



Lake Ridge High School Band

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Lake Ridge High School Band families,

I hope that your summer vacation has been both fun and relaxing thus far. The directors, staff, and parents have been working hard making preparations for the upcoming year. We are all very optimistic and excited about the prospects that the new season brings.

As the summer break continues, arrangements for our marching camps are being finalized. Please take a few minutes to review the included information including the original welcome and information letter distributed in March, an upcoming summer events calendar, the marching camp daily rehearsal schedule, the projected fees and supplies list for the upcoming season, the LRHS Marching Band Remind class sign-up instructions, our tentative band calendar with mobile device sync instructions, and the list of band fees and supplies. The vast majority of this information has not changed since it was first distributed to the students in March. However, after you have read through the information, please contact Mr. Bonebrake via email at bradleybonebrake@misdmail.org if you have any questions.

Below are a few of the most commonly asked questions with regards to the beginning of marching season:

>Are all students who sign up for band involved in the Marching Band?

Yes. One of the first activities with which you will be involved is the marching band. The Marching Band consists of all students enrolled in the band program regardless of the band class in which they are placed. Please see the original welcome and information letter that was distributed in March for more specific information regarding marching band. That letter is included in this mailing. **Band camps are mandatory for all students who will be signing up for band at Lake Ridge.** At these camps, we will learn the UIL competition show, along with all stand tunes, and many marching and playing fundamentals.

>Do I need to attend every marching camp rehearsal?

Yes. The success of our band relies greatly on each of its members. Plan to be at every rehearsal. **Students with attendance and/or punctuality problems during band camp may not be initially assigned to a position in the Varsity Marching Band.**

>What has been revised from the original band camp rehearsal schedule distributed in March?

The vast majority of the information has not changed. Initial information about Eaglet Camp held on Wednesday, 8/2 was added and minor changes to the fee and supply lists were made.

>I am enrolled in a TCC summer session class that may conflict with rehearsal days and/or times. What should I do?

Contact Mr. Bonebrake regarding this conflict immediately. Students with attendance and/or punctuality problems during band camp may not be initially assigned to a position in the Varsity Marching Band.

>I am planning to attend tryouts/practices for a Lake Ridge High School or club sport/activity such as cross country, tennis, volleyball, football, cheerleading, or drill team that may conflict with band rehearsals. What should I do?

Contact Mr. Bonebrake regarding this possible conflict immediately. We are always willing to work with students, especially freshman, who are interested in exploring more than one school-related activity. Clear and timely communication between all involved parties is very important in these situations.

>Can I miss rehearsal for my senior pictures appointment, driver's education classes, baby-sitting, or work?

No. Please make every effort to schedule around our band camp schedule. Remember that your absence from rehearsal not only affects you, but it also affects everyone else in the band as well. Students with attendance and/or punctuality problems during band camp may not be initially assigned to a position in the Varsity Marching Band.

>Can I still check out a school-owned instrument?

Yes. Contact Mr. Bonebrake if you are still in need of a school-owned marching or concert instrument. Many of the concert instruments are still at the repair shop for their yearly cleaning and maintenance. However, if you are still in need of an instrument for private lessons or a music camp, please contact Mr. Bonebrake via email at bradleybonebrake@misdmail.org.

>When are all of the fees due?

July 29th. Included with this letter is a list of fees and supplies that each student will need for band and/or colorguard. This list will explain each student's financial obligation, and also what the school district and band boosters contribute.



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>I see that my class schedule pick up time conflicts with band rehearsal. How will this work?

To limit marching rehearsal interruptions, the Lake Ridge administration and counselors have made arrangement for **all band students regardless of classification or gender** to attend class schedule pick-up on **Friday, August 4th from 12:30pm-2:45pm** and return to music rehearsals immediately thereafter.

Prior to class schedule pick-up on Friday, August 4th, please attend to the following items to minimize wait time:

1. Clear up any fines through the Lake Ridge bookkeeper's office, if applicable
2. Complete the online New or Returning Student Registration within Skyward
3. Submit in paper form to the LRHS counselors office your Proof of Residency in the form of a current (within last 30 days) electric bill, gas bill, water bill, or lease agreement

>I am a freshman registered to attend Eaglet Camp on Wednesday, August 2nd. Will this conflict with a rehearsal?

No. Eaglet Camp is scheduled to be held from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

>Will the marching band perform at Eaglet Camp on Wednesday, August 2nd?

Yes. Students not registered to attend or volunteer at Eaglet Camp will perform with the marching band at this event. Our administration has not yet confirmed details. As soon as I have more details, I will let everyone know.

>Has a Remind class been setup for the Lake Ridge Marching Band?

Yes. We will use the free text service provided by Remind.com in order to convey a great deal of band related information to our students and parents throughout the year. **If you have not already done so, it is very important that each new student and at least one parent register for this free service. Returning members, do not need to register, as this is the same Remind class as last year. Sign-up instructions are included with this letter.**

>Has the 2017-2018 band calendar been completed?

Our band calendar is nearly complete with just a few events still to be confirmed. Included with this letter is the preliminary band event calendar along with instructions for syncing the band calendar to your mobile device. With as active as the band will be again this coming year, I highly recommend taking the time to electronically sync the band calendar with your own.

>Is there a meeting coming up?

Yes. There is an important meeting for **all new band parents and students** on **Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00pm** in the Lake Ridge High School Band Hall. This will be an informational meeting regarding the upcoming marching season and school year. Information regarding our booster organization, fundraisers, spring band trip, contest and concert performance schedules, fees, supplies, and a lot more will be discussed. Please make arrangements for at least one parent to attend this important meeting. **This meeting is principally designed for our new students and parents. However, it is open to all Lake Ridge Band members and parents interested in learning more about the upcoming year.**

Please remember that the success of the Lake Ridge Band depends greatly on the integrity of each of its members. **Attendance, punctuality, attitude, and individual preparedness at all scheduled band rehearsals, events, and performances are of the utmost importance. Varsity marching positions will not be reserved for members who do not attend all scheduled band rehearsals and performances.** Again, if you have a conflict with any scheduled band event, contact Mr. Bonebrake immediately.

Sincerely,

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