

LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER

“It’s All For the Kids”

Feb 2010

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Lancaster Band Boosters are parents/guardians of any student involved in the instrumental music program in the Lancaster City Schools, including Thomas Ewing, General Sherman, and Lancaster High School. The student may be involved in Concert or Symphonic Band, Marching “Band of Gold,” Pep Band, Percussion Ensemble, or Swinging Gales “Jazz Ensemble.” Former band members, members of their families or interested community members can also be Booster members

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Message for the High School Band Director:

I want to start off by thanking everyone who volunteered to help out with the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser that was held on Saturday January 23rd at Max & Erma's here in Lancaster. We really appreciate all that sold tickets, which worked the event, and those that came out to eat breakfast in help to support the students here at Lancaster High School in the Instrumental Music Department.

We would also like to take a moment to thank Fairfield National Bank for their generous donation that they were able to give to the Lancaster Instrumental music department. We appreciated them in thinking about us when they wanted to donate.

The instrumental music department at the high school is beginning another busy winter months of events that take place yearly. On Saturday February 13th, students will be participating in Solo & Ensemble held at Pickerington North. This year we have about 40 different entries which have increased since last year and we are very excited and pleased about that. These students are working very hard and we want to wish them the best of luck as they perform on this day.

The "Swinging Gales" will be performing at the Fairfield Union "Sweet Sounds of Jazz" held at Fairfield Union High School on Saturday February 27th. We are yet again very excited that we are going to be able to perform in at this great festival. Please mark your calendars for this day and come out and support the "Swinging Gales".

The Symphonic and Concert Bands will be performing their winter concert on March 2nd, which will be preparing them for large group contest. These same groups will be competing at the OMEA large group adjudicated event either on Friday March 12th or Saturday March 13th. We yet again hope that you can mark your calendars and come out to these performances to hear these groups perform. They are working very hard at this point in time in preparation for these events.

I would like to take a moment to recognize two individuals that were selected to perform at the OU Honor band in the middle on January. Those two students were Paul Stocklin and Kyle Marx. We are very proud of them for making this prestigious honor band. Unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather but we definitely want to recognize them on their achievements in being selected to be in the ensemble.

We would also like to recognize Kyle Marx who performed in another prestigious Ohio honor band at the Ohio State University high school honor band. This event was on January 16th. Congratulations to these students!

We want to continue to thank the parents, students, and community for all of their support in the instrumental music department. We greatly appreciate all the support and look forward to continue with that great support.

Musically,
Bart Pickenpough, Director of Bands LHS

From your booster president:

Thanks to Rejeanna Smith for planning and organizing yet another new fundraiser; the Pancake Breakfast at Max & Erma's on Saturday January 23. Thanks also to the parents and students who showed up and did a great job of preparing and serving pancakes and sausage. As I have written here before, we have a lot of traditions and successful events that have been built up over the years; all of them were new once. Not only is there room for more, but this organization NEEDS more!

Make plans to attend "Thunder Alley" at Tiki Lanes on Sunday February 14 from 9pm to 11pm. This is open to band students in grades 7 through 12. Band Students Only – no guests are permitted. The cost is \$5 which must be paid at the door. Drinks and chips will be provided. Students are not permitted to leave and re enter Tiki Lanes for any reason. Students must be picked up promptly by 11pm! Parents...please contact me if you are available to work at this event. I need four people to work the 'check in table' at the door and need at least four more to work drinks, chips, and light clean up at 11pm. You won't be working on your own – you'll be helping someone who has done this before. Come and join us – where else can your kids go for a couple of hours of entertainment and a snack for \$5?

We absolutely need to see many more people attend our booster meetings. There is so much to do all year long in order to support the music programs. This newsletter should serve as a *supplement* rather than a *substitute* for your attendance and participation at the meetings!

The more informed you are, the more you understand, the more you understand the more you will be willing to do, the more you are willing to do, the more we can accomplish together!

Next meeting is February 08, 2010! Unsure whether you should attend? YES you should attend!

I would like to thank all four directors as well as our treasurer who have given even more of their personal time to meet for the purpose of establishing a workable budget for the coming year. We are doing a 'total overhaul' of this process which is long overdue. We've made good progress as well as learning a great deal from each other. As mentioned before – attend our meetings – we will not be publishing numbers associated with our organization's budget, but will of course discuss this issue openly at our regular booster meetings.

Please consider a few very important events that will be here soon...

A - A scholarship committee will need to be appointed by April 1. The treasurer is the only officer even eligible to participate on this committee due to other officers being 'senior parents.' Let me know if you are interested and willing to serve on the scholarship committee.

B – Election of booster officers takes place during the May meeting. A slate of officers for vote needs to be in place prior to this meeting. Positions will be available this year, and others will be open next year. If you are unsure if you are willing or ready to serve for the coming year, give me a call and let's talk about serving as an assistant to one of the officers to take over their position the following year. This is a win/win situation both for you and the incumbent!

The single most important thing I can do as the president of this organization is to get more people involved in it! If you have any questions about the topics above or anything else, please give me a call to discuss. If you prefer, call Gregg Marx instead (653-0862). You will never know how much fun you can have and how much good you can do if you don't step up and get involved.

.....Bob Underwood
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From your booster Vice President:

Now is the time for all loyal band boosters to come to the aid of our children that are in the band. This will probably surprise many of our loyal boosters that during some weeks there are more people helping at bingo that are not band parents than helpers that do have children in the band. It is not too difficult for me to see that most band parents would prefer not to help on Sundays.

What I would like our parents to consider is the fact that historically, the most financially successful months are February through May. Please contact me and volunteer to cover 1 weekend in that period. We do not even have bingo the first two Sundays in February. If you can't cover the whole period of time, volunteer for half a day. It would not be difficult to have people from 11-2 and 1:30 to 4:30. We could make several thousand dollars during this 4 month period of time. Please try and help your boosters at bingo at least once in the next 4 months. Feel free to call or email me to discuss this.

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Come Play BINGO with the BAND BOOSTERS



Every **Sunday** Morning
(except on holidays)



at the

AMVETS POST 1985

700 S. Maple Street

Doors open at 10:30 AM

First game is played at 12:30 PM



Have you registered your KROGER PLUS CARD with the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM yet?

Every time you make a purchase at Kroger and scan your Kroger Plus card, the Lancaster Band Boosters will benefit **IF YOU HAVE IT REGISTERED**. Please follow these simple few steps to register online:

- Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy.
- Click on SignIn/Register.
- Click on Sign Up Today in the “New Customer?” box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Reward Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your e-mail address and creating a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus Card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (80120) which is the Band Booster’s organization number, select organization from list, and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization’s name on the right side of your information page.

Provide your name, your Kroger Plus card number, and the band student’s name to the Band Booster Fundraiser representative so the reward may be distributed.

If you don’t have access to a computer or need help with the “technical” part of registering, please let Gaby Ronan know at 687-6409.

If you have any other questions, please contact Elaine Gillette at 654-4159

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Feb 8th – Band Booster Meeting – LHS Band Room – 7:30 pm**
- **Feb 13th – High School Solo and Ensemble Contest - Pickerington North**
- **Feb 14th – Thunder Alley – Tiki Lanes – 9:00 – 11:00 pm**
- **Feb 27th – Swinging Gales – Fairfield Union High School - TBA**
- **Mar 2nd – LHS Winter Concert – LHS Auditorium – 7:30 pm**
- **Mar 12th or 13th – OMEA Large Group Contest - TBA**