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It is that time of year to begin planning for our fall marching band season! This coming year brings many new exciting things such as new uniforms for band and guard, different music, and the opportunity to attend contests. Here are a few dates you need to place on your calendar:

May 10-13: Guard auditions in LGHS commons

May 16-20: Conditioning Camp 3:45pm-5:30pm

July 11-15: Band Camp M&W 8:30am-5:30pm, Tu&Th 8:30am-8:30pm, F 8:30am-12:30pm July 30: DCI corps arrives in AM / DCI show at the GA Dome \$25 (optional)

After school rehearsals: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 4pm-6pm. On Friday game days we stay at the school, small rehearsal, students are fed dinners, and we go to the game.

Super-Saturday practice: We will have one Super-Saturday practice on September 10 from 9am-5pm to finish up drill before the competition season starts.

<u>Contests</u> 2 contests will take place on Saturdays in October. These are ALL DAY events, until midnight, and are required for evaluations. Also, a 3rd performance date is our county exhibition. **Parades:** We will perform at the Locust Grove Christmas Parade!

Along with the important calendar dates we also have fees that will need to be turned in. These fees will cover expenses for the marching - primarily our transportation and contests costs. New members will need gloves/shoes. Those people will be sized during band camp. (A chart is on the back with more information). *The fee for all returning band is \$300 and guard is \$365*. Three payments are as follows:

(Payment Date – amount due)

May 18	- payment of \$100 (\$125 for guard)
July 13	- payment of \$100 (\$125 for guard)
Sept 14	- payment of \$100 (\$115 for guard)

These can be paid through cash, check, debit/credit card with Paypal or money order. Other arrangements may be made on an individual bases for payments in advance. Once a commitment form is turned in (during May camp), we work off of a budget for that number of people. <u>Full payment is expected and no refunds will be issued if a child quits or is removed from band/guard for any reason after conditioning camp in May.</u>

I look forward to a great year!

Musically,

Online form to register for the 2016 season required! Visit:

http://goo.gl/forms/dvcNZ1A7ib

Want to pay dues online with debit or credit card? Paypal instructions - Send money to:

lghsbandpay@bellsouth.net

Add 3% plus \$.30 to each payment. A payment of \$100 for Marching Band will be\$103.30 and a payment for \$125 Guard is \$128.75.

Band gloves & shoes / Guard gloves & shoes

Band gloves \$2.75	Band shoes \$27.00
Guard gloves \$14.75	Guard shoes \$33.95

Students will be sized during camp. Parents will go online and pay with Marchmaster. There may be a fee for handling and tax. Boosters will cover all shipping costs. There will be a 2 week window to place orders. This also allows you to order however many you need. Only items ordered and paid in July will be shipping to the school in August.

Guard windsuits and bags will be ordered during band camp. These will run around \$75-80 total.

Percussion will need to purchase their own mallets/drumsticks for their instruments TBD in May.

Booster officers for 2016-2017

President: Denise Hall <u>dhallpsc@bellsouth.net</u>

Secretary: Tara Barton duchesstgb@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jesse Roberts jroberjr@bellsouth.net

Guard questions? Mrs. Beth lghs guard@yahoo.com or Mrs. Lynn diamond4146@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook! Search for LGHS Band Boosters. Share pictures and keep up with events happening on and off campus. Website coming soon...



2016 WILDCAT FOOTBALL

*We will not travel to regular season games out of the county.

August 26	WARNER ROBINS	HOME	
September 2	FOREST PARK	HOME	
<u>September 16</u>	<u>UNION GROVE</u> (8th grade band night)	HOME	
September 23 FALL BREAK	HAMPTON	AWAY	
September 30	STOCKBRIDGE	HOME	
October 7	DUTCHTOWN (HOMECOMING)	HOME	
October 14	OLA	AWAY	
October 21	EAGLES LANDING (SENIOR NIGHT)	HOME	
November 4	WOODLAND	AWAY	
ALL GAMES 7:30 Kickoff PLAYOFFS: Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9			

• <u>Marching Contests / Evaluations TBA but either Oct 1,</u> 8, 15, 22 or 29. These last all day (8am-midnight).

- Marching Exhibition October 3 at WHS
- December 3 Locust Grove Christmas Parade

PHYSICALS AND DOCTOR RELEASE INFORMATION:

All students must have a current physical on file with Ms. Miller in order to participate. If their physical will not expire until midseason, we must have the prior physical on file. If they have a file with a sport or LGMS or LGHS sport, you must ask for a copy and *deliver directly* to Ms. Miller. Many doctors can send a previous physical until your appointment for the next one. WE MUST HAVE DOCUMENTATION BY CONDITIONING CAMP IN MAY.

<u>COMMITTEES</u> –Keep calm and be a band booster! Find a way you can help us succeed.

Media – help with website, pictures, record band events and make available via internet, etc – needed any day

Carpentry / Sewing - help with equipment, building props, sewing flags - needed any day

Uniforms – issue during camps, maintain student records, keep up with damage, issue out for cleaning when needed – needed any day

Roadies – help with transportation, taking items on/off field, drive trailer for games and rental truck for contests – needed on Fridays

Friday meals - can arrive early on Friday to help feed band members (4-630pm)

Band camp meals – help provide snacks for morning block during band camp. Feed the band supper during our longer days

Concessions – assist in concessions during home football games as well as other fine arts events, help with inventory/purchasing items/Coke orders

Chaperones – (always at least 1 male, 1 female) home game chaperones will help get coolers ready with ice and water for both bands and monitor instruments during 3rd quarter break. Away game chaperones will help take roll on buses and monitor instruments during 3rd quarter break. Chaperones will also maintain first aid roller cart and be responsible for medical release forms for their trip in case of an emergency.



Marching Band Commitment Letter PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Student's Name_____

Parent / Guardian Name_____

All other information must be filled out online at this site! http://goo.gl/forms/dvcNZ1A7ib

We pledge in good faith to pay according to the payment schedule. We can pay cash, check, money order or via online (Paypal transaction fee applies). I will jeopardize my child's spot with the LGHS Wildcat Band if payments are not made on time.

We pledge in good faith that student/guardian will make all arrangements to schedule appointments other activities around all marching band dates, including those that are TBA such as contests and playoff games. We will be on time to each event and be prepared. We will also arrive at the conclusion of an event on time.

We pledge in good faith to support the decisions of the band director, staff and band boosters. We understand at any time our commitment and dedication starts to fall we risk losing our spot in the Wildcat Band.

We pledge in good faith to always set a positive example for my school, community, friends and family. We will maintain a positive attitude and will abide by all school rules and instructions whether communicated by a designated chaperone, section leader, staff or director.

We understand the commitment necessary for a successful marching band season and are up to the challenge!

Parent Signature _____

Date_____

Student Signature_____

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