

Pride of the Bluegrass

The News of the Lafayette Band

From the Director's Desk



Charles M. Smith

Still busy at the end of a successful season

There's no time during the year that goes faster for me than the weeks between the end of spring break and the end of the school school. Spring break for our family was marked with the inclusion of a chocolate Labrador puppy in our home. Ethan has taken the bulk of responsibility for the little guy, causing me to ask myself how a kid who has to be blasted out of bed to get to school in the morning can set his clock for the middle of the night to take the puppy out do to his business.

At any rate, the time is flying toward the end of the year, isn't it? The Wind Symphony enjoyed participating in the University of Kentucky Invitational Concert on April 14. I was happy with their performance and it's always good for students to have the opportunity to

hear other bands perform, especially the UK Wind Ensemble. Thank you for the efforts for this beneficial day.

Thanks, also, to everyone who contributed to the success of our mini-camp on April 20-21. As you know, we focused mostly on movement and it was good to get the incoming marchers oriented to what they can expect during Band Camp in just a few short weeks! The effort during those two days assures me that we'll have a great season in 2012-13.

If you haven't already received it, you can expect to see information about private lessons during the summer months. If you're interested in participating, please contact me ASAP. The instructors we've engaged for private lessons are top-notch and I hope you'll take advantage of this

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Tournament of Roses

UPDATE

Students could see the weeks between the end of school and the beginning of Band Camp as a time to engage in full-scale sluggishness, but parents, you might remind your student that he or she needs to be in top-notch shape for the upcoming season which will conclude with a five-mile jaunt through the streets of Pasadena.

Unsure how to start a shape-up plan? Take a look at "From Couch to 5K," a plan that gives day-by-day instructions on how to build the

endurance you'll need for January 1, 2013.

If you start on the Monday after school ends, you'll be more than ready for Band Camp, which starts on July 23 for first-time marchers, percussion and color guard and July 30 for the full Band.

The picture on page 4 is an image of the Tournament of Roses design that we can use on pins, mugs and bumper stickers. Watch the Band website, www.lafayetteband.org for more

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• The purposes of the Lafayette Band Association 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

- May 1 Woodwind auditions, 3:45-6 p.m.
- May 2 Percussion auditions, 3:45-6 p.m.
- May 3 Brass auditions, 3:45-6 p.m.
- May 4 No school
- May 6 Honors Banquet, Calvary Baptist
- May 11-12 Underclassmen Mini-camp
- May 14 LBA parent meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 16 Spring Concert, SCFA, 7:30 p.m.
- May 18 Jazz Band Concert, Beeler, 7 p.m.
- May 19 Jazz Band Assessment, Henry Clay High School, time TBA
- May 21 First Time Marchers Camp, 4:30-6:30
- May 22 No School
First Time Marchers Camp, 9 a.m.- 2p.m.
- May 23 First Time Marchers Camp, 9 a.m.- 2p.m.
- May 23 Last day of school
- May 25 Lafayette Graduation, Rupp Arena, 7 p.m.
(all band students on call)

LBA Parent Meeting

Mon. May 14, 7 p.m.
LHS Cafeteria
**End-of-year schedule,
Band Camp info,
TOR progress.**

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Leadership workshop and graduation upcoming

opportunity to increase musicianship. I really think that the number of students we have in private study is one of the things that helps us achieve a high degree of overall excellence.

I also encourage as many students as possible—including the Class of 2012—to participate in the Asbury Leadership Workshop. The workshop begins indoors with exercises and discussion and then in the afternoon moves outdoors to the ropes course, where students put into action some of the principles they've discussed in the classroom. Students tell me how

much they enjoy the day and the benefits of leadership stay with us through the entire year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Honor Banquet on May 6 and I hope you have the date of Lafayette's graduation on your calendar for May 25 at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Band Room any day after 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles M. Smith, Director of Bands
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Thanks to everyone who served on the board of directors for the Lafayette Band Association for 2011-12, especially Joey and Sara Maggard, who have served in many capacities in their nine-year tenure with LBA.

The following people have agreed to serve for 2012-13:

Presidents

Jack and Beth Potter

First Vice Presidents

Tom and Carole Howell

Second Vice Presidents

Randy and Allisa Garland

Treasurer

Natasha Railey

Associate Treasurers

John and Karen Horn

Corresponding Secretaries

Mike and Melanie Booth

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Stuart and Tracy McIntosh

Directors

Darryl and Lisa Duncan

Kevin Fugette

Jim and Jill Hutchison

Billy and Tricia Sprague

Jim and Gina Tussey

Chris and Karen and Willett

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TOR Update

information about the merchandise on which the pin will be available.

Invoices for the Fan Plan payments will be in your mailbox in early May. Remember, you must be current with Band Plan payments and marching

fees in order to be eligible to make Fan Plan payments.

If you have questions please contact Sara Maggard, 277-7893 or smaggard@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for the Lafayette Band Store

If you have an eye for design and a flair for retail (or even if you don't but would like to learn!) LBA is in need of volunteers to help with the Band Store for 2012-13. We'd like to have two volunteers from each class in order to see that we have volunteers to step up in coming years, but you don't have to commit to more than one year. Interested? Call Beth Potter, 859-948-3859.

**Congratulations!
To the 2012-13
Drum Majors:
Jessica Abney
Emily Hutchinson
Weitong Liu
Chloe McIntosh
and the three
concert bands
that received
ranking at
Concert Festival
on April 27**

*Carol Lynn
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*Thanks for your support of the Lafayette Band
and music education!*

To everyone: Thank you, thank you, thank you!

May brings so many activities for the Lafayette Band and the Lafayette Band Association. Take a look at that calendar! Wow. It seems like that there is something going on almost every day. Concert practice, mini-camps, Festival, and graduation... so many things, so many GREAT things. This is a vibrant, healthy, and exciting music program.

We sure hope to see everyone— particularly our fellow senior families— at the Honors Banquet on Sun., May 6 at Calvary Baptist Church. It's always a wonderful, memorable event. We also look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Concert on May 16 at Singletary Center for the Arts on the UK campus.

As you know, we have a very large payment due in May to Music America for the TOR Trip. It is important for all families to be current with their payment plans. This year brings unique financial obligations to our organization and must be met as laid out by our vendor. Please, check your Family Account and make sure you are on schedule. We also ask that all senior families look at their accounts and make sure they are current.

There have been struggles recruiting bingo pull-tab sales volunteers in the last couple of weeks. PLEASE, make sure that you have met your family obligation to work six bingo sessions this Band year. The new year begins on June 1 and brings with it a renewal of the six session family obligation. Please note that we do NOT take the summer off! If the summer months are slower for our family, consider fulfilling all six of your sessions before school starts in August.

So, now we begin our thank-you's for the nine years (OK, we were out one between kids, but it wasn't really a full year!) we have been associated with the Lafayette Nation. First, to Lindsey and Andy for letting us share this activity as a family. So many great memories from these years, watching

the two of you. Rejuvenation; The Journey of Sheba; Tradition, Tribute, and Tomorrow; American Times; Allure; Metamorphosis; Chime; and Shadows of Eternity. We loved them all!

To Mr. Smith and Dr. Magee: thank you. You have helped make those two kids of ours (and hundreds of others) who they are and we're grateful for your sharing your skills and this art with them. To "The Pride of The Bluegrass": thank you for the exhilarating performances, your dedication and hard work, and for carrying on a tradition of excellence in ways that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Thanks to the volunteers of the Lafayette Band Association who make this organization so tremendous. To the major crew members: chaperones and food crew, and, of course, the uniform and field crews, the Band store Volunteers, the finance team, and so many others – thank you for your many hours dedicated to LBA and to the Band.

To board members past, present, and future: thank you for your leadership and willingness to serve. To our predecessors, Randy and Lori Gonzalez: thank you for your guidance and support, and to our successors, Jack and Beth Potter: call any time! We know we could not be leaving this organization in better hands!

There are so many wonderful people we have been able to meet through our years in this organization. We shared some wonderful times as we watched our kids grow up. Many laughs, some tears, none of which we would trade for anything. These memories will never leave us.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of letting us serve as presidents of this organization. It has been a tremendous experience and we are forever grateful.

GO LAFAYETTE!!!
Joey and Sara Maggard
LBA Presidents

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Today is a Birthday, I Wonder for Whom . . .



Niki Arens	May 31	Brittany Grant	May 22	Joel Nelson	May 22
Lindsey Brock	May 16	Grace Habermann	May 17	Taylor Rock	May 26
Amari Cowan	May 27	Clinton Hamilton	May 8	Brandon Smith	May 31
Nick Degler	May 25	Rachel Hickman	May 7	Max Stone	May 3
Andrew Dobbins	May 28	Elizabeth Howell	May 10	Haleigh Whitlock	May 11
Morgan Fathergill	May 30	Trey Miller	May 13	Matthew Yonts	May 15





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FUNDRAISING NOTES

Raffle Ticket Sales should be almost complete!

All ticket stubs PLUS any unsold tickets (and there might be a few) MUST be returned on or before May 9 to Beth Potter who will be collecting stubs and payments in the student parking lot. Watch email for announcement about specific times when she will be collecting. You can also contact Beth for additional tickets at pottermom@insightbb.com or call (859) 948-3859. Maximizing the Spring Raffle could help eliminate a TOR payment.

AND, consider what YOU could do with \$10,000!

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Football Programs

It's just spring, right? Yes, but before we know it, football season will be on us and with it, the 2012 football program, a fundraiser for the Lafayette Band. If you would like to honor your student or students in the coming season, what better way to do so than a congratulatory ad in Lafayette's football program? Or if you know a local business that would appreciate knowing about an inexpensive but highly visible ad placing, let them know about this great opportunity. Or you might like to get your name on the list now to sell football programs in the coming season. The work isn't hard, you get to see folks in the Lafayette community AND you'll be finished before the Band performs. Watch this space for information about getting involved!

Bingo Needs You!

Have you committed to your six bingo slots for the year? If not, call your section chairperson to reserve the times that you will work. Help is often in short supply during the summer months (bingo takes no summer vacation!), so why not consider working several required slots before August? We all rely on YOUR participation in fundraising through Bingo to keep your band payments in check!

Brass: Jill Richeson

Woodwind: Vivian Salley

Percussion and Color Guard: Gayla Webb

Board and Activity Chairs: Karen Willett

Do you . . .

- Use GoodSearch as your search engine?
- Shop with your LBA Kroger gift card?
- Make on-line purchases with GoodShop?

These fundraisers are an easy way to benefit the Band.

For more information, see the Fundraising section of www.lafayetteband.org

Opportunities open for the coming year!

With graduation just around the corner, it might seem that the 2012-13 school year is a long way off, but now is the time to begin thinking about how YOU will plug into the activities of the Lafayette Band for the coming year.

The LBA parent meeting in July will feature a "volunteer fair," that will give you the opportunity to get information about all the activities that keep the Lafayette Band marching proud. Watch for more information about that event and start thinking about how your skills can make a difference.

LBA is still looking for volunteers for the Band Store. Ideally, we would like to have one or two parents from each class level. You don't have to make a four-year commitment (if your student is a freshman), but if it's a good fit for you, your expertise will grow every year and we'll replace families as their students graduate.

The next newsletter will give more information about the the first action of the year, the sale of discount cards.

With the TOR trip coming up, the LBA strategy is to maximize all current fundraisers rather than add more. All of us working together will make that happen.