lot, turn left, and park in the Volunteer Parking Lot (by the tennis courts).

For those who sign up to help work the competition, here is the check-in process:

- Please park in the Sophomore Lot (by the tennis courts).
- Come to the Volunteer Check-in table near the public entrance (southeast gate, behind the band room) to have your name checked against the Volunteers List, pick up your name badge, and get your hand stamped. This entitles you to free admission to the competition.
- Proceed to your designated area. The check-in crew can point you in the right direction and tell you whom to ask for, if needed. When you get to your area, you will be given all the training that you need.

If your assigned shift is later in the day, you can have your hand stamped early and enjoy the show until your time to work. Thank you for volunteering for this fundraiser. It promises to be another great day of performance and competition.

Questions? Contact Stephen Cordes at competition@limestonebands.com.



Have you started earning
free money
for your student's account?
Get a Limestone Band Booster
Kroger reloadable gift card.
Contact assistant treasurer,
Adriana Bryan.



Scrip is another opportunity to
earn money while you shop.
Access Scrip at
limestonebands.com through
the booster/fundraising link
Questions?
Contact Terry Miller,
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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/)

Read the minutes from the August
Booster meeting at:
[www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-
boosters/minutes](http://www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/minutes)

Show-Me-Dough

Volunteers are needed to help sort the Show-Me Dough/ Butter Braid orders from 4-5 pm on Wednesday, September 4. Because of another activity taking place at the school, we will be working in the hall closest to the teachers' parking lot. Pick-up will be from 5-6 pm.

Bands of America

There's been a change of plans! The Bands of America competition in St. Louis is now an overnight trip leaving Friday, so we will be needing chaperone volunteers. More details will be available at the next booster meeting on September 16. Plan on being there to get the latest information!

Mums Fundraiser

The LCHS Marching Rockets are excited to offer chrysanthemums from Hoerr's Nursery as a fundraiser. The 10 inch plants are priced at \$16.00 each. Colors available are maroon/burgundy, bright yellow, purple, and orange/bronze. This is a great way to help support the marching band and have something to enjoy year after year.

All orders and payments are due September 13. Pick-up will be 5-7 pm on September 24 at our usual Tuesday night band practice. Two dollars from each plant ordered goes into the student's individual account. If you'd like to help sort orders or for more information, please contact Angie Becker, at (309) 697-4885.

Annual Raffle!

The LCHS Band Boosters will soon start selling raffle tickets. Each student will be given an envelope of 6 books of tickets (5 tickets per book). 1st prize is \$1000, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$400 and 4th prize will be \$250. There will be 4 early bird prizes of \$100 each which will be drawn at the last home football game on October 11. The final drawing will be held at the winter band concert December 12. We will sell raffle tickets at each of the home games until half time - if you would like to volunteer to help sell tickets at events please call Terry Miller at 360-0263. For each raffle ticket sold \$1.00 goes into your child's band account. Remember that each student is accountable for the tickets he/she has been assigned. You must turn in the stubs with the names/etc. filled out along with one check made out to LCHS Band Boosters. All unsold tickets must be returned. We have 800 books of tickets to sell. If we sold all of them we would make around \$13,000! Let's try to do it!

Thank you!

We all survived Band Camp week and are ready for the season to officially begin! We want to thank the students for showing us what hard work looks like. They are a terrific group of kids, and the show looks great so far! We also need to thank all the parents who were able to donate their time getting drinks and snacks ready for breaks and making sure the sun screen was used.

Thanks also to all the parents who donated cereal, breakfast bars, snacks, fruit, and sun screen. These supplies are vital and we thank you for your generosity. Not only do we have a great group of kids but we also have truly dedicated parents. It has been wonderful to see so many parents getting involved. We hope to see you all at the practices, football games, and competitions!

—Angie Becker & Adriana Bryan

Parents' Guide to Competitions

As soon as the competition gives us the performance schedule, Mr. Empey will tell the students, and the itinerary will be posted on the website (limestonebands.com, click the Schedule tab and scroll down to Itinerary). If you are not riding the bus as a chaperone, you will have to transport yourself to wherever we are traveling. Parking varies, some schools have lots and sometimes there is only street/neighborhood parking available (Morton, for example). When coming back to LCHS to pick up your student, please do not park by the sidewalk along the school—that is where the buses pull up.

Students wanting to ride home with parents (preferably after the awards ceremony), must give Mr. Empey a letter written by a parent at least one week before the competition, and need to see Mr. Empey before leaving.

Be prepared to pay an admission price (usually about \$5 at the high schools, \$10 or so for the university competitions and more for BOA) and pay separately for a program. Sandwiches & soda are available at the concession stands. Competition etiquette is to remain seated during a performance; you may enter and leave the bleachers between performances. We cheer and applaud for everyone because all those kids from all the schools have worked hard.

Bleachers can be hot, cold, hard, or wet—for your comfort you might consider bringing towels, blankets or stadium seats. The weather can change also, especially after sunset, and the wind can be brisk. Be prepared and have fun! —Barb Richmond

Field Competition Volunteer needs:

Concessions - prepare and sell food items

Selling program books

Baked goods - bring *individually-wrapped* goodies to sell

Potluck-style food for judges and visiting band directors

Parking lot attendants

Grounds keeping

Setup (Friday night & Saturday morning)

Teardown (Saturday night)

Ticket sales

Bus greeters - meet the busses and stamp students' hands

Band guides - lead one band from the busses through warm-up and performance

March-a-Thon Results

Congratulations to the students participated in the March-a-Thon during Band Camp. They raised pledges and donations of about \$1,200. The money will go in their individual accounts and can be used to pay for band fees, gloves, trip fees, et cetera.



BANDS

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Mum Fundraising Order Form Enclosed

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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!

March. Sweat. Play. Drill.
Marching Band. Music.
Work. Practice. Love It!