



Lakeville South Bands

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Incoming Freshman Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2018

6:00 pm

Introductions

Missy Toombs, President LSHS Band Boosters

Chad Bieniek, Director LSHS Bands

General Information

Concert Dress

- Girls - "What girls wear when guys wear ties", Dresses, Skirts, Dress Pants, Dress Shirts
- Boys - Dress Pants, Dress Shirts, Ties
- No Jeans or T-shirts

New Band Director

- New full-time band director being added for 2018-2019
 - Selection process underway
- New director will have brass focus
 - Chad Bieniek has woodwind focus
- New director will be in and out over the summer

Schedule

- Band year starts in June with summer marching band
- Dates are on calendar on right side website
 - www.lakevillesouthbands.com

General Marching Band

- Summer and Fall marching bands
 - Don't have to be in both, can be in one or the other
- Both marching bands are considered extracurricular
- New this year - only those in the Fall marching band will march on the field for football games
 - Those who are not in the Fall marching band will likely be able to sit in the stands with the band and play pep band music during the game
- Strongly encourage 9th grades to participate in marching band
 - This is where friendships made and strengthened
- If not signed up already, contact Chad Bieniek

Summer Marching Band

- 6 parades
 - Do not have to be at every parade
 - Let Chad Bieniek know which parades not attending
- Non-competitive band
 - Goal is to entertain, not compete

Fall Marching Band

- 7-minute show on the football field
- Home Football games
 - LSHS stadium is getting artificial turf this summer
- 2 competitions
 - Waseca
 - US Bank Stadium State Finals
 - First year LSHS will compete at this event
 - Goal is for band members to see what else is out there
- Summer marching band practices end with a Fall marching band practice for wind players
 - Goal is to learn and memorize fall marching band music
- Band Camp July 23-27, 8 to 5p each day
 - Should have music memorized
 - Goal is to put together the show
 - Do not worry about having no marching experience
- DCI show - not a performance for marching band
 - Opportunity to see high-level drum and bugle corps perform and compete
- Tailgate & Tunes - Oct 27th
 - Fall band perform their fall music
 - All band members perform pep band music
 - More details on the event are coming
 - Lots of volunteers will be needed to help organize and run the event
- If you are on the fence about doing marching band, you are encouraged to do s

Q: Will there be a Fall Marching band “pep band”?

A: Details on this will be decided after Chad Bieniek discusses with new director and they make decisions on how this will work

Concert Bands

- All 9th graders are in Concert Band
- This is the band class students are familiar with from middle school
- Concerts in December, March, May
- 10th-12th graders are in either Symphonic or Wind Ensemble
 - Wind Ensemble is top level band for students who want to be challenged
 - Wind Ensemble is by audition only
 - If student does not audition, they are in Symphonic Band
 - Students are not required to audition if not interested in Wind Ensemble
- All 9th through 11th graders play at graduation
 - Usually last day of school

Jazz Bands

- Early bird class 7:00-7:55am
 - Students need their own transportation to school
 - Freshmen are allowed to take this Early Bird class
- 2 ensembles this year
 - Each director will take a band
- Contact Chad Bieniek if interested in joining jazz band
 - He will respond with instructions on how to come in and play for him
- Concerts
 - Play at all scheduled concerts
 - Nightclub event in February
 - Audience eats dinner while Jazz Band and Encore (vocalist group) perform

Pep Band

- Play for various sports in fall and winter
 - Fall - Volleyball
 - Winter - Girls/Boys Hockey, Girls/Boys Basketball
- Students are required to attend set amount of pep band games as part of band grade
 - 1st semester (through January) - 5 pep band games
 - 2nd semester - 2 pep band games
 - Many students do lots more than required

- Currently scheduled pep band games
 - 1st semester - 7 games
 - 2nd semester - about 3 games
 - LSHS winter sports tends to be fairly successful, so typically lots of tournament games are typically added in February and March
- Schedule can change, pay attention to emails sent by Chad Bieniek through the year
 - Additional pep band performances are typically added
 - Changes to dates, report times, etc. for other events
- Some pep bands are designated as “Jazz Pep Bands”
 - These are for members of Jazz Bands only

Solo & Ensemble

- Hosted at LSHS on January 19th
- Most of the southern Minnesota schools send band and choir members to this event
- Students perform solos or small ensembles in front of a judge and get feedback
- All LSHS band students participate in at least one event
 - Typically Chad Bieniek will have 9th graders perform in larger groups, about the size of a section (Saxophone choice, Brass Ensemble, etc.)
 - 9th graders are welcome to do smaller ensembles or solos, if desired
 - 10th-12th graders typically do smaller ensembles and/or solos

Q: What are the required number of pep bands?

A: First semester - 5, 2nd semester - 2, Marching band is not considered pep band

Q: How do you letter in band?

A: Information on how to letter is on the website

www.lakevillesouthbands.com

Q: What is the New Band Member practice on June 18th

A: This is for any new summer marching band members who have not marched before as well as drumline and color guard

All fall marching band members do need to come to practices June 12-14th (including incoming 9th graders)

Q: What if we have conflicts with band events

A: It is understood conflicts will arise, just be sure to communicate with Chad Bieniek. Preferred method is via email.

Band Boosters

- Parent volunteer group for the band
- We needs lots and lots of help
- Currently a list of jobs available to help out the band
 - Available on the website on the Band Boosters tab
- For jobs in Black (Board Positions) or Blue (Year-Long Positions) an application is required
- Elections are currently scheduled for May 24th

Submitted by Lori Bovitz, Secretary