

Pride of the Bluegrass

The News of the Lafayette Band

From the Director's Desk



Charles M. Smith

Students Self-Motivated and Headed for Success

Does time move faster at this time of year or does it just seem that way because we spend so much time together as marching season launches? Regardless, I want to thank everyone for the great support we received during Band Camp just past.

Despite the heat we experienced, we were able to learn the most drill we've ever learned in that two week period. This group of students seems to be self-motivated and they respond well to the new things we've introduced. This will be a valuable trait as the season progresses.

It was great to have so many alumni at the Parent Performance and the live streaming via iHigh was great. I've heard that friends and relatives from as far away as Seattle were able to see our performance; as of Monday, Aug. 8, there had been 80,000 page views—I'm sure that number is much higher now.

We're really excited about the potential of iHigh and we're happy to be the first marching band to participate. Thanks to everyone who participated in the video crew. We always like to be on the cutting edge and this project is no exception!

Our first football game is approaching; I'm looking forward to the excitement that night always brings. We won't be in uniform that night, and we won't be performing the entire show, but I think the crowd will enjoy what we have to present and we always enjoy performing in the new stadium.

The safety tips that we stressed during Band Camp were apparently very well heeded. I'd like to remind everyone that eating and sleeping well and staying hydrated is just as important now that we're back in school. After-school rehearsals may not be as long as a day

at Band Camp, but rehearsing after a full day of classes is just as draining. Please remind your student to eat a good lunch every day and bring a light snack, if needed, to eat between the end of classes and the beginning of practice at 3:45.

We'll be performing at several football games in September; the game on Sept. 9 will be part of a weekend that also includes our first competition at Danville High School. You'll be receiving itineraries for both events in the coming weeks.

Changes in the October calendar have been posted to the website; please make the needed changes to your family calendar. The Fire Prevention Parade has been moved to Oct. 10, so we have moved our October LBA Parent Meeting to October 17. You will be reminded of these changes in the Weekly News.

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,
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Be one of The Pride

To learn more about joining this group of supporters, see the Band website, www.lafayetteband.org. New payment options and payment through PayPal are available.

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

Aug. 25 LHS Open House

Aug. 26 LHS vs. Bell County, 6 pm

Sept. 2 LHS vs. Lexington Catholic, 7:30 pm

Sept. 9 LHS vs. Owensboro (Homecoming)

Sept. 10 Contest, Danville High School

Sept. 12 LBA Parent Meeting

Sept. 16 LHS vs. Dunbar (Senior Night)

Sept. 24 BOA Contest, Richmond, Ky.

Sept. 26 LBA Board meeting, 6:30 pm

LBA Parent Meeting

Mon. Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
LHS Cafeteria
Turn in the money for cheese and sausage sales (deadline, Sept. 8), report on upcoming Danville High School competition, football games.

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Make a contribution: Join an SBDM Committee

By Tracy Schultz McIntosh
LHS SBDM Parent Representative

LBA members have a reputation as some of the most involved parents in the Lafayette community. We would like to invite you to join a Site-Based Decision Making Council committee, continuing that high level of involvement. Listed here the initial meeting dates, times, and locations for the Lafayette High School committees. Meeting dates and times, as well as official committee members will be decided at the first meetings. If you are interested in joining a committee, but cannot make it to the first meeting, please sign up for the committee in the notebook located in the school's front office. Give a note to the committee chair listing your preferences for meeting dates and times (or at least indicate if you need the time to be after a certain time, e.g. "after 5:30")

**Budget Committee – Wed., Sept. 14, 4 p.m., LHS Library/
Media Center**

Determine school instructional needs, evaluate past spending of funds, anticipate future needs, and make recommendations to the SBDM Council for budgeting of instructional funds. Discuss and prioritize school needs and report to the SBDM by November 2011.

Discuss departmental and technology needs and report to the SBDM by January 2012. Make recommendations for budgeting of instructional funds to SBDM by February 2012. Make recommendations for staffing needs and assignments to SBDM by March 2012.

**Career Cluster Committee – Tues.,
Aug. 30, at 3:45 p.m., LHS counseling
conference room**

Facilitate the introduction of career info to all students and coordinate the completion of the Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) by all LHS students.

Develop advisories and activities to bring career relevancy to students. Implement a day of career-related activities for freshmen in the spring.

Develop and implement a career day in
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and music education!*

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the fall to expose students to various careers and opportunities. Monitor accessibility and completion of ILP for students in every grade level.

Curriculum Committee — Tues., Aug. 30, 3:45 p.m., LHS Room 235

Promote student achievement by reviewing current curriculum policies, gathering information, analyzing data and making recommendations related to curricular and instructional issues to the SBDM. Participate in the review of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Oversee the completion of the arts and humanities program review and the practical living/career studies program review. Review proposed courses and make a recommendation regarding offerings for the master schedule for the 2012-13 school year.

Literacy Committee – Tues., Aug. 30, at 3:45 p.m., LHS Room 212

Develop a policy and plan for implementing a school-wide literacy program. Oversee the completion of the writing program review, develop a policy to monitor the school-wide writing review activities. Coordinate the writing review three times per year. Make recommendations to technology for use of tech tools to support literacy instruction and storage of student documents and work.

Parent and Community Involvement Committee – Tues., Aug. 30, 5 p.m., LHS Library/Media Center

Plan meaningful opportunities for parents and community members to be more involved in Lafayette High School events. Use parent survey results and PTSA feedback to develop a plan for improvement.

Plan accessible and meaningful activities and events to help parents

understand and participate in Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), learn to use Infinite Campus, and connect with staff during the school year.

Communicate ideas for LHS Open House events throughout the year, with special emphasis on engaging disenfranchised members of the LHS community. Develop a plan to promote the successes of LHS to our community.

Help plan and participate in events such as Back to School rallies, freshman orientation, open house, career day, Orchestra on the Lawn. Recommend ongoing improvements to the school website.

Recognition Committee — Tues., Aug. 30, 3:45 p.m., LHS room 269

Review survey results and develop a plan to improve the communication for all students and staff. Survey all students, staff, and parents during the school year. Use survey results to make recommendations to the SBDM for school improvements. Develop a plan for recognizing and communicating accomplishments of all students and staff throughout the school year (report to SBDM each month). Schedule and make recommendations for improvement to the fall and spring student recognition rallies.

Response to Intervention (RTI) Committee – Tues., Aug. 30, 3:45 p.m., LHS room 121

Develop a school-wide structure for assessing and improving the academic achievement of all students by clearly communicating the behavioral expectations of the students and staff. Describe the school-wide behavior program and make recommendations for improvement, specifically the use of the SAFE program. Gather

behavior and academic data and make recommendations for a plan to address students who are unsuccessful in these areas. Develop a plan for supporting/training staff in these areas to help all students reach success. Develop a plan to ensure all students understand how to be successful at school within the expectations of the school-wide behavior plan. Monitor and report on the plan throughout the year to the SBDM.

Technology Committee – Tues., Aug. 30, 3:45 p.m., LHS room 130

Determine school technology needs and make recommendations to the council on budgetary needs, professional development needs, and instructional plans for the school and staff. Make a recommendation for the budgeting of technology funds to the budget committee by November.

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

Emily Birdson	Sept. 19	Nick Michl	Sept. 29
Kaitlyn Greene	Sept. 1	Brian Shirley	Sept. 28
Zach Howe	Sept. 1	Joseph Wrightson	Sept. 30
Jake Kaplan	Sept. 22	Zach Young	Sept. 11
Will Lovan	Sept. 30		

Information to Come

As the calendar grows closer to the beginning of competition season (Danville High School, on Sept. 10), you will receive itineraries and other information that you will need to make arrangements to travel to competitions or pick up students when they arrive at Lafayette after out-of-town travels. Watch your email for this information.

The Band will stay at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green. If you would like to stay in the same hotel, we have heard that rooms are available, but reservations must be made early. Please do not ask to stay on the same floor as the Band. Those rooms are reserved for students, staff and chaperones. There are also rooms available at other hotels in Bowling Green. Contact Randy Garland for more information, 224-0483.

Taking Your Student Home With You? PLEASE READ THIS!

When the competition season starts, you may find that you would like to take your student home instead of having him or her return to Lafayette. This is perfectly acceptable, but please follow these procedures to assure that chaperones are able to keep track of 200 students (give or take a few).

- Speak with Mr. Smith or Dr. Magee, face-to-face, and tell them of your intention. THIS IS REQUIRED.
- Sending the information, early in the week, is a good idea, but not required.
- If you are planning to take another student, not your own, with you, that information must come from the other student's parent in writing.
- Make certain that arrangements have been made for loading your student's instrument AND UNLOADING UPON RETURN TO LAFAYETTE.
- Be prepared to show identification when you take your student.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding on this issue.

SBDM Committees

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Develop and communicate a plan for training the staff in administrative and classroom technology use. Oversee the inventory procedures of the school's technology resources. Work with the literacy committee members on a plan for the use of technology to support literacy instruction and storage of student documents and work. Report on the state of technology (equipment, training, use) by end of the school year.

Wellness Committee – Tues., Aug. 30, 7:15 a.m., LHS room 101

Develop a plan to address the well-being of all students, staff, and community of LHS. Monitor the implementation of the plan to address bullying and harassment through freshmen government classes. Develop a plan for improving student and staff health. Develop a plan for prevention of alcohol and illegal drug use by students. Develop and facilitate a presentation to classified and certified staff to emphasize a welcoming atmosphere at LHS, recognizing the wide diversity of our community.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

to everyone who made and/or brought cookies and treats for Band Camp and for the Parent Performance. You're the best and we couldn't have done it without you!

And now that we're on your good side, watch for the call for cookies that will be needed for October's mini-camp and the upcoming out-of-town competitions. These kids can eat them some cookies!



FUNDRAISING NOTES

The 2011 Discount Card sale went very well, with many families turning in money for cards sold by the deadline of Aug. 18. HOWEVER, if you haven't yet given money and/or cards to Kim Burns, please do so as soon as possible, so we can get the books closed on this fund raiser.

Please remember that any unsold discount cards MUST be returned. Kim Burns can meet you in the student parking lot after Band

practice to collect money and cards.

If you have family or friends that are still interested in discount cards, they are available for purchase at the Band Store.

The Cheese and Sausage fund raiser launched on Aug. 17. If you have interested customers and haven't seen the order form, check your student's backpack. Deadline for cheese and sausage sales is September 8.

Football Programs

Football season starts on Aug. 26 with a home game versus Bell County (Go Generals!) The production and sale of football programs is a fundraiser for the Band and we're recruiting folks to sell programs at Ishmael Stadium. Program salespeople are asked to report to the front entrance of the stadium

(facing Reed Lane) at about 6:45 (tell the people selling tickets that you're on the sales crew) and you'll receive an apron and an area to cover. If you have a middle school Band student, they often enjoy helping. For more information, contact Peggy Gabriel, mgabriel@insightbb.com, 859-608-2936.

Bingo!

Have you committed to your bingo slots for the year? If not, call your section chairperson to reserve the times that you will work. 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:
Sara Maggard**

Do you . . .

- Use GoodSearch as your search engine?
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- 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

COMING SOON!

Fruit and Wreaths

Our next fundraiser will be the very popular Fruit and Wreath sale that will launch on October 10, with delivery in time for holiday gift giving. If know of a business that would like information about giving Band fruit and wreaths for the holidays, please contact Carole Howell, 223-6485.

It's All About Tradition!

Fall is coming and with it football games and competitions! Band season is officially here and, from what we can see, the "Pride of The Bluegrass" is ready!

These are exciting times for our kids, the staff, and all of us! It's time to break out the Lafayette gear (or visit the Band Store for new!), get those flags up in the air, paint the car windows, and cheer Lafayette to victory!

We are all so fortunate to have our children in this Band, a band that exemplifies the word tradition. Could you feel it at the Parent Night performance? When former Directors Les Anderson and J. Larry Moore addressed the Band and those in the stands? When former Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher talked about meeting the girl he would one day marry in the lunch line at Band Camp? Could you see it in the eyes of the alumni when they got to join the Band on the 50 yard line and answer the director's call of "Who are you?" with a deafening "Lafayette Band! Pride of the Bluegrass, Sir!" No other Band in our state has this

tradition. Very few do in the country. This is what the Lafayette Band is all about – this is the tradition which our children are now an integral part – this is what we as the Lafayette Band Association are charged with supporting morally and financially.

And what about the kids performance that night! The sound after two weeks of Band Camp was excellent, the hours of hard work were so evident, and the enthusiasm was tremendous! The program we all witnessed from the stands that night was also viewed all over the country (maybe the world?) by Lafayette fans! We have heard of families from Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Washington, and many places in-between watching that night! Our work with iHigh.com is providing an ever-evolving stage for the Lafayette Band. The Band is on the forefront of this technology and it will be exciting to see where this effort takes us!

A couple of notes on budget and fundraising. Please, make sure that your family payments are up to date. As

we move into the travel portion of the season, we must have the cash reserves to pay our bills. If you have concerns about making your family payment, please contact Mr. Smith. Discount card monies or unsold cards need to be turned in to Kim Burns as soon as possible. Our traditional cheese and sausage fundraiser is so important – please do all you can to help us make our goal! Finally, we need to mention Bingo. Our totals are looking really good for this fiscal year, but we have to keep it going. Please, schedule your three to six pull-tab sales commitments if you have not done so already.

One last thing that we have not yet addressed with our new families! There is this cheer that goes up in the stands when a certain Band hits the field. It's a cheer packed with the tradition befitting of a great organization... you'll recognize it and you need to join in... it goes like this,

L - A - FAYE - T - T - E LAFAYETTE!!

Please call us with any questions or concerns at 277-7893.

GO LAFAYETTE!!!

Joey and Sara Maggard
LBA Presidents

Rules of Etiquette for Band Competition

As Lafayette Band "fans-in-the-stands," we are ambassadors for the Pride of the Bluegrass®, the Lafayette Band. Our actions in the stands are directly related to the hard work and PRIDE of each of our students marching on the field.

When attending performances and competitions as ambassadors of the Lafayette Band, we have an opportunity to set the standard for fan behavior, just as our students have worked to set the example for performance.

Being an ambassador of the Pride of the Bluegrass® includes consideration and respect for the hard work and performance of others. When attending a performance, let's keep a few key points in mind:

- Save conversations for the times between performances. Others want to hear the music.
- Being careful what you say about the performance of other bands while you are at a competition, can prevent hurting the feelings of other parents whose child has worked as hard as yours. Being appreciative of the performance of other bands will leave a lasting positive impression of the Lafayette Band.
- Always applaud a band's performance. The students work long and hard to perfect a performance and enjoy your appreciation of their efforts.
- When attending a performance outdoors, be prepared for inclement weather with a poncho or raincoat. Umbrellas block the view of those behind you and may even be dangerous to others in the close quarters of stadium seating.
- Our students thrive on our support and look to the stands for the waving Lafayette Flags. Distribution of flags to Lafayette fans will occur at contests just before Lafayette performs.
- Wait to raise Lafayette flags and cheer for Lafayette until the previous band has completely left the field.
- When the band is set to perform, refrain from yelling a name or cheering. Our students are in performance mode and are concentrating on delivering an excellent performance.
- After the performance begins, lower your flag so that everyone can see the show. When the performance ends, raise your flag until Lafayette leaves the field.
- After the Lafayette performance, flags will be collected for distribution at the next Lafayette Band performance.
- When photographing or video taping a performance, be mindful not to block the view of others. (Reminder, BOA does not permit video cameras.)
- Finally, and most important, attend as many performances as possible to support our students and to enjoy the show!