



News from the Directors

Region Auditions, All-State Auditions, USC Band Clinic, and **7 inches of snow** have all come and gone since January 1. Our **LHS Winter Guards** have been deprived of their first two contests because of the snow and ice. The Gold Guard will travel to Atlanta to compete in WGI Regional on March 13. Our **LHS Jazz Band** will be performing at the State Jazz Festival at Newberry College on March 6 and will be the “house band” for the Palmetto’s Finest Awards Ceremony at the Koger Center on March 23. The **LHS Percussion Ensembles** will give a concert in the LOPAC on March 17 at 7:00. Also, look for a list of USC Band Clinic participants and Region and All-State Band members in this issue.

A huge “Thanks” goes out to everyone who helped with the All-State Band Auditions on January 23. I am always confident that we can “pull it off” because of our experience and dedication. Parents and students made our paging duties, score sheet management, concessions, and hospitality meals a great success.

This year, for the first time, we are hosting the All-Region 2 Band Clinic. In recent years we have had to travel to Lander University for this event. Because of our fine facilities, we have been asked to host. So our Region Band members will not have to go out of town this year for this fun and educational experience. We will be in need of a few parent volunteers during the day on Friday, 2/26 and Saturday, 2/27.

Parents please help encourage you students to practice their instruments at home. In late March, we are also hosting the State Concert Band Festival in the LOPAC. Our bands should serve as examples for all others who will be performing here. Twenty to thirty minutes a night would be plenty if every student would commit to it. Each band is playing a challenging program for this very important event. The reputation of the LHS Band Program is impressive. Let’s keep it up!

There are some important dates and reminders in this issue. Also, make sure you’ve noted the Band Camp Dates for next summer. Band Camp attendance is mandatory for membership in the LHS Band Program. Soon I’ll be able to give you competition dates for next fall. Thank you for your cooperation. Like I tell the students, “If this were easy, everybody would have a great band!”

Jerry Gatch

A Few Words From our President

Wow! If you think High School Band is only about a half time show at a football game, then you were not at the High School on Saturday January 23rd! Lexington hosted the All State auditions that day and what a day it was! Just how many students from all over the state can you pack into a cafeteria, while practicing a variety of instruments at the same time? Oh, and while that goes on, run a concession stand, prepare meals for over 200 people, run score sheets from one end of the building to the other, and make sure that 80 judges are feed and all of their needs are tended to. Well thanks to the dedicated forces behind Sidney Gatch and her runners, June Collins and her hard working hospitality staff, Janice Ripleys and her many concessions workers, as well as the hard work from our many students and parents, we once again showed why this event is held at Lexington High School. Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

We still have a lot ahead of us so let's keep the momentum going! We have the USC band clinic; we will host the region band clinic, State Jazz Band Festival, Winter Guard contests, and the All State band clinic. There will also be a special Percussion Ensemble Concert in the LOPAC on March 17th. And let's not forget all of the concession obligations that need to be met. Baseball, softball and soccer are only a few weeks away! I keep seeing the same names on these signup sheets and I have to wonder where the rest of you are?? We all need to do our share!!!

Let's stay focused and continue to have fun while supporting the best band program our kids have the privilege to be a part of!

Thanks,

Pam Powers



It is an exciting and busy time of year! Many opportunities to be involved with Spring sports concessions and concerts as well as plan for the upcoming trip to Philadelphia!

As part of the fund raising for the exciting trip in the Fall to the ABC/IKEA Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia November 2010 we participated in a Salsarita's Day Feb 15. The results are not known yet, but there was a great turn out and participation of band members in promotion of the event! We will be planning for other area restaurant nights in the future. Be on the look out!

The LHS Catband "Straw Sale" kicked off Feb 16. Money from the pine straw sale will go towards individual students' fair share account and money from the strawberries will go toward individual students' Philadelphia trip accounts. Orders for the strawberries and pine straw are due March 5th and the pick up of the products will be March 20 at Lexington Middle School from 8am to 4pm.

- * There will be an exciting Jazz/Dinner/Silent Auction night Sat May 8. We'll keep you posted with the details.
- * The pictures to Poster opportunity still exists with Fundyourgroup.com!
- * Take part in the fundraising opportunities to help build your bank to offset the cost of the trip!

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

Time to start gathering your pictures for the year end banquet. If you would like to submit pictures for the DVD, please put them on a cd and turn them into Dr Gatch. Mark them to the attention of Laurie Hill. Pictures can also be e-mailed to Laurie at schnarize@yahoo.com.

Senior parents, time to start looking for that special baby picture you would like to include in the DVD. Be sure to put your students name with your baby picture. Please get all of your entries to Laurie no later than April 15th.





Mark Your Calendars



Remaining Required Dates and Times — 2010

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 20	Pine Straw/Strawberry Distribution – LMS	8:00-4:00
March 23	Palmetto’s Finest Award Ceremony – Jazz Band – Koger Center	
March 27	CWEA Championships (Winter Guards) – Rock Hill	
March 30-Apr. 1	Concert Festival – all three concert bands – LOPAC	
April 2-11	Spring Break	
April 16-17	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	(time 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

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 9-13 -----	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.

Our next booster club meeting will be Monday, **March 15th at 7pm** in the **OLD GYM!**

We will have a special performance by our **color guard** that you will not want to miss!

See you there!

Congratulations to the following students for making a chair or alternate in one of the **South Carolina All-Region II Bands**:

<u>Lexington High School</u>	Sara Mooney	
Corey Areheart	Steven Norton	
Rachel Boland	Lee Reams	<u>Lexington Middle School</u>
Sam Brock	Victoria Riddle	Paul Boland
Kristin Buhrow	Daniel Soderstrom	Sam Dyer
Andrew Collins	Erin Taylor	Melina Harris
Alisa Dunovant	Tom Truett	Josh Hawkins
Audrey Ellison	Ruthanne Wenger	Celine Peksenar
Christa Hall	Ashton Weathersby	Julie Reams
Bria Hammond	Michelle White	
Michael Heard		<u>Pleasant Hill Middle School</u>
Austin Hilbish		Makenzie Carter
Stephen Hill		Chad Foust
Robert Holder		Graham Jackson
Bradley Hughes		Gabe King
Alex Gatch		London Lehman
Josh Kader		Jackson Lethco
Lauren Keisler		Lyndsey Miller
Kelley McMurphy		Daniel Smith
Isaac Molyneux		Ryan Trumbauer

Congratulations to the following students for making a chair or alternate in one of the **South Carolina All-State Bands**:

<u>Lexington High School</u>	Austin Hilbish	<u>Lexington Middle School</u>
Michael Bryan (1 st Chair, two years in a row!)	Robert Holder	Paul Boland
	Erin Taylor	Erin Reed
Alisa Dunovant	Josh Terry	Mallory Shorter
David Foust	Victoria Riddle	<u>Pleasant Hill Middle School</u>
Kristen Hawkins	Melanie Winn	Graham Jackson
Michael Heard		

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the **USC Band Clinic**:

Kristen Hawkins	Ruthanne Wenger	Victoria Riddle
Kelley McMurphy	Sara Mooney	Ashlton Weathersby
Michelle White	Steven Norton	Alex Gatch

We're proud of all of you!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NORAN MOHAMED FOR BEING LISTED IN THE TOP 10% IN THE SENIOR CLASS!!!

Concessions!!

SPRING SPORTS NEED YOU!!!!

A huge THANK YOU to Ken and Stephanie Hill and Joye Terry, basketball team leads, and Joey and Sherry Privette, wrestling team leads for all their hard work over the past few months in our concession stand!

Spring sports are quickly coming! PLEASE consider working some of these events. It seems that most of the work is done by a select few, and we must spread the fun around! Remember this is OUR band, and we must all pitch in to do our part. Please recall that it's called "fair share" for a reason. Concessions are a BIG part of our budget each year, and we need reliable folks to staff these events.

Some immediate needs are listed below, but there are LOTS more! Call or e-mail me to see where to get plugged in.

Janice Ripley 957-6710

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GO CAT BAND!!!!!!

Softball

March 9th 4:45 JV/Varsity games

March 11th 5:15 JV

March 12th 5:45 Varsity

Baseball

March 17th 5:15 B team

March 18th 5:15 B team

Boys Soccer

March 12th 5:15 JV

Fundraisers!!

TWO PINE STRAW DATES HAVE CHANGED! In order to accommodate our simultaneous strawberry sale, we have moved up the start date and deadline for our pine straw sale. Students should have received their order forms for both the strawberries and pine straw bales. The NEW DEADLINE for turning in pine straw AND strawberry orders is Friday, March 5. The DELIVERY DATE for BOTH is still Saturday, March 20 at the Lexington Middle School on N. Lake Drive. You have the rare opportunity to impress those around you with your herculean ability and gentle nature at the same event, if you call or email Elizabeth Reynolds (359-8888 or etsreynolds@gmail) to volunteer on March 20. We are pining for someone to be in charge of pine straw delivery to customers ordering 20 bales or more within the LHS attendance area. Information about both of the sales are on back of the order forms. We are only selling long leaf pine straw at \$6.00 per bale. Customers that order less than 20 bales can pick up their straw at LMS on March 20 between 9 AM and 4 PM. Our delivery crew will not be hauling strawberries. Students receive full credit if they deliver pine straw to their customers and credit is reduced 25 cents per bale per day for orders turned in after March 5. Credit details are still being evaluated in consideration of next year's trip.

SPRING GARAGE SALE - There is hope for those of us loosing floor space and wanting to add funds to our student's band account. Lexington Middle School is allowing us to use their parking lot again for our final garage sale this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 15. More details to follow. Here's a something to keep in mind over the next few months as we prepare for the garage sale and attempt Spring cleaning. When staging your house, less is more. Don't ask how we convince our families of that.

DO NOT FORGET OUR ONGOING FUND RAISERS. We're are still accepting old cell phones and inkjet cartridges in the band room. Keep using those Publix and Bi-Lo cards. Don't forget you can help out your band student when you call on Plumb Krazy Plumb-ing Service.



Catband Fund Raiser and a Great Gift Idea

The Band Boosters have teamed up with fundyourgroup.com to provide you with a great opportunity to have your pictures turned into poster size pictures of 12"X18," 18"X24," or 24X36." You can upload any picture and have it printed as posters for you, your friends and family by going to the fundyourgroup.com website and using the GROUP NUMBER: lehs1-bs001. Any pictures printed from this website will help fund the band's trip to Philadelphia next year!

NYC/Philadelphia band trip November 2010

As you have no doubt heard by now the band will be marching in the IKEA Thanksgiving Day Parade in November. The details of the trip will be coming but here is a sample of what you can expect.

- * 4 nights of accommodations in New York and Philadelphia
- * Several meals will be included
- * Tickets to the Broadway play Wicked.
- * A visit to the Top of the Rock Observation Deck, New York City's top sightseeing attraction! Located in midtown Manhattan at historic Rockefeller Center
- * Radio City Christmas Spectacular with the Rockettes
- * Harbor cruise to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
- * Dinner at the ESPN Zone
- * Thanksgiving Day dinner in Philadelphia

The price for each student will be \$1160.00. A large deposit has already been made so it is important for us to begin collecting payments from those planning to go. We have worked out a payment schedule that will begin in April. We have spread out the schedule in hopes that this will make the payments easier. The schedule is as follows.

April 1st \$200.00

May 1st \$200.00

June 1st \$200.00

July 1st \$200.00

August Open since Band Camp fees will be due

September 1st \$200.00

October 1st \$160.00

This is sure to be a great trip and wonderful experience for all who go!



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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