



News from the Directors

Happy New Year! I was very pleased with the Winter Concert. It is so nice to have the LOPAC to use for our concerts. The acoustics are very good, and we are able to get high quality recordings.

I want to thank everyone for the very successful fruit sale. Elizabeth Reynolds and her crew did a great job getting the fruit distributed. We also thank Holly and Ron Wilson and the OTC Company for the use of their warehouse again. That facility makes our fruit pick-up a breeze.

We have a lot going on this winter and spring. You'll find a calendar in this issue of this spring's Required Dates and Times. We are between the Regional and Final All-State Auditions. I want to thank in advance all of the parents and students that will volunteer to work the final auditions that we will host for the entire state. I will publish results from the auditions in the next issue of Band Notes.

New in 2010, we will host the SC All-Region 2 Band Clinic. In the past we have traveled to Lander University for the clinic and stayed in a hotel. Because our auditorium and band room facilities are the envy of most other schools in the state, we have been asked to host this year's clinic. So on February 26-27, we will have students and band directors from the western part of SC here rehearsing for the concert on Saturday afternoon, February 27. We will probably be in need of some parent help on that Friday and Saturday.

I'm very excited about the potential of our concert bands this spring. The groups are doing very well. We will host the State Concert Festival in the LOPAC on March 30-April 1. Our bands will perform on March 30.

I am also excited about the Winter Guards. These groups have been working hard since November, and they, too, have great potential. Deb Griffin, Sarah Sprott, and volunteers are doing a wonderful job. The Winter Guard competitions start Saturday, January 30 at West Ashley High School.

A big "THANKS" goes out to all who volunteered to participate in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Lexington Sunday. With the holiday weekend, and other activities going on, I was very proud to have so many students sign up. We are glad to give back to the community that supports us so well.

I have listed next summer's band camp dates in this issue. Please arrange your vacation schedules in order to accommodate the band camp dates, as attendance is required for membership in the band. Let's keep up to date on all of the up coming events. This is a very busy time, and we can't let up! Keep up the great work.

Jerry Gatch

A Few Words From our President



Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready for a busy winter. Many events are scheduled for our concert bands as well as our Color Guard members. With region band auditions behind us we look forward to All State auditions on January 23rd. This will be a very busy day at the high school as students from all parts of the state will be attending. If you can help please be sure to contact either myself or other committee chairmen as the calls for help go out.

We will also be hosting Region II band clinic on Feb.26th and 27th as well as the Concert Festival on March 30, 31 and April 1st. Please be sure to check for calendar updates at WWW.Catband.com.

The color guard has begun their Winter Guard program. Please be sure to show your support of our guard teams as they represent Lexington with grace and style. Go Guard!

I would also like to remind everyone that we are still in the midst of winter sports with spring sports on the horizon. Remember that we all have an obligation to volunteer for at least 6 concessions. (3 fall/winter and 3 spring).

I want to thank Anita Boland for working so hard on fund raisers for next year's big Marching Band trip. All money earned will help to lower the cost for each band member as they prepare for the trip to Philadelphia and the televised IKEA parade. Please be sure to watch for these opportunities to raise money for the band and your students. If you know of a rising 9th grader planning on being in the band, please share with them the opportunity to start funding raising now!

Please feel free to contact me or any other board or committee chair member as we make our way through our busy winter and spring schedule.

Thanks,
Pam Powers



It's Hard to believe the first semester is over! We are looking forward to the great activities of the Spring!

We are still fund raising for the exciting trip in the Fall to the ABC/IKEA Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia November 2010! Take part in the fundraising opportunities to help build your bank to offset the cost of the trip! Take note of the insert in the Band Notes outlining the details of the Picture to Posters opportunity with Fund your group.com. Share it with family and friends!

Other fund raising opportunities on the horizon include pine straw sales beginning Feb 22 and a Jazz Dinner Concert on May 8. Mark your calendars!

I want to be sure all of you are receiving up to date information regarding the activities of the band via e-mail or calling post messages. We wouldn't want you to miss out on great band opportunities and events. Please let me know if you are not by contacting me, Anita, at anita_boland@yahoo.com. Again, I encourage each band parent to be a member of the Band Booster Club. Check the web site at WWW.Catband.com for the information to join.

Anita Boland
President Elect

February Booster Meeting

Our next booster club meeting will be Monday, February 15th at 7pm in the Band Room.

See you there!



Color Guard News

Winter Guard is well under way. The floors have been painted and the girls have completed most of the show. We will be constructing flags on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 in the dressing rooms off of the restrooms across from the band room. We need people who can pin, cut, sew and a variety of other things in order to construct the flags. Come join us if you can, so we can finish up quickly.

Here are the competitions that we will participate in:

- January 30/West Ashley High School, Charleston
- February 13/Rock Hill High School
- March 13 & 14/Atlanta Regional - GOLD GUARD ONLY
- March 20/Sumter High School
- March 27/Championships @ Winthrop University, Rock Hill

The color guard will have an exhibition for the Band Boosters on March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym. Anyone is invited to come see our progress. This is a good opportunity (and a free one) for family members and friends to see our show. Hope to see you there!

Band Camp!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS SUMMER'S EVENTS!

Band Camp dates are as follows:

July 26-30	Drum Line & Color Guard	8:30-12:00, 1:30-5:00
Aug 2 (Mon.)-----	All ninth graders/new students	8:30-12:00, 1:30-5:00
	Drum Line & Color Guard continue	
Aug 3 -----	All ninth graders/new students	8:30-12:00, 1:30-5:00
	Drum Line & Color Guard continue	
	All upper-classmen wind players	1:30-5:00
Aug 4-6 -----	Full Band Camp	8:30-12:00, 1:30-5:00
Aug 10-14 -----	Full Band Camp	8:30-12:00, 1:30-5:00

Please arrange your vacation plans around these dates. Attendance at Band Camp is mandatory for membership in the LHS Band. There are seven weeks between graduation and Color Guard/Percussion camp (eight for everybody else). School starts on Wednesday, Aug. 18. There will be no band practice on Monday, Aug. 16 or Tuesday, Aug. 17. We usually have a "fun" activity on one of those days. Let Dr. Gatch and/or Dr. O'Shields know of any conflicts as soon as possible.



Mark Your Calendars



Remaining Required Dates and Times – 2010

Jan. 23	Final All-State Auditions – LHS (student and parent volunteers needed)	
Jan 30	Winter Guard Contest – West Ashley HS, Charleston	
Feb. 13	Winter Guard Contest – Rock Hill HS	
Feb. 18-21	USC Band Clinic – selected participants – USC	
Feb. 26-27	Region II Band Clinic – selected participants – LOPAC	
March 6	State Jazz Band Festival – Jazz Band – Newberry College	
March 12-14	Winter Guard Contest – Gold Guard at WGI Regional – Fayetteville, GA	
March 12-14	All-State Band Clinic – selected participants – Furman University	
March 17	LHS Percussion Ensemble Concert – LOPAC	7:00PM
March 23	Palmetto’s Finest Award Ceremony – Jazz Band – Koger Center	
March 27	CWEA Championships (Winter Guards) – Rock Hill	
Mar 30-Apr 1	Concert Festival – all three concert bands – LOPAC	
April 2-11	Spring Break	
April 16-18	Southern Star Concert Festival – Wind Ensemble – Atlanta, GA	
April 22	Band Auditions (2nd Semester Exam, Next year Chairs/Classes)	
April 27	Drum Major Auditions	
April 30	Solo & Ensemble Festival – registered students	TBA
May 3-7	Color Guard practice for auditions	TBA
May 11	Color Guard Auditions	
May	Leadership Workshops – student leaders, 2010-2011	3:45-8:00PM
May 18	Spring Concert – all three concert bands – Auditorium	7:00PM
May 22	Band Banquet – Cafeteria	6:00PM



To all of our wonderful bakers out there:

The kids (and adults) loved your goodies so much at the competitions that we thought we could let everyone enjoy them at the Allstate Auditions and do some fundraising at the same time! Please bake (or buy) your favorite desserts, divide them in to \$.50 or \$1.00 portions (3 to 4 cookies, 1 to 2 brownies or a big slice of cake,) place in a zip lock bag or wrap in plastic wrap and add a \$.50 or \$1.00 price tag. We will have a table set up next to the concession stand in the cafeteria. Please bring in any contributions to the table the morning of Allstate (January 23rd.)

Thanks so much for all you do!

June Collins



Concessions!!

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

I know it's hard to believe that despite the extreme cold temperatures we've been having lately, spring will be here before we know it! And with the change of seasons comes new opportunities to serve in concessions! Baseball, softball, and soccer will soon begin. The LHS Cat Band is very fortunate to have the privilege of running concessions **year round** for all sports. There are very few schools where that is the case. In order for us to benefit from the large profits made during football season, we must be faithful to provide consistent and reliable service in the area of concessions for all other sports as well.

It is imperative that we have **TEAM LEADS** in place for all sports. As a team leader, you would be responsible for opening and closing the stand, training the workers, and simply being the "point person" for that stand. My role as concessions coordinator is to staff the stand. So, the team lead's job is not such a huge burden. PLEASE consider taking on this role for one of these sports. I would be happy to discuss this further with you if you are interested. Softball season (10 dates in all) runs March 9 through April 22. Baseball season (16 dates in all – may be broken down into JV and varsity which would mean 8 dates for each) runs March 16 through April 21, and boys' soccer season (9 dates in all) runs March 12 through May 6.

I look forward to hearing from you! GO CAT BAND!!!!!!

Janice Ripley

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Thank You!!

Thanks to everyone, who sold and helped with the distribution of our band fruit. I didn't get every person's email address to send out individual thanks, so here's a "blanket" thank you to take the chill off and an invitation to add your charming personalities to our pine straw distribution at the Lexington Middle School parking lot on Saturday, March 20. More details will be given about the sale later, but order forms will be handed out February 22 and the deadline for student orders will be Monday, March 15.

Elizabeth Reynolds

Insert fundraising flyer here.

2009—2010 LHS Band Booster Executive Board

This year's executive board is here to serve you and our students!

Please feel free to call or e-mail any one of us with your questions, concerns, and suggestions!

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If you are interested in volunteering for a committee this year, or would like more information, please contact the committee chairs.

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2009 - 2010

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