

Pride of the Bluegrass

The News of the Lafayette Band

From the Director's Desk



Charles M. Smith

Lafayette Students Excel in Honor Bands

My mind sure jumped ahead when I heard how great the weather was for the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade! I hope we're that fortunate a year from now. Five miles is a long route and I'm sure beautiful weather makes the miles fly by.

The District Seven Honor Band performed at Bryan Station High School on Sat., Jan. 21 and I was proud that the talented group featured 46 students from Lafayette. Congratulations to all who auditioned and I hope the honor-band participants enjoyed meeting and performing with musicians from other schools. Their names are listed on page 5.

The excellence of our program was also evident in the selection of 18 students for the KMEA All-State Band, including two selected to participate in the All-State Jazz Band. The names of the students who will participate in All-State Band on February 8-11 are listed on page 5. Congratulations to all of them.

And finally, four of our students were selected to participate in the 2012 National Honor Band and Orchestra: Danny Alford (trombone), Aaron Burns (French horn), Stella Sharpe (oboe) and Emily Wilson (French horn). They will attend the event in Indianapolis in March; I feel

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- The purposes of the Lafayette Band Association are to lend support, both moral and financial, to the Lafayette High School Band and to cooperate with the Band Director so that the Band is brought to and kept at the highest possible degree of performance and musicianship.

Dates to Remember

- Feb. 8-11 KMEA, Louisville
- Feb. 13 LBA Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Concert Band & Friends, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Jazz Band Dance, Immanuel Baptist
- Feb. 18 Solos and Ensembles, LCHS
- Feb. 20 No School
- Feb. 23 District Jazz Band auditions, HCHS
- Feb. 27 LBA Board, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Feb. 29 Joint Concert with WKU, Norsworthy Aud., 7 p.m.
- Mar. 2-3 French horn/flute days

Tournament of Roses

UPDATE

Mr. Smith, Dr. Magee, Joey Maggard and Kevin Fugette traveled to Pasadena in December to get an idea of the logistics involved in the trip to the Jan. 2013 TOR Parade. Mr. Smith reports that their hosts apologized for the "chilly" weather—66 degrees! He also noted that the last mile of the five-mile route is uphill. "A slow grade," he says, "but uphill, nonetheless. It was odd to watch the parade on TV after being there."

The group had dinner with representatives from Lassiter and Broken Arrow High Schools, who have marched in the parade in the past, and shared information concerning the logistics of the trip.

They report that Pasadena is a "cool little town" with great shopping and restaurants and that the Band's hotel is just a five-minute walk from Disney Land. Expect some early mornings—the Band will need to be in place for the parade at 5 a.m., so we may be looking at getting up at 3 a.m.!

LBA received a donation from the Bryan Station Parent Group for the TOR trip, a nice show of support. If you know any Bryan Station parents, please thank them and tell them how much we appreciate their support.

"Just think," Joey says. "A million people will be on those streets watching the Pride of the Bluegrass!"

LBA Parent Meeting

Mon. Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
LHS Cafeteria

Final preparation, Jazz Band Dance; information about March mulch sales, other second-semester fundraisers, TOR progress.

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confident that they will represent us well.

As we focus on concert season, we must look ahead to the season ahead and we've started by getting our color guard in place. We had a great turnout at auditions and have selected 46 students to participate in the color guard for 2012-13. The group has started to work hard and I congratulate them for a job well done.

It seems like it happened a long time ago, but the Area Band concert in December was a big success. I appreciated seeing the new Fayette County Superintendent Dr. Tom Shelton and the principals from all our feeder schools. I'm always extremely proud of the students' demonstration of the importance of music education. They did a fine job this year.

The calendar for the spring semester has been posted on our website, www.lafayetteband.org., and hard copies are available, as well. If you have not done so already, please note the rehearsals and concerts on your family calendar and please be sure to add the dates for Band Camp 2012 in order to avoid conflicts.

While you're making notes on your

calendar, don't overlook the Jazz Band Dance, which is scheduled for February 17, the day before the Solos and Ensembles Festival at Lexington Catholic. It will be a busy weekend, but the Jazz Band Dance is always one of the my favorite events of the years. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The University of Kentucky is holding a concert invitational on April 14; we will participate in the Saturday event with the Wind Symphony. You will receive more information about the invitation in the coming weeks.

It won't be long before the Lafayette basketball teams begin tournament play, and students will receive information about pep band. Also be watching for more information about instrument days (flute and French horn this year) and about mini-camps which will include marchers for the 2012-13 season, but not this year's seniors.

In the coming months, you'll see that there are performances scheduled for our three bands. Please note that all students are required to attend these concerts even if they are not performing.

Finally, I'd like to stress the importance of staying current on your payment schedule. If you have started making those payments, thank you very much. If you haven't yet turned in your payment agreement, please do so as soon as possible, so we'll know how to plan for the coming year.

Again, I would like to thank you for the support of the Lafayette Band. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Band room, any day after 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Congratulations to Charles M. Smith, Director of Bands, Lafayette High School, for being recognized as the high school teacher of the year in District 7 of the Kentucky Music Educators' Association. We're proud of you, Mr. Smith!



From the LBA Presidents

Planning Continues for the 2012-13 Season

The New Year has brought no slowdown to the Lafayette Band and, therefore, the work of the Lafayette Band Association! With purpose and passion, we all continue our efforts on behalf of this great program.

Please make special note of our fine young musicians and all of the accolades that they have received. From All-State and All-District Bands to our four National Honor Band musicians, the accolades just keep coming in, recognizing the tremendous talent associated with this program. Musicianship is the heart of any band program and nowhere is it exemplified as well as at Lafayette!

Kudos also to our Director, Charles M. Smith, for being named both KMEA District 7 and State Teacher of the Year. Peer recognition of excellence is hard earned. Mr. Smith is the longest tenured director in the storied history of Lafayette. His counterparts from across the state realize the responsibility that comes with such a program and the hard work that goes into its continued growth. We echo their thoughts and congratulate Mr. Smith on these awards!

The busy band schedule continues with numerous concerts all of which

are posted on lafayetteband.org. The Jazz Band Dance and Silent Auction will take place on February 17 at Immanuel Baptist Church on Bates Creek Road. Thank you to Carole and Tom Howell for their coordination of this wonderful evening! Please try to attend!

Fundraising continues as well, with our two largest Spring efforts: the Mulch Sale and the Raffle. A concerted effort to really knock these final two fundraisers out of the park, just as we have done with all of the fundraisers this year, will help put LBA in position to truly impact family contributions for the 2012-2013 season, particularly as it relates to the Tournament of Roses trip. Bingo is key to these efforts as well. Please, if you have not completed six "Pull Tab Sales" evenings as a family, check your calendar and make a commitment to help. The next two weeks are "All Call" weeks for Bingo. We need you.

Our Corporate Sponsorship team of Beth Potter and Mike Booth are diligently pursuing new sponsors for 2012-13. Do you have a lead for them? Please contact either of them with your thoughts about potential sponsors.

Returning families, please make

sure that you are beginning your Family Payments for 2012-13. Being current is critical this year as we have to make deposits to our travel company for the Pasadena trip. First payments are due February 1.

The Tournament of Roses trip will create lifelong memories for all involved. We cannot tell you how impressed we are with the work of the Tournament of Roses committee and with our travel company, Music America. The activities that they have planned as part of the trip will definitely rate as "10s" on the Fun Factor scale, fitting right in with the recently announced parade theme, "Oh, the Places You Will Go!". Please contact us with any questions regarding the trip.

Be ready, spring is coming and the schedule will stay busy. The color guard is already practicing, Drum Majors will be named soon, and show design has started. Faces change, but the Lafayette Band marches on.... with purpose and passion!

Go LAFAYETTE!

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of the Month**



*Thanks for your support of the Lafayette Band
and music education!*

Congratulations, members of the KMEA All-State Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band

Jessica Abney Clarinet	Dylan Matthews Trombone
Danny Alford Trombone	Chloe McIntosh Flute
Marie Armbruster Oboe	Emily Rayens Flute
Aaron Burns French Horn	Stella Sharpe Oboe
Andrew Burton Clarinet	Andrew Slone Trombone Jazz
Megan Davis Tenor Saxophone Jazz	Sydnee Webb Oboe
Tobee Hagerman Bass Trombone	Emily Wilson French Horn
Turner Hawkins Bassoon	Rebecca Wilson Oboe
Jake Kaplan Clarinet	Joseph Wrightson Alto Saxophone
Will Lovan Trumpet	

Congratulations, members of the District Seven Honor Band

Jessica Abney	Kaitlyn Greene	Joel Nelson
Danny Alford	Tobee Hagerman	Nathan Rayens
Jonah Andreatta	Turner Hawkins	Callie Richeson
Marie Armbruster	Denise Henault	Stella Sharpe
Michael Balko	Justin Howe	Brian Shirley
Chris Ballard	Emily Hutchinson	Andrew Slone
Karri Blanton	Jake Kaplan	Jacob Slone
Maggie Boland	Rachel Kaplan	Brandon Smith
Ryan Booth	Will Lovan	Ethan Smith
Aaron Burns	Weitong Liu	Chase Teachey
Andrew Burton	Dylan Matthews	Sydnee Webb
Conner Cesario	Chloe McIntosh	Yuki Watanabe
Amari Cowan	Ben Mead	Emily Wilson
Katherine Etherton	Reese Mittan	Rebecca Wilson
Daniel Fathergill	Lyndsey Mudd	Joseph Wrightson
Justin Garland		



Today is a Birthday, I Wonder for Whom . . .



Karri Blanton	Feb. 18	Tobee Hagermann	Jan. 9	David Seder	Jan. 29
Herman Bratcher	Feb. 9	Nick Holloway	Jan. 24	Savannah See	Feb. 13
Edie Brown	Jan. 15	Mike Kjelby	Feb. 15	Boyd Shake	Jan. 25
Amanda Daniel	Jan. 29	Sabrina Kline	Jan. 22	Julien Tibault	Jan. 21
Megan Davis	Jan. 12	Joshua McCleary	Jan. 22	Sydnee Webb	Feb. 11
Andy Edwards	Feb. 10	Ashley McGraw	Jan. 29	Aaron Weittenhiller	Jan. 9
Rachel Elliott	Feb. 22	Brittany McGraw	Jan. 29	Zach Whitson	Jan. 3
Daniel Fathergill	Jan. 7	Lyndsey Mudd	Feb. 19	Abby Willett	Jan. 24
Quinn Fisher	Jan. 25	Kaitlyn Napier	Feb. 2	Emily Wilson	Feb. 25
Lindsey Flowers	Feb. 21	Jacob Pauley	Feb. 16	Kendall Wilson	Feb. 14
Justin Garland	Jan. 16	Brooke Payne	Jan. 24	Rebecca Wilson	Feb. 14
Kendall Greene	Jan. 8	Michael Railey	Feb. 11	Aidan Ziliak	Jan. 17
Natasha Hagan	Jan. 31	Callie Richeson	Feb. 24		



FUNDRAISING Notes

Jazz Band Dance

A Night Under the Stars

The Jazz Band Dance is fast approaching and if you've never attended, you're in for a treat! This is a wonderful evening of food, silent auction, dancing and getting the know the Lafayette Band family!

There are several ways you can still be involved with the preparations for the dance. First, you can bring food, either an appetizer or a dessert. You may have received a call asking you to bring something delicious!

If you have some time available on Feb. 17, please consider helping to pick up donated food items.

One of the greatest fundraising efforts for the dance is through the Silent Auction. If you would like donate an item, please let Carole Howell know (859-223-6485, redskins@qx.net). Anything is appreciated!

The Silent Auction committee will be cataloging items and making bid sheets for the evening; if this is something you can help with, please call Carole. The decorating committee will also be working its magic during the afternoon of Feb. 17 at Immanuel Baptist. If you have an eye for design come over and join the fun!

The publicity committee will be distributing flyers to our sponsors and around the school and the neighborhood as well as to families and friends. The more people that attend, the more money we make!

And finally, *come to the dance!* Tickets will be sold at the door, ** for students, ** for adults. The Jazz Band Dance is a great way to get out with your students and also to have a great time with your LBA friends.

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Have you committed to your bingo slots for the year? If not, call your section chairperson to reserve the times that you will work. We all rely on YOUR participation in fundraising through Bingo to keep your band payments in check!

Brass: Jill Richeson

Woodwind: Vivian Salley

Percussion and Color Guard: Gayla Webb

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These fundraisers are an easy way to benefit the Band.

For more information, see the Fundraising section of www.lafayetteband.org

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