

Pride of the Bluegrass

Lafayette High School

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Lexington, KY 40503

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Lafayette Band Association

The purposes of the LBA are to lend support, both moral and financial, to the Lafayette High School Band and to cooperate with the Band Director so that the Band is brought to and kept at the highest possible degree of performance and musicianship.

Dates to Remember:

December 5

Area Band Concert @
LHS Gymnasium
7:00 pm

December 6

Full Band Dress Rehearsal
4:15 pm
Lexington Holiday Parade
7:30 pm (Return around 9)

December 7

Lafayette Jazz Band Concert
@ Beeler Auditorium
7:00 pm

December 8

Final Round All-State Band
Auditions @ John Hardin
HS, Elizabethtown, KY

December 10

LBA Parent Meeting/
"Band Plan" TOR Meeting
@ LHS Cafeteria 6:30 pm

December 12

"Fan Plan" TOR Meeting
@ LHS Cafeteria 6:30 pm

December 21

No School
Winter Break Begins!

December 28

Depart for California!

December 30

Bandfest Performance
10:50 am PST/1:50 pm EST

January 1

2013 Tournament of Roses
Parade, Pasadena, CA
8:00 am PST/11:00 am EST



Charles M. Smith

From the Director's Desk

December Brings Excitement as Band Prepares for Pasadena

Excitement continues to build as we rapidly approach our departure to Pasadena, California. The students and staff have been working very hard to prepare for Bandfest on December 30 and the historical 5.5 mile march in the 124th Rose Parade on January 1, 2013 at 8:00am PST (11:00am EST). We have selected *My Old Kentucky Home*, *Don't Stop Believing*, and the *U.S. Field Artillery March* which includes Lafayette's fight song for the parade performance. The Rose Parade will be broadcast on ABC, Hallmark Channel, HGTV, NBC, Univision, KTLA, and RFD-TV. You can learn more about the Parade's history by visiting www.tournamentofroses.com. Please make every effort to join us on Monday, December 10 @ 6:30pm in the LHS Cafeteria for

the LBA Parent/Band Plan Meeting to discuss details of this exciting trip. On Wednesday, December 12, the Fan Plan Meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the same location. On behalf of the staff, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the support of our community sponsors and band families for making this trip a reality.

Although we are dedicating a lot of effort and time to preparing for the Rose Parade, there are other upcoming events for the Lafayette Band Program. Please join us on Wednesday, December 5 @ 7:00pm in the LHS Gymnasium for the Area Concert. This event will feature performances by the feeder school band programs and our concert, symphonic, and wind sympho-

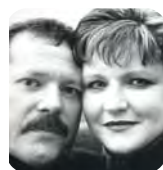
ny. On Thursday, December 6 @ 7:30pm, you can preview our Rose Parade performance by attending the Lexington Holiday Parade. Friday, December 7, the Lafayette Jazz Band will hold their concert at 7:00pm in Beeler Auditorium.

Congratulations to the 43 Lafayette Band members that made first cut for all-state band. They are preparing for final auditions on Saturday, December 8 at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, KY.

Feel free to contact me at 859-381-3484 or at chuck.smith@fayette.kyschools.us with any questions or concerns.

Happy Holidays!

Charles M. Smith
Director of Bands



Jack and Beth Potter

From the Presidents' Desk

Tournament of Roses Parade in Sight as Concert Season Begins

December ushers in a long-awaited event for the Lafayette Band family—departure to Pasadena, CA where the 220 member Lafayette High School Band will perform in the 124th Tournament of Roses (TOR) Parade. The hard work and dedication of a lot of people have made this trip possible. We are

grateful that the TOR Parade Selection Committee recognized the excellence that is the "Pride of the Bluegrass." Under the direction of Mr. Smith, Dr. Magee, and other dedicated staff, these students will make one of the most historical contributions to the legacy of the Lafayette Band program. Com-

LBA Parent/TOR Band Plan Meeting

Monday, December 10
@ LHS Cafeteria
6:30 pm

munity sponsors have generously shown support through cash and in-kind contributions. Many

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parents have continued to spend countless hours volunteering and fundraising. But on January 1, 2013, our students will be the "stars" as they are seen by approximately one million in-person spectators, a domestic television audience of over 40 million and an additional estimated 350 million viewers in over 100 countries! 250 Lafayette "fans" will make the trip to Pasadena to experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. LBA will attempt to capture as many of these memories as possible for family and friends at home. On behalf of the LBA Board of Directors, we truly appreciate each and every contribution made to make this

dream come true!

Watch weekly e-news for the Band Store's operating hours to purchase gifts, championship, and TOR spirit wear!

On a personal note, our family would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season! Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or for more information about getting involved in the Lafayette Band Association.

Sincerely,

Beth and Jack Potter
Presidents
859-948-3859 or
pottermom@insightbb.com

Before the band departs for Pasadena, there are several events you won't want to miss!* These include:

Wednesday, December 5

Area Concert @
LHS Gymnasium

Thursday, December 6

Holiday Parade in
Downtown Lexington

Friday, December 7

Jazz Band Concert @
Beeler Auditorium

Saturday, December 8

Final Round of All State
Band Auditions
(Wishing all students a
great audition!)

**See Page 1 for times*



Tournament of Roses UPDATE

Less than 30 days until the trip of a lifetime! This is going to be a tremendous, action packed, life changing adventure. Final itineraries will be coming out in the very short term. Please watch enews and monitor www.lafayetteband.org for updates. (You will actually find a slightly updated version of the Fan Pan on the website right now).

Parents AND band members should make the Band Plan meeting on December 10 a priority for receiving final details on the trip. All Fan Plan participants should also make a point of attending the Fan Plan meeting on December 12.

A couple of things to keep in mind. Parking on campus at Lafayette during the trip is not an option. Also, keep in mind that on-street parking over 24 hours is prohibited by LFUCG ordinance; therefore, arranging drop-off and pick-up opportunities is very important for both Band Plan and Fan Plan participants. In addition, being mindful of TSA regulations on weight and dimensions of checked baggage is very important. **Each participant will be allowed 1 checked bag and 1 carry-on bag for the trip.** Details on these requirements are available at www.tsa.gov. A "What to Bring" and "What NOT to Bring" list will be distrib-

uted at our upcoming meetings.

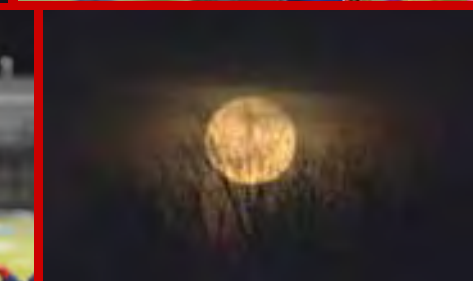
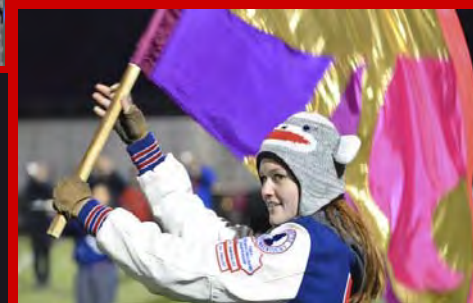
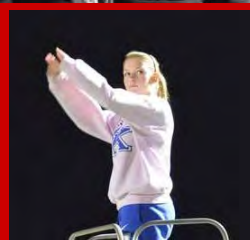
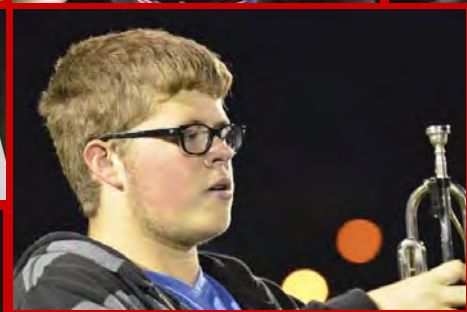
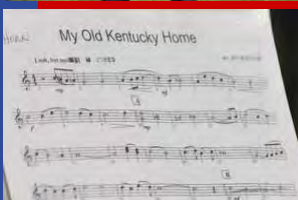
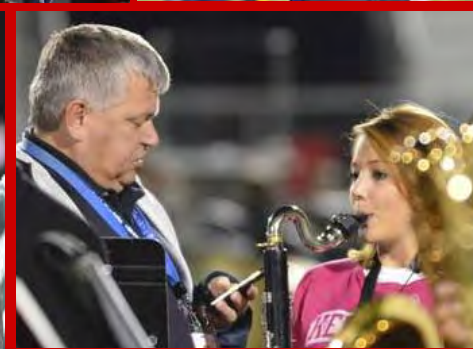
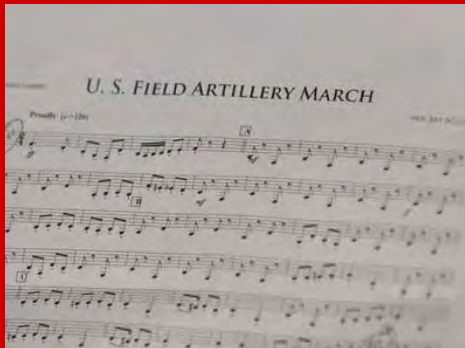
In order to make the meetings with Greg Moore from Music America as efficient as possible, we are asking the members of Lafayette Nation to email their questions about the trip to jsmag@insightbb.com so that they can be compiled and addressed effectively on December 10th or 12th. Please put in the subject line, "Question for Greg."

As always, do not hesitate with any questions or concerns that we might be able to address. You can reach us at 277-7893 or jsmag@insightbb.com

Joey and Sara Maggard
TOR Coordinators

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Preparing for Pasadena



. . .Into the Night



The Lafayette Band Store

The following Tournament of Roses items are available at the band store:

- TOR luggage tags..... \$5
- TOR ceramic mugs (coffee mugs) \$15
- TOR sweatshirts \$26-\$30
- TOR t-shirts..... \$20-\$22
- TOR magnets \$15
- TOR pins \$5
- TOR tervis tumbler \$18



Front *Back*
Desert Rose Show Shirt \$18-\$22



Lapel Pin \$7



Patch \$6

Here are a few simple gift ideas that your friends and family will love!

Pick up a Lafayette Band Tournament of Roses parade coffee mug (\$15) and fill it with your favorite candy. On New Year's day, enjoy a cup of hot coffee or hot chocolate while enjoying the parade on TV or . . .

Select a 16 oz. Tournament of Roses Tervis Tumbler (\$18) and enjoy hot or cold drinks.

Upcoming Hours of Operation

Wednesday, December 5
Area Band Concert (6:00 in Foyer)
Monday, December 10
LBA Parent Meeting (6:30 in Cafeteria)
Wednesday, December 12
TOR Fan Plan Meeting (6:30 in Cafeteria)
Or
Shop anytime at www.shop.lafayetteband.org

2012 KMEA Championship Shirts available!
Short & long-sleeved \$18-\$24

 **TOR Gift Basket \$105**



Basket contents: TOR pin in clear plastic box, \$6; TOR magnet, \$15; TOR luggage tag, \$5; TOR coffee mug, \$15; TOR Tervis tumbler, \$18; TOR short-sleeve T-shirt, \$20-\$22; TOR crew-neck sweatshirt, \$26-\$30; and basket, \$10.

Total Value: \$105-\$111. (Basket included. Basket design subject to change.) Make your own or email lafayettebandstore@gmail.com for someone to prepare one for you.



TOR magnet

Holiday ideas:

Buy old show shirts and make a quilt. Just let the band store team know which shirts you need.

If you wonder what to do with your old lapel pins and buttons, pin them to a small stocking and decorate your Christmas tree.



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Music Notes



M2 Registration Open

Lafayette's Mastering Musicianship (M2) is a program designed to encourage individual music instruction. It offers less expensive and convenient lesson opportunities for band students. The cost is only \$150 for a 10-week session, and most lessons take place in the practice rooms at Lafayette High School on Monday—Thursday from 3:30—7:30 pm.

Register online at www.lafayetteband.org by **January 11**. Jessie Clark students will have access to available space after this date. Please check the posted practice schedule carefully!

All-State Band Auditions

Congratulations to the 43 band members who made the first cut to advance to the final round of All-State Band Auditions to be held at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown, KY on December 8!

A great article was written about the Pride of the Bluegrass traveling to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses parade. Check out the link to Tom Eblen's article in the Herald-Leader:

<http://t.co/ISNmLPsc>



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Maintain Your Band Records with Charms

Charms is the web-based program that the Lafayette Band Association uses to maintain all student records, account/billing information, and contact information. Student billing and group emailing is done through Charms. Every student and parent can log in to Charms to view and help maintain their information. **Please log in and ensure that your student's information is correct and current.** If you need your password, send a request to lafayettebandaccounts@gmail.com. Here's how to log in:

- Visit www.charmsoffice.com
- Click **ENTER** on the main menu, and click "Parents/Students/Members" on the dropdown.
- Login to the public area with School Code [lhsband](#).
- Enter your Student Area Password (see above). Unless you are fond of the password assigned to you, use the keyhole icon to **change your password to a password of your choosing**. Should you have password trouble, please email lafayettebandaccounts@gmail.com to have your password reset. Once logged into the Student Area, you can view your account balance and history.
- You can maintain yours and your student's information (such as updating phone numbers and email addresses if they change) to help the directors and Band Association communicate with you more effectively.
- Most importantly, the parent page assists both you and the directors to communicate with each other.
- You will also see links to **enter Practice Logs**, and use the **Chat Board** and **Recording Studio**.

Please direct all Charms questions to lafayettebandaccounts@gmail.com.

Jim and Kim Burns

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Register Your Instrument in CHARMS!

LBA encourages you to register any personally-owned instruments in the CHARMS system. Please log-in to your student's account and enter instrument brand, type, and serial number in the "personal instrument" information section. Make sure the "personal instru-

ment section" is turned on to allow for data entry.

CHARMS log-in information is found on your statement and/or on page 4 of this newsletter. Please contact lafayettebandaccounts@gmail.com with any questions.

Preorder Your Student's Gloves for California

The Uniform Crew will be preordering gloves on **December 10th and December 12th** at the band plan and fan plan meetings. This way students will be sure they have the gloves ordered that are the right size and type. We will not hand them out until we are in Pasadena- so they do not leave them in Lexington. They will need gloves for Bandfest and for the parade. Thanks for preordering and prepaying!

Cathy Greene



December Birthdays

Kristin Wade.....	Dec. 7	Robert Craig.....	Dec. 26
Andrew Burton	Dec. 9	Claire Ballard	Dec. 27
Rachel Kaplan	Dec. 9	Nathan McCullough	Dec. 27
Nikki James	Dec. 11	Raihana Utomo	Dec. 27
Miranda Fields	Dec. 13	Alexandra Elias.....	Dec. 28
Dylan O'Hair	Dec. 13	Katherine Etherton.....	Dec. 29
Ryan Booth.....	Dec. 17	Emily Wulfenstein.....	Dec. 29
Sarah Iranpour	Dec. 17	Shelby Nance	Dec. 30
Samantha Pigg.....	Dec. 20		

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Originals & Events



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Bingo Volunteers Welcome!

LBA sponsors Bingo at the Bluegrass Bingo Center on Clays Mill Road every Tuesday and Thursday night. Every band family is asked to work at Bingo three to six times a year. If you have not signed up to work, you will be contacted by a parent assigned to contact specific sections of the band (brass, woodwinds, color guard & percussion). The board of directors and activity chairpersons staff the first week of the month.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Bingo Center between 5:30 and 6 pm and to remain until play concludes at about 10 pm, if possible. If you are only able to volunteer an hour or two, that is appreciated as well!

Bingo is the single most lucrative fundraiser that LBA has, and we need participation from everyone to maximize profits. If you haven't signed up for a Bingo night, please contact Darryl Duncan @ 277-1435.

Note: Photos were provided by LBA's Media Crew and can be viewed on iHigh.com.

(See the link to iHigh on the band website—latest pictures and videos of the Lafayette Band.)

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