



Lake Ridge High School Band

“Using Music and Excellence to Teach Success in Life”

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, and our tentative band calendar with mobile device sync instructions. 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, 8/1 was added and minor changes to the fee and supply lists were made.

Due an uncontrollable facility conflict, the date for the Meet the Band Night Performance has changed from Friday, 8/24 to Saturday, 8/25.

>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 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.

>When will Senior yearbook pictures be scheduled and will this conflict with marching rehearsal?

All senior yearbook pictures should be scheduled on the morning of Tuesday, July 31st. We have made arrangements with Ms. Womack and the yearbook photographer for all senior band student photos to be taken between 8:00am and 11:00am on Tuesday, 7/31.

>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 28th. 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.

>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 gender** to attend class schedule pick-up from 10:30am-12:30pm on their regularly scheduled class schedule pick-up day. Following the completion of their class schedule pick-up, students should attend the regularly scheduled 12:30pm section music rehearsals. See the exact schedule below:

Tuesday, 7/31, 10:30am-12:30pm – All senior band students attend class schedule pick-up & eat lunch
Wednesday, 8/1, 10:30am-12:30pm – All freshman band students attend class schedule pick-up & eat lunch
Thursday, 8/2, 10:30am-12:30pm – All junior band students attend class schedule pick-up & eat lunch
Friday, 8/3, 10:30am-12:30pm – All sophomore band students attend class schedule pick-up & eat lunch

Prior to class schedule pick-up, 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, 8/1. Will this conflict with a rehearsal?

No. Eaglet Camp is scheduled to be held from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

>Will the marching band perform at Eaglet Camp on Wednesday, 8/1?

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 2018-2019 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.

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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