Limestone Band Boosters Newsletter

April 2015 www.limestonebands.com

Coming Events

Check for updates at:
www.limestonebands.com

Apr 9 Jazz Band at Bartonville Christian Church

Apr 20 Boosters Meeting 7pm LCHS café

Apr 23 Drive-Thru Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 pm LCHS Student Lot

Apr 24 State of IL Concert Band Festival At ISU

Apr 29 Uniform work session 6pm to 9pm

May 1 And All That Jazz

May 4 Spring Band and Guard concert

Next Meeting!

Monday, April 20, 2015 7:00 pm
LCHS Cafeteria

The 2015-2016 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.** Mr. Empey will go over the summer and fall rehearsal and performance dates, rules, and more.

Drive-Thru Dinner

Thursday, April 23, 2015
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Price: $10.00

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

1/2 Chicken OR Pork Chop, with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, 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 4:00-4:30 pm that day. 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, we need a minimum of 6-8 adult volunteers to help set up, package the dinners in to-go containers and tear down. We should be finished with everything by 7:00 pm.

We will be selling tickets from March 27th thru April 12th. **Money and ticket turn in will be on April 13th with late orders being accepted on April 14th.** If you would like to volunteer to work the day of the dinner, donate cookies/brownies or purchase tickets, please call Jeanie Towle at (309)208-4841

Fundraising & Volunteer Opportunities

Attention families of incoming freshmen:
You can start taking advantage of the fundraising opportunities listed below right now!

Have you started earning
free money
for your student's account? Register your rewards card on Kroger.com. See the Limestone Band website for more information

100% of this profit will go directly towards your student's account. This is another great way to pay off your student debt just by doing what we do everday, whether it is shopping at Walmart, going to a movie, or eating out… all rebates vary. There are several ways to use Scrip: traditional plastic gift cards, ScripNow and my ScripWallet.

Questions?
Contact Terry Miller,
president@limestonebands.com

Fun Funds from GFS Marketplace are another way to earn money while you shop. Check it out at: www.limestonebands.com

Uniform managing….We're always looking for people to help with uniforms. No sewing experience needed. Come to the work session on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 pm in the band room. We will unbag the uniforms, bag any items left by students, unsnap the collars from the jackets, remove hems, and then hang everything back up.

There are many ways to start earning money for your child's band account, to the left are 2 very important ones that will earn 100% to them. We also have several throughout the year that earns towards individual accounts and to the general band such as The drive thru dinner, the garage sale, the field competition, the march a thon during band came, Butches pizza sales, raffle tickets, Stompin at the Savoy, 50/50. Keep an eye on the bands website and for handouts that will come home with the students for more information.

On October 10, the Marching Rockets will host their third annual Field Competition. Up to 20 bands will compete for the title of Grand Champion. This is a great fundraiser for the band program (over $11,000 in 2012!), but it takes many volunteers to make it run smoothly, so please reserve October 10 on your calendar. There are many ways to help, including cooking, selling food, tickets, and programs, directing traffic, cleaning up, greeting the bands when they arrive, and guiding the bands to their warm-up and performance. You can work all day, just part of the day, or even the night before to help set up.

More information can be found at limestonebands.com/field-competition. We will be announcing specific opportunities for you to sign up as the marching season begins. Or, you can contact Mr. Empey at school or Stephen Cordes (competition chair) at competition@limestonebands.com. Thank you for marking October 10 on your calendar!

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) for more information.

- Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals 9-11 am (starting July 7): Parents get water jugs ready for practice.
- Pre-Band Camp (July 27-July 31): We will need parents for water before and during practice. We will also be getting things ready for band camp: towels, coolers lined up, trailers checked, etc.
- The night before Band Camp (August 2): Help put up tents.
- Band Camp (August 3-7): Parents help prepare the water and Gatorade coolers, snack prep, fruit cutting, lunch, lemonade.

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.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteered and made this year's Stompin' at the Savoy event a huge success!

Spring cleaning is just around the corner. Don't forget to start gathering things for the Booster…

The sale will be the Saturday between pre camp and full camp. Date TBA

Limestone Community High School Bands
2015
Tentative Schedule

June:
NO BAND REHEARSALS OR EVENTS

July:

- Tuesday 7 – Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room
- Wednesday 8 – The Santa Clara Vanguard will be rehearsing at LCHS. This is a world class drum and bugle corps. Students are required to watch in the afternoon rehearsal block between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. More details will be given once we receive a schedule from them.
- Thursday 9 - Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room
- Tuesday 14 – Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room
- Thursday 16 - Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room
- Tuesday 21 – Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room
- Wednesday 22 – New band member training 9am-12:00pm – LCHS band room
- Thursday 23 - Full Marching Band Rehearsal 9am-11:00am – LCHS band room

July 27 – 31 – Pre-Band Camp – 8am – 12pm – LCHS band room – REQUIRED to participate

August 3-7 – Band Camp 8am-5pm – REQUIRED to participate, no exceptions.

August:

- Rehearsals continue every Tuesday evening 6pm-9pm
- Rehearsals continue every Thursday evening 6pm-8pm until the show is complete. Once the show is performance ready, we will only rehearse on Tuesday evenings.

BANDS

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

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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 7:00 pm in the LCHS cafeteria.

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