



October 2013

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Coming Events

Check for updates at:
www.limestonebands.com

Tuesday Rehearsals 6-9



10/5 Limestone
Marching Rockets
Field Competition
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Bake Sale & Hospitality
Drop off Noon to 1 pm

10/11 Home football
game

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

10/18-19
Bands of America
Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis, MO

10/21 Booster meeting
LCHS Cafeteria
7:00 pm

10/25 Home football
Game
Senior night

10/26 Competitions at
Eastern Illinois University

11/5 Auditions for
Concert season
Band room

11/18 Booster meeting
LCHS Cafeteria
7:00 pm

Next Meeting!

Monday, October 21, 2013,
7:00 pm
LCHS Cafeteria

This is a busy month! Hear the latest on upcoming fundraising, get the plan and find out how you can help with the tailgate party at the competition at Eastern Illinois University (the secret to our world famous chili recipe will be revealed!). Find out the details and sign up to work the coat check for the LCHS Madrigal Dinners, December 5-8. It's always a good time!

Competition Tailgating



We will be providing a gondola lunch at ISU and need donations of chips, desserts, water, soda & hot chocolate. Students will need to bring money for dinner at ISU or U of I--where ever we end up that evening. For the competition at Eastern Illinois University, the Boosters will provide a chili & hot dogs tailgate party. We need chili, hot dogs & buns, desserts, water, soda, hot chocolate, cheese, condiments, crackers and utensils/bowls/etc. If you've already indicated on your parent interest form that you would like to donate or work at this type of event, you will be getting a phone call. If you haven't signed up, but would like to contribute in some way, please contact Adriana Bryan at 697-4140 or abryan@limestone.k12.il.us.



The annual Field Competition almost here! Twelve bands, with 1,100 students, will be here on Saturday, October 5. This promises to be another great fundraiser for the band program. More information, including the performance schedule, is available under the "Field Competition" link on LimestoneBands.com. Click on "Volunteers FAQs" for details about:

- dropping off baked goods and hospitality food (12 - 1 pm)
- where to park
- how to check in
- what to wear

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at or provide food for the Competition! If you have any question or have not yet been contacted for your shift assignments, please contact Stephen Cordes, competition chair, at 697-9109 or competition@LimestoneBands.com

Scrip is fundraising while you shop!™

A Little Planning = Earning Money for Your Student & the Band.

By Barb Richmond, Booster secretary

Last year my family earned around \$20 a month from using our Kroger card for grocery and gas purchases. Since I saw how easy that was, I was very excited to hear about the band's new Scrip program. I'm now using gift cards purchased through Scrip (and still using my Kroger card) to do a majority of my shopping: home improvement, pharmacy, clothing, Internet purchases, etc. Every weekend, my husband and I pick up my father from his assisted living residence to take him out to dinner; Scrip offers gift cards to many popular restaurants and we're taking advantage of them.

At first, the thought of actually planning my shopping was somewhat daunting. I'll admit, I was sort of casual and would whip out the credit card a little too easily. I've gotten into the swing of planning, the money for the cards is withdrawn directly from our checking (or savings) account and my credit card isn't wearing out from overuse, which is good for the family finances.

Besides the plastic gift cards that we are all familiar with, Scrip also offers electronic gift cards—they are designated as ScripNow! You order the electronic card online, get a confirmation email, click on the link given in the email and then print the e-card. Yes, it's just a piece of paper that you've printed out, but that paper has the bar code & number that the business will scan or enter when you use it. My experience with ScripNow! is that it takes about 5 minutes or less to get the card, though on the website it states that it might take up to an hour.

How have I managed handling the gift cards? Many years ago I bought a coupon organizer. It's a little bigger than a wallet—you've probably seen them. I fold the ScripNow! electronic gift card to fit in the organizer, but I crease the paper so the bar code isn't folded. To keep track of the gift card's balance, I either just store the most recent receipt with the card, or write down the date I made a purchase and the remaining balance on the paper card itself.

Why do I like Scrip? I'm not asking anyone to buy anything from me, I'm making money while doing my normal shopping and not only is money going into my student's account, but the band general fund is also benefitting. Besides buying equipment and uniforms, I know there is a goal to provide private lessons for deserving students who might not be able to take lessons otherwise. That's a good thing. Music is a gift for life.

How can you get signed up with Scrip?

- Go to www.limestonebands.com and click on the Band Boosters tab.
- Scroll down to the Scrip Gift Cards tab and you will see the instructions for setting up an account and Presto Pay, which withdraws directly from your checking or savings account.

Each time you place an order, you will be charged 15 cents for using Presto Pay. That charge is per order, not per card.

Terry Miller is the administrator for the LCHS Band Booster's Scrip program. When you submit your order for regular Scrip cards, it actually goes to her and then she places the entire order for our group once a week. The cards are delivered to her and then she gets your order to you.

To give you an idea of what is offered, I made this list of some *local* retailers & popular online sites that are part of the Scrip program (there are around 500 total in the Scrip program!). Those retailers that also offer electronic gift cards are marked with an *. I didn't list hotels or car rental agencies. I don't make any claims that this list is complete!

Ace Hardware	Exxon	Panera Bread
*Aeropostale	Fannie May Candies	Papa John's Pizza
*American Eagle Outfitters	Fashion Bug	Papa Murphy's Pizza
*Amazon.com	Finish Line	Payless Shoes
AMC Theaters (Pekin)	Foot Locker	*Petco
*Applebee's	*GameStop	PetSmart
Arby's	Gander Mountain	Pier 1 Imports
AutoZone	*Gap	Pizza Hut
*Babbages'GameStop	*GFS Market	*Popcorn Factory
Babies-R-Us	GNC	*Pottery Barn
*Banana Republic	Goodrich Quality Theaters (WillowKnolls)	Qdoba Mexican Grill
*Barnes & Noble	Gordmans	Radio Shack
*Bass Pro Shops	Great Clips	Red Lobster
*Bath & Body Works	Great Harvest Bread	*Red Robin
Bed, Bath & Beyond	*Groupon.com	Regis Salons
Bergner's	Guitar Center	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
*Best Buy	Gymboree	Ruby Tuesday
Bob Evans	Hallmark	Sally Beauty Supply
BP	Hardees	*Sam's Club
*Buffalo Wild Wings	*Home Depot	*Sears
*Build-A-Bear Workshop	Hometown Buffet	*Sephora
Burger King	*IHOP	Service Master
Burlington Coat Factory	*iTunes	Shell
Champs Sports	*JC Penney	Shoe Carnival
*Chili's Grill & Bar	*Jiffy Lube	Showplace
*Chipotle Mexican Grill	Jo-Ann Fabric	SmartStyle
Chuck E Cheese	*Kmart	*Staples
*Cineplex	Kohl's	*Starbucks
Circle K	*LL Bean	*SteinMart
Claire's	*Land's End	Steak 'n Shake
*Cold Stone Creamery	Little Caesar's Pizza	Subway
Coldwater Creek	*Logan's Roadhouse	*T.J. Maxx
*Cracker Barrel	Longhorn Steakhouse	Taco Bell
*CVS Pharmacy	*Lowe's	Talbots
Denney's	*Macy's	Target
Dick's Sporting Goods	Maurices	Teminix
Disney (not here, but we're going)	Men's Warehouse	Texas Roadhouse
*Dominos Pizza	Menards	*TGI Fridays
Dress Barn	Michael's	Toys R Us
*DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse)	Office Depot	*Under Armour
Dunham's Sports	Office Max	Walgreens
Dunkin Doughnuts	Old Chicago	*Walmart/Sam's Club
Einstein Bros Bagels	Old Country Buffet	Wendy's
Express	*Old Navy	*West Elm
	Olive Garden	*Williams-Sonoma
	*Overstock.com	*Zappos



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
September Booster meeting at:
[www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-
boosters/minutes](http://www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/minutes)

Bands of America Trip

Here are some details we have at press time about the BOA trip to St. Louis (check Limestoneband.com for the itinerary!). We will be leaving Friday afternoon and checking into the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 811 N 9th St St Louis MO 63101. There will be a pizza party for the students. We will have breakfast at the hotel the next morning, perform, have lunch (torpedoes from LaGondola) watch bands, have dinner (TBD) watch finals and then travel home Saturday evening. There is a possibility that we may go to the mall on Friday evening. The hotel has a pool. We are still awaiting our performance times, which is a large part of what our itinerary hinges on.

Tastefully Simple – yum.

A new fundraiser being offered this year is selling Tastefully Simple products. Tastefully Simple is delicious seasonings, sauces, and mixes that are easy to prepare and use. Independent Consultant Julia Haage, who has two students in band, will be donating at least 25% of the retail cost back to the band. The fundraiser will start on Monday, October 7th and all orders will have to be turned in by Friday, October 25th. Information will be in the packets being sent home with students on 7th. If you wish to take a look at the products before then, you may see the virtual catalog online at www.tastefullysimple.com/web/jhaage. You can contact Julia at 309.697.5981 or haage3j1k@juno.com. The hostess gifts earned by this sale will be packaged up and sold in the *Stompin' at the Savoy* silent auction next March.

Annual Raffle!

The Annual Fall Raffle is in full swing. Each student was 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!

More about Scrip...

Here is the Scrip information given on the band website:

Use Scrip Gift Cards to fund your Band Account

Purchase gift cards for over 500 vendors through the Scrip website (shopwithscrip.com), and a rebate of your purchase price will be split 50/50 between your band account and the general band account.

Signing up is easy:

- Go to the Scrip website (shopwithscrip.com).
- Click in the green "Family Signup" box.
- Follow the instructions to create a username and password.
- Enter your student's name. (They say that this is optional, but we need it to properly credit your student's account.)
- The Enrollment Code is **9A2BL47233721**
- Set up the **PrestoPay** account and create your PIN.
- Follow the instructions to verify your bank account information. (This may take a day or two.)

When you are finished signing up, return to the Scrip website (shopwithscrip.com) to order gift cards.

- The rebate percentage (which varies by vendor) is shown on the website before you order.
- Orders are gathered up and processed about once a week (usually on Wednesdays).
- The gift cards will be mailed to the band (to save on postage). You can pick them up at most band events.
- The rebate amount will be processed by Scrip and put into your band account by the Band Booster Treasurers (usually within a couple of weeks).

Note: Unlike the Kroger gift cards, not all of the gift cards available through Scrip are reloadable. Read the details of each one before you buy. Don't have a student in band? You can still help the band program by signing up with the Enrollment Code and leaving the Student Name blank.

Questions? Contact Terry Miller at millertitle@gmail.com.



What students might want to bring to competitions:

Brush/comb
Pillow
Extra hair ties/bobby pins
Sweatshirt
Deodorant
Hand warmers
Extra socks
Sunblock
Money
Chapstick
Blanket
Rain gear (watch the forecast)

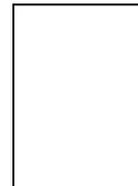
What parents might want to bring to competitions:

Money
Blankets, cushions or Stadium seats
Sun glasses or a hat with a brim
Hand warmers
Sunblock
Money
Chapstick
Rain gear (watch the forecast)



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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!