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## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

*From the desk of Chris Harmon*

What a year this has been! All of the ensembles have shown tremendous growth, the performances have been outstanding, many great memories have been made, and many life lessons have been learned along the way! I want to personally thank each and every student and parent that did their part to help make the 2008-2009 school year GREAT! To the Class of 2009—thank you for all you have done for the LC Band Program. You are now an alumnus of one of the most respected band programs in the country. You will be missed, but we wish you the best of luck in everything you do! You are welcome back at any time! To the Classes of 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013—it is now YOUR torch to carry as we work to RAISE THE BAR each and every year. Be happy with your individual and our collective accomplishments, but don't become complacent. We must continue to grow and improve every year if we are to continue realizing one of the very basic LC Band philosophies—"nothing we have done will ever be good enough again." Congratulations on a terrific 2008-2009—let's set our sights even HIGHER in 2009-2010! We are LC!



Mr. Harmon



## **PERCUSSION DISCUSSION**

*From the desk of David Nelson*

Stay tuned next month to hear all the news about Drum Line from Mr. Nelson!



## **BUZALSKI BUZZ**

*From the desk of Alan Buzalski*

Well, the color guard is off to a great start. We have 48 very talented young ladies this year. Parents don't forget the sweat shop will be opening soon to make new flag bags, flags and uniforms. I have some very exciting designs to make. See ya' there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at abuzalski@aol.com or by phone 365-2760 ext. 1-189. As always, ladies, if you are in the front you can't— - - !!!!

Mr. B

Mark Your Calendars.....

**JUNE 16th, 2009**  
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## **MARCHING BAND**

The Marching Band is off to a tremendous start! The numbers are up, the show will be exciting, the kids are working hard—all of the ingredients are present to make this another FANTASTIC year with the Tribe of Pride! Be sure you are doing your part to make this vision a reality!



## **Thoughts of the Month...**

"You get out of something what you put into it.."

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't—you are right!"

"Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction."

"You become like the people with whom you associate."



## **From the PRESIDENT**

*From the desk of Scott Smith*

And so it begins again...

This is a familiar phrase to those parents who are now considered veterans of the marching season. It's stated fondly as veteran parents remember back one, two, three or more marching seasons with a smile on their face.

Let me offer a BIG WELCOME to the incoming freshman students and parents. All of you are about to embark on an adventure that is exhilarating, exciting, awe-inspiring and amazing. It's truly difficult to express in words what the next 6 months will be like for both parents and students but I always look forward to hearing the comments when it's over. Mr. Harmon called it 'the ride of a lifetime'. It is that and much more. Cherish and enjoy it, the marching season will leave you with memories of a lifetime!

Please remember that if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the booster organization, fund-raising, or any other ideas that might help us, please don't hesitate to pull me aside and let me know. I can easily be reached at the phone number listed in the newsletter, via email at [president@lcband.com](mailto:president@lcband.com) or you can find me at practice just about every day. I'll be the one with the camera around his neck.

Organizations like the Lake Central Band Boosters don't just appear and function. There is a lot of blood sweat and tears by those who have come before us that laid the groundwork for where we are today. I'd like to personally thank our outgoing board members: Dale Andres, Ann Hyzy and Dominic Flens for their terrific work on the booster board last year. They are three of many folks that have built the foundation for which we currently reside. I ask that all parents think about those who have made sacrifices before us and ask yourself, how can I help make the program even better? Remember folks, we're here to provide the vehicle that will enable your student (our students) to succeed in their musical endeavors.

On the calendar is our Annual Band Family Picnic. The event will be held at Plum Creek Park on Saturday, June 20th. We are in need of an individual who has a pickup truck that can help us take our grill from the shed at the school to the park and then back again when the event is over. If you are able to help, please contact me to let me know. We are looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup before and after the event. You can talk to myself or Lisa Schulz to volunteer. Lisa's contact information is listed on the cover of this document as well.

So to say it once more....let it begin again....I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you.

Scott



Please look on our web site

[www.lcband.com](http://www.lcband.com)

**to see how you can help with the band program, TODAY!**

The directors and the kids are the heart and soul of the program but the parents are the BACKBONE! They need our help to succeed! Please take a few moments and fill out the volunteer form on line or if you prefer, there are extra forms available in the band room.



If you have any questions about a certain need, please don't hesitate to contact any board member!

**We would LOVE to hear from you!**

### **LC Band Booster Mail Box??!! WHERE???**

For all the new parents, the Band Booster Mailbox is located in the Band room above the drinking fountain. This is where you can put the following:

- Any fundraising monies/tickets
  - Volunteer forms
- Booster Membership form/money
  - Picnic RSVP's
  - Market Day order forms

Basically, anything that is related to the BAND BOOSTERS. It's checked often so the board members will get it quickly!

### **SPIRITWEAR!**

**Don't forget to check our web site for the newest additions in our Spiritwear line!** There are lots of items on sale! We're trying to make room for some new items with the "Change" program so check out some AWESOME DEALS on line! T-Shirts are great to wear to the parades and competitions! It's a great way to show your kids that you are proud of them!

**Keep checking in...there are new items all the time!**

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*From the desk of Beverly Foltman and Marla Lareau*

We would like to introduce ourselves. We will be the vice presidents on this year's band booster's board. Beverly Foltman and husband Ron are the parents of Carolyn, a sophomore flutist. Marla Lareau and husband Mark are the parents of Marisa, a sophomore member of the color guard. Our role is to assist with the various fund-raising events.

We are so very excited about the upcoming year. We will be kicking off the summer with three great fund-raisers!

### **CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!!!**

The Second Annual "Music is Important" Golf Outing will be held on FRIDAY, JUNE 26th at the White Hawk Country Club. Registration begins at 11:30am followed by a shotgun start at 1pm. The fee is \$110 per golfer. Fee includes dinner and assorted amenities. Entry deadline is June 19th. Come out and join the fun! Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

### **WANT TO LOWER YOUR BAND FEES????!!!!**

Discount cards will be out this month. Each member of the Tribe of Pride is asked to sell ten \$5.00 discount cards. The first ten cards sold (\$50) goes to the band program. Every card your student sells after that goes directly into their IBA account. With discounts at local restaurants, salons, and stores, these cards sell themselves. The purchase price is recouped in 1-2 uses. The savings last all year long.

### **TAKE THE CAR OR TAKE THE CASH!!!!**

The car raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers. Tickets will be distributed to the students this month. Each student is asked to sell a minimum of 10 tickets. Each ticket is \$10.00. All proceeds go to the Band Program. Tickets will be sold at parades, festivals, and football. Keep your eyes open for sign up schedules.

We are both looking forward to a great year with both the students and boosters. Please feel free to contact either of us with questions or concerns related to our fund-raising efforts. Together we can make a difference!

Bev and Marla

### **STAY INFORMED!!!**

Log on to [www.lcband.com](http://www.lcband.com) and sign up to be on the

### **LC Band Family Mailing List!**

When you are on this list, you will be notified about any updates that are posted on the web sites, results of any performances/competitions, any needs for the programs, etc.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

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**Contact the Band Boosters Board Members by logging on to  
[www.lcband.com](http://www.lcband.com)**



**The Lake Central Tribe of Pride has achieved phenomenal success over the last 5 or 6 years and there are many factors which have made that possible.**

We as parents make sacrifices for our students to be able to achieve all they have over the years, the Directors spend countless hours with our students to push them to their goals, and the students work tirelessly to be the best they can be. The program during my time with the band has grown from 124 on the field students in 2004 to as many as 210 students this fall. More students means the band will be able to do more visually on the field.

The program's infrastructure has to be able to support this growth and the only way to do this is to purchase that infrastructure to allow the students to grow and achieve all they can. Our fundraising budget last year was more than \$130,000.00! We didn't quite make that amount but we did get close. This year we are going to have to work harder so our students don't miss a step.

With that in mind we have some infrastructure needs that go beyond our normal fundraising and we need your help. **I want to stress up front that this is not mandatory but rather a request** to see if we can raise some immediate funds to purchase some items that are needed for this year. This has no impact on our fundraising goals that are normally in place. Those will still need to be achieved. Rather we're asking parents to make a **one time donation** to help us keep the program growing and achieving all it can. We're asking you to go above and beyond just one time to make this possible.



The school administration has generously purchased a Laptop computer that the PIT can use during the show. This was a major expense the school took on for

us. But we need to purchase the necessary software to be able to use it properly.

With the program growing we now have three drum majors and have a need to purchase an additional Drum Major Podium. I certainly don't want to drag out our old scaffolding to use as a third drum major podium as that would be taking a step backwards and it's not safe for our students.

Mr. Nelson has been very busy trying to get the PIT equipment to look more professional and has two of the Marimba's wrapped in aluminum and gloss black plexiglass. They look fabulous and will project better sound when they are finished. The school administration is helping to refinish the keys on the Marimbas as well. When all have been completed you will be wowed with the results.

All of this together will run between \$4,000 and \$5,000. This WILL NOT be budgeted for in our normal expense budget as those funds have to be used to pay for the bands normal expenses during the year.

**Now for the GREAT NEWS!**



We have an anonymous donor, who has generously agreed to match the money we raise through the parents and students, dollar for dollar up to \$2,000.00. All we need is the rest of us parents to donate what we can and between all of us and our generous donor we can raise the money necessary to see this through! **CAN YOU HELP?**

Here is what we've done. The homepage will have the first feature story that echoes what I've just explained. When you click the 'click here to make a difference' line you'll be taken to a donation page where, via PayPal, you can make a donation using your credit card. You can also [click this link](#) to get to the donation page directly. Whatever you can donate is appreciated. You can also send a check to the booster mail box. Please put on your envelope 'Infrastructure Donation' and we'll get it from there. Our goal is to raise the \$2,000.00 so we can double it. This will be a **ONE TIME DONATION** and you'll be able to leave a lasting legacy to the program.

We are also planning a 'Tag Day' where we can raise additional funds for the program. More details on this to come. If you have any questions at all you can reach me at 365-2658 or my cell at 219-688-4094, or you can send an email to [president@lcband.com](mailto:president@lcband.com). I will do my best to answer any questions you might have. This is an extraordinary time for our students and I sincerely hope you find this as important as I do. Let's keep the Tribe of Pride on top!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Scott Smith



## DID YOU KNOW????

I have not been involved in the Tribe of Pride Marching Band program for very long but have been so impressed with their achievements in the last few years. Thank you, Scott, for sharing the following interesting facts for the 'unseasoned' marching band parents! It truly is a program that has been making leaps and bounds through the years with it's accomplishments!

### In the last three years, the Tribe of Pride has made State Finals:

2007: Colors of Feng Shui-8th place  
2008: Hydrology-8th place  
2009: Absence- 5th place

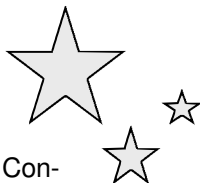
### The Trip of Pride has made BOA Semi-Finals 4 out of the last 5 years:

2004: Sweeney Todd-27th place  
2005: Phobias-26th place  
2007: Hydrology-20th place  
2008: Absence-13th place

WOW! These are some great accomplishments! Congratulations to the students, directors, and all the parents who helped make this program so incredibly successful! I'm impressed!

We are LC!!!

Lisa Schulz, Secretary



## Lake Central Band Booster Membership Drive 2009-2010

Thank you so much to those who have already contributed to the Lake Central Band Boosters' Membership Drive. We are asking EACH family to give \$25.00 to help our kids during the year. This will be a once a year donation. ***This is an easy way to show your support and help fund our awesome Band Program!***

Look for the Membership forms in the band room. Questions should be directed to Lisa Schulz at 322-4180. The following is a list of families who have shown their support and have become members:

The Bouma	Family
The Brown	Family
The Karwatka	Family
The Lareau	Family
The McGrath	Family
The Rhoades	Family
The Schulz	Family
The Stidham	Family
The Vienna	Family



## CONGRATULATIONS ~ Class of 2009!

We're so proud of you and wish you all the best! May you always treasure the many memories made with the Tribe of Pride! You will be missed!

Katie Alleva  
Shaun Andres  
Alfredo Avalos  
Ana Teresa Bagatella  
Russell Batty  
Kristin Beck  
Heather Bolan  
Dan Deenik  
Lauren Dermody  
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Amanda Gnerlich  
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Kaitlin Hodges

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Eric Turman  
Austin Venhuizen  
Jessica Verrill  
Kevin and Kristopher Wojcik  
Brittany Wooden



**ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS!**  
 The LC Band Boosters would like to invite you to  
**PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING and DISCUSSION**



**Wednesday, June 24th  
 7:30-9pm**

Come join the Band Boosters Board for a presentation and discussion about the Band Programs from the parent's perspective. We'll talk about the summer rehearsals, Band Camps, and the upcoming competition season. We will discuss how parents can help with the program and become involved with the Band Boosters as well! We'll also answer the following:

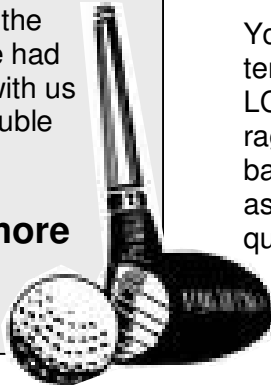
- BOOSTER MAILBOX....where is it? What do I put in there?
- LC BAND FAMILY MAILING LIST.....Keep up with the latest information, info about fundraisers, etc.
- BAND CAMPS...Learn what your child will be experiencing and how you can be involved.
- IBA ACCOUNTS....They're used to offset any band fees. How can you get one?
- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BAND OFFICE and THE BAND BOOSTERS?
- VOLUNTEERING...how can you get involved and help?
- OVER NIGHT TRIPS....Will your child be safe, cared for and what to expect?
- HOW DO WE SEND THE 'TOP' OFF TO A COMPETITION?...Your help is needed here to cheer for the kids and send them on their way!!

So come out and meet some of the other parents, learn about the myths and realities of the Band program from a parent's perspective, and learn what a great program and opportunity your child is involved in.

***The 2nd Annual  
 'Music is Important'  
 Golf Outing  
 Friday, June 26th***

It's time for our 2nd Annual 'Music is Important' Golf Outing! On Friday, June 26th we will once again hit the links to see who will bring home the championship trophy in what has fast become a premier event for the Lake Central Bands Program. We had more than 70 golfers hit the links with us last year and we're looking to double that this year!

**Watch our web site for more details coming soon!**



**Ebay Fundraiser News**



**This fund raiser will be going on all year.** This is a great way to get rid of some clutter in your home by selling

some unwanted items and helping defer band fees for your son/daughter as well as helping the band program raise funds for other needs!

You can bring your items to the Freshmen center between 6:30-7:30 on the evenings that the LC band boosters meet or bring them to the garage on Thursday's between 6:30 and 7:30. Ebay forms are available in the band room as well as on lcband.com. If you have any additional questions please call Paul Kullmann at 365-2586 or email [ebay@lcband.com](mailto:ebay@lcband.com).

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