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## News of the Lafayette Band

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From the desk of

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## Activities continue despite winter delays

I'm sure we'll all be grateful when the winter weather calms down a bit and we're not having to miss events and reschedule meetings because of snow days. We were disappointed to have to cancel the concert that was scheduled for Feb. 12. Concerts during the spring semester are an important part of our program and I know our students were disappointed to miss an opportunity to perform for family and friends.

The concert that we hosted featuring our wind symphony and the Northern Kentucky University Symphonic Winds was very suc-

cessful and I thank my colleague Brant Karrick for bringing his students to Lexington on Feb. 20. It was good to expose our students to the fine quality of musicians at a university they might not be as familiar with as the universities in the bluegrass region.

Despite the questionable weather we had during the month of February, several of the events that we prepare for and look forward to were a successful learning opportunity for our students. We saw a high degree of participation and success from our students at the KMEA District 7 Solo and Ensemble

Festival at Lexington Catholic High School on Feb. 23. Seventy-two students participated in the festival, with 69 receiving distinguished or proficient ratings. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mrs. Allison Weitkamp, the band director at Lexington Catholic, for taking on the difficult job of hosting this event. Well done, Mrs. Weitkamp!

On Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 43 Lafayette students performed with the

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*The Jazz Band kept the Oleika Shrine Temple rockin' at the dance and silent auction on Jan. 26. Thanks to all for their participation in this event. It was great!*

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District Seven honor band at Scott County High School. The students enjoyed and learned from new directors and had the opportunity to play with talented musicians from surrounding counties. As always, I was proud of their performance and the fine way they represented the Lafayette community.

The same goes for the 15 students who participated in the KMEA All-State bands in Louisville, Feb. 6-9. Each showed a high degree of responsibility as they handled a hectic schedule of rehearsal and performances.

The Lafayette Percussion Ensemble had a fine performance at KMEA. Congratulations to our percussion students, as well as Mr. John Willmarth and Mr. Brian Lewellen, for a job well done.

Winter Guard is off to a great start with a win at the Tri-State show at Grant County on Feb 23. I commend these students for their effort and dedication. They continue to refine their program and will perform on

March 16 at Ryle High School in Union, Ky.; at John Hardin High in Elizabethtown on March 29; and in the championship on April 5.

It's amazing how time flies, isn't it? Although we have the majority of this spring semester still in front of us, it won't be long before we begin auditions for drum majors and color guard, then the drum line will begin working and we'll be looking at summer vacations and Band Camp! Watch the LBA website for the announcement of dates for these upcoming auditions, as well as information about the spring concert.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### Dates to Remember

- 3/1 Deadline, LBA cookbook
- 3/3-7 Regional Basketball Tournament
- 3/7 In school (weather make-up)
- 3/10 LBA Parent meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3/10 Deadline, mulch orders
- 3/24 LBA Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/31 Spring Break begins
- 4/7 LBA Parent meeting, raffle kick-off
- 4/12 Mulch distribution
- 4/15 Area Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/25-26 District 7 Festival, Scott County High School, time TBA
- 4/28 LBA Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/29 Woodwind auditions
- 4/30 Percussion auditions
- 5/1 Brass auditions
- 5/4 Honors Banquet

From Your LBA  
**P****RESIDENTS**

**Brian and Martha Pat Kinney**

Although we seem to be in the middle of unending winter, spring really is just around the corner! With that comes a new fundraiser - mulch sales. Everyone who gardens knows using mulch is a great way to prevent lots of hot weeding when summer comes and adds beauty to your garden. We are targeting a few select areas for delivery, but you are welcome to sell to anyone to whom you can provide delivery. You may wonder why we are adding yet another fundraiser. The band runs a very tight budget and every spring there seem to be problems with cash flow to pay all the prior fall's expenses. We believe that mulch sales will help alleviate this problem.

You'll also note that we are condensing the time of the raffle ticket sales in order to accommodate the mulch fundraiser. Ticket sales for the annual \$10,000 raffle will begin on April 7 at the LBA parent meeting (moved from April 14) and the drawing will be held at the spring concert on May 12.

We will track credits for the raffle sales as before, but cannot promise that we will be able to issue credits until the final outcome of the IRS audit. We need everyone's help now more than ever on these fundraisers. Even though there are no credits promised, the fundraiser's success helps assure lower fees. If the fundraisers do not succeed, fees will have to increase in order to cover costs.

We need our senior families to continue to help with fundraising through the end of the school year. The Lafayette Band tradition continues year after year because of the work and fundraising of those who have gone before us. There is no better way to show

your gratitude to the band classes that have come before and after you than to help with the spring fundraisers and to continue to volunteer through the end of the school year.

Expenses remaining for the school year include transportation to the KMEA district festival, equipment transportation to the Spring Concert and graduation, awards, M2 and other instruction.

The IRS audit that you heard about last month is progressing. The agent has issued a preliminary report that is being reviewed by our attorney and accountants. We want to thank everyone who has expressed support during this process. We will keep you informed as the audit progresses.

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**ATTENTION!!**

Please send outstanding Band fees to Jill Kirk. All accounts should be paid in full by September 1. Mail to 604 Portland Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. If you will have trouble meeting this deadline, please contact Mr. Smith (his contact information is on page 3).

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# Fund Raising Notes

## Got Mulch?

Although we missed an important parent meeting because of a snow day on Feb. 11, our new fundraiser, mulch sales, is progressing. Sales brochures have been distributed and quite a few families are taking the initiative to sell to family and friends who live outside the area where the Band will deliver.

Mulch will be delivered to Lafayette the week of April 7. That's the week after Spring Break and there's an LBA parent meeting on April 7. Raleigh Kincaid, who's chairing the mulch sale, has said time and again, "I'm hoping for a logistical nightmare!" Some of the logistics should begin to work out at this

## Who wants to cook on a Monday?

It's Monday, it's probably been raining all day and the family is running every which way. Take a break from your kitchen and eat at the featured Monday restaurant for the Lafayette Band. If you eat in, you'll probably see Band friends, but each restaurant will happily fix your order "to go!"

Don't forget to bring the voucher or coupon for each restaurant, which can be downloaded from the Fund Raising section of [www.lafayetteband.org](http://www.lafayetteband.org)

Post this list on your fridge for handy reference:

parent meeting, so please be sure to attend.

EVERYONE is needed for distribution on April 12, when trucks filled with bags of mulch will be dispatched to neighborhoods for delivery of mulch has been sold will be.

There will be no mulch sold that day, nor money collected. We will only deliver that day. Purchasers will have been contacted in advance and asked where bags should be placed, in the event that they are not home.

At the April 7 meeting, people who have sold mulch in non-target areas will receive information about when and where to pick up the mulch that they will deliver themselves.

Please mark April 12 as a red-letter day on your calendar so we can make the first year of the Lafayette Band Spring Mulch sale a ground-breaking event!

- 1st Monday Moe's SW Grill near Fayette Mall
- 2nd Monday Beef O'Bradys, Palomar Centre
- 3rd Monday Junie's NY Pizza, Keithshire Place
- 4th Monday Fazolis at Zandale Center, Nicholasville Road

**Watch for information about the 2008 raffle and mark your calendar for the April 7 LBA meeting, when tickets will be distributed!**



## Happy Birthday to:

Chris Baldani, Danielle Brewer, Hayley Collins, Brittany Condra, Ben Coyer, Brit-tany Davis, Dalton Hamilton, Ellie Johnson, Ashley Kline, Tim Michl, Jocelyn Schroedter, Clay Smith, Mikki Taylor, Mia Wirkus



## Kroger Cards

Freshman parents who join LBA will receive a FREE Kroger card!

See [www.lafayetteband.org/fundraising/](http://www.lafayetteband.org/fundraising/) for more information about Kroger cards and if you're the parent of an incoming freshman, contact Janice Hall about how to pick up your cards.

Remember to use those Kroger cards for groceries, gas, prescriptions, even the Starbucks kiosk at the Beaumont Kroger.

For every purchase you make, Kroger makes a four percent donation to the Band.

## Be a Band Hero!

About 20 dedicated Band parents have earned almost \$40,000 for the Lafayette Band this year, money that has paid for travel, uniform cleaning, food, instrument repair—just about any Band expense that you can name!

The Lafayette Band Association sponsors bingo every Tuesday night at the Clays Mill Bingo Center and in doing so, earns thousands of dollars each year, dollars that enable us to field the kind of quality program that our kids deserve.

We need 10-12 volunteers every Tuesday (so you can see, there are people who work more than one Tuesday per month) to make this program work. If you've been wanting to make a larger contribution of time to the Band, consider working one Tuesday per month. Call co-chair Maria Hocter, 277-9492 for more details.

Please note that the non-smoking regulation has been suspended in the bingo hall (temporarily, we hope), so if you have sensitivity to cigarette smoke, this isn't necessarily for you.

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# LAFAYETTE BAND BANQUET AND HONORS CEREMONY Sunday, May 4, 2008

The 2008 Lafayette Band Banquet and Honors Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (150 East High Street). We will celebrate another awesome year of Lafayette Band, bid farewell and pay special tribute to our seniors, and recognize the underclassmen with their well-earned "letters and bars."

Once again, our banquet is being sponsored in part and will be catered by Outback Steakhouse. We truly appreciate their continued support of this event. We invite all Lafayette Band families to the lunch buffet that includes: steak, grilled chicken, caesar salad, mushrooms, rolls, dessert, and beverage, **all for only \$15 per person.** Our graduating seniors will be our guests for this event and are invited to attend free of charge, compliments of the Lafayette Band Association.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., with lunch served shortly after check-in. Please make your reservations by Monday, **April 28.**

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## LAFAYETTE BAND BANQUET & HONORS CEREMONY RESERVATION FORM

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Reservations @ \$15.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Senior Attending @ No Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment must be received by April 28. Send the completed Reservation Form and check made payable to the Lafayette Band Association to:**

Bill and Janet Lee  
1883 Fort Harrods Drive  
Lexington, KY 40503

If you have questions regarding the Banquet and Honors Ceremony, contact Janet Lee at 224-9516 or [welealex@aol.com](mailto:welealex@aol.com).