

Pride of the Bluegrass

Lafayette High School

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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:

March 2

KMEA District Jazz Festival

March 6

Concert/Symphonic Band & Friends Concert
Beeler Auditorium @ 7 p.m.

March 8

Double Reed & Tuba/
Euphonium Day
(for Lafayette only)

March 9

Double Reed & Tuba/
Euphonium Day
(for all Lafayette Band feeder line)

March 11

LBA Parent Meeting
7:00 pm LHS Cafeteria

March 15

No School

March 18

UK Wind Ensemble Concert
Beeler Auditorium
3:45—5:00 p.m.
(Attendance required)

March 21-23

District Jazz Honor Band

March 25

LBA Board Meeting
6:30 pm LHS Library

April 1-5

Spring Break!



From the Director's Desk

Charles M. Smith

Spring Is Around the Corner

Spring is ushering in a very busy schedule for the Lafayette Band! February was an eventful month with the presentation of the annual Jazz Band Dance & Silent Auction, KMEA All State Band & Professional Development Conference, and Solo & Ensemble Festival. Congratulations to the students for outstanding performances at these events. The staff and I are very proud of their efforts as they represent the Pride of the Bluegrass for family, friends, and community.

The March calendar includes Drum Major and Color Guard training, the KMEA District Jazz Band Festival, Double Reed &

Tuba/Euphonium Day, and District Jazz Honors Band. Refer to weekly e-news or the calendar at www.lafayetteband.org for logistical information.

March also brings the fundraiser that reminds us spring is almost here – Mulch Sales! Please encourage family, friends, and your neighbors to support the Lafayette Band by purchasing high quality mulch at www.lafayetteband.org/mulch.

Thanks to the LBA for their hard work and dedication to support the mission of the Lafayette Band. It is very important that everyone share the workload of the incredible

organization. Please fulfill your family's commitment to bingo and find your place to contribute to efforts that benefit our program and your child's participation. Contact Beth or Jack Potter at 859-948-3859 or pottermom@insightbb.com to discuss ways to stay involved. Feel free to contact me at chuck.smith@fayette.kyschools.us or 859-381-3484 with any questions or concerns.

**LBA
Parent Meeting**
Monday, March 11
7:00 pm @ LHS Cafe



Jack and Beth
Potter

From the Presidents' Desk

Parent Volunteers Are Key to Successful Year of Events

February proved to be a great month with the Jazz Band Dance, Solo and Ensemble Festival, and KMEA All State Band. Thanks to the efforts of Carole and Tom Howell, ML Bashore, Beverly Cox, and Tom and Beth Ocelli, the Jazz Dance and Silent Auction were tremendously successful and entertaining. Thanks so much to the many other volunteers that assisted

with set up, food donations, clean-up, and silent auction purchases. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we also want to voice our appreciation for the many donations provided by local businesses. Most of all, thanks to the directors and students for outstanding performances and great entertainment!

Spring is just around the cor-

ner and the big news is the launch of the annual Mulch Sales. **Like all fundraising programs, everyone must participate to make this successful!** Refer your family, friends, and neighbors to www.lafayetteband.org/mulch to place an order for high quality mulch. A HUGE thank you to Mike Richeson for leading the outstanding team of mulch

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team volunteers (Tim Tussey, Chris Willett, Tom and Beth Ocelli, and Dwayne Imes) as they coordinate this effort.

Please plan on attending the March LBA Parent Meeting on March 11 for the presentation of nominees for the 2013-14 LBA Board of Directors. Special thanks to Karen and Chris Willett (chairpersons) and Nominations Committee members Cathy Greene, Janice and Tim Hall.

Finally, I want to personally speak to the critical nature of

volunteerism. The key to success of any LBA program or event is YOU! I'm sure you will agree that we don't want to be an organization where 20% of the people do all of the work. We want to be an organization that models responsibility, cooperation, teamwork, and equal distribution of effort by all. All of us recognize the fact that our child (every student) benefits greatly from the hard work of our volunteers. The most critical place to start to fulfill your responsibility is join-

ing the bingo team on Tuesday or Thursday night. After you have served your six nights, find the best place to contribute your unique talent and skill. Remember we're in this together!

Sincerely,
Beth & Jack Potter
859-948-3859

pottermom@insightbb.com



2013 Spring Mulch Sale

Go to www.lafayetteband.org/mulch or call 859-559-0333

February 24 - April 12
Delivery Date: Saturday, April 20

Band Families, remember to ask your friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors to support the band's Spring Mulch Sale!

The following types of mulch will be delivered to specific neighborhoods. Please check the web site for a list of streets. Mulch is also available for pick up at Millpond Shopping Center on Friday, April 19 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm and on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 am to Noon.

The minimum order for delivery is 6 bags.

Our Black Platinum Mulch is packaged in convenient 1.8 cubic foot bags and our Premium Cypress is packaged in light weight 2.0 cubic foot bags.

Prices:

- Black Platinum Mulch, 1-9 Bags: \$4.50 per bag
- Black Platinum Mulch, 10-24 Bags: \$4.25 per bag
- Black Platinum Mulch, 25 Plus Bags: \$4.00 per bag
- Premium Cypress Mulch, 1-9 Bags: \$4.75 per bag
- Premium Cypress Mulch, 10-24 Bags: \$4.50 per bag
- Premium Cypress Mulch, 25 Plus Bags: \$4.25 per bag

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This Isn't Your Childhood *Bingo!*



OK. Just what is it that's keeping you from volunteering at Bingo on Tuesdays and Thursdays? Maybe it's your busy schedule. Maybe it's just that you don't know what to expect, and you're asking yourself, "Who else will be there? What will they ask me to do?" You are not alone in your questions! Many are asking to know more about this fundraising event!

Bingo volunteers can do several jobs. Those who just want to walk in and donate their time will sell pull tabs. Selling pull tabs is an important job because it is the real money maker.

What to Do:

- Dress in comfortable shoes/clothes.
- Eat something before you arrive, if possible. (There is a concession stand, but there is no break until around 7:30 or 8:00.)
- Sellers should report between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday at the Bingo Center in the Keithshire Shopping Center on Clays Mill. (The public starts to arrive around 5:45.)
- Report to the back room behind the counter to receive your apron and instructions.
- You will be assigned a pull tab game to sell and given a plastic shoe box full of \$30 and pull tab cards.
- Between 6:00 and 7:00 is the time to SELL, SELL, SELL. You don't have to be pushy. The people have come to PLAY!



- Carry your plastic box into the room where the players begin to come in. After buying bingo computers and bingo game sheets at the counter, they begin to get settled at the tables.
- All you have to do is shout out the name of the pull tab game YOU are selling ie. Kings, Winner Winner, Fast Cash, Betty Boop, etc. and circulate around the room. Other LBA volunteers will be circulating at the same time and calling out different game names.
- Patrons will call out the name of the game they wish to play, make eye contact, wave, etc.
- You approach the first person to call you over and kindly ask others who call to wait their turn.
- Pull tabs for all games are \$1. You just give them the number of pull tabs requested, take their cash, and make change from the \$30 in your box.
- Sometimes players trade in winning tabs for more tabs. Just tear the winning tabs and place them in your apron.
- Sometimes players want to cash in their tabs. Just pay them cash from your box.
- The goal is to sell all the pull tabs in your box. It is not unusual to sell a box before 7:00. At that time, you might be given a new game of the same name or a new game of a different name—\$30 and a new box of tabs.
- Plan to stay until 10:00 if you can. More people selling obviously means more money made. However, if this isn't possible, it is better to have you come during the busiest part of the night—6:00—8:00.
- Have fun! You can get to know other LBA parents and get exercise, too!

Bingo calling actually starts at 7:00. Players can play multiple bingo games on a portable computer as well as on traditional bingo sheets with ink daubers. A trained bingo caller sits on a platform at one side of the room and calls the numbers on balls pulled from an electronic ball

machine. Twenty games are played throughout the night.

Players will still call you over to purchase pull tabs during bingo games. Our patrons are great at multitasking! (Some even knit while playing multiple games.) Pull tab sellers are given a quick break at around 8:00, and the selling usually is over by 10:00.

Volunteers should watch for bingo work schedules in their LBA enews. Contact Karen Willett, who coordinates workers, at karen.willett@windstream.net.

To make a regular commitment for trained bingo jobs such as callers and back office positions, contact Daryl Duncan at 277-1435.

Bingo has been good to the Lafayette Band for several years. It is the single most lucrative fundraiser that LBA has. Bingo is a year round event, and our patrons count on us being fully staffed each Tuesday and Thursday. They want to buy, and we can make



more profits if we maximize our pull tab seller positions.

Each Lafayette Band family is asked to work at Bingo six times a year. That is **per family—not per person**. Since it is a year round event, there are plenty of opportunities for families to step up. Just contact karen.willett@windstream.net to schedule your six nights. Bunch your nights together or spread them out over the year—whatever is easier for you!

Bingo is conducted according to the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Charitable Gaming. (Lafayette Band Association, Inc., Gaming License Number ORG0000841.)





“Everything’s Coming Up Roses” Lafayette Jazz Band Dance and Silent Auction



A Great Time Was Had by All! February 15, 2013



Carol Lynn
Originals & Events



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



Lapel Pin \$7



Patch \$6

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

Shop anytime at www.shop.lafayetteband.org

Desert Rose Show Shirt \$18-\$22

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LBA Membership Required to Volunteer

The policy of LBA requires that all volunteers be paid LBA members in good standing. Dues must be paid every year to assure that you will be included in the insurance policy that we take out for all band activities for the coming season. If you haven't

already done so, please include an extra \$10 for your membership in LBA in your next band payment. You must also submit a 2012-2013 LBA Membership Form found on the band website.



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.)



March Birthdays

Aarons Burns March 4	Matthew Murray March 18
Seth Mullins March 4	Danny Alford March 22
Cameron Taylor March 4	Ethan Smith March 22
Britani Stiltner March 6	Noah SirLouis March 23
Rachel Mullins March 7	Taylor Trombley March 25
McKenzy Boateng March 12	Kailey Miller March 27
McKinzie Sprague March 12	Evan Enerlich March 31
Carter Postlewaite March 13	