

Pride of the Bluegrass

The News of the Lafayette Band

From the Director's Desk



Charles M. Smith

Thanks to all as the year continues

The weekend didn't turn out the way we hoped, did it? I know the students feel badly; I feel badly. We had two good shows in Bowling Green, which was unusual. Usually, one show is clearly stronger, but both semi-final and finals performances were exciting and well-done. The students had a great day, worked hard and did everything I asked of them. I wish I could explain the decision of the judges and I wish I could explain why Dunbar has been such a challenge for us. What I can say is that I'm proud of the effort the students put forth. What I can say is that we're still Lafayette.

I'd also like to commend the seniors for the leadership they gave throughout the marching season.

This relatively small group of students really stepped up and gave the example seniors need to make for the underclassmen. Their efforts did not go unnoticed!

Our rehearsal on that cold afternoon and evening in Columbia was great and I'd like to thank Lindsey Wilson College for their hospitality. I appreciate the encouraging comments from their director, Tim Allen, and I know the students appreciated the information about the college's marching band and available scholarships.

Despite its outcome, we can congratulate ourselves on a successful marching season and there's still a lot to come as we move into our concert season.

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

- Nov. 8 No School (Election Day)
- Nov. 9 TOR meeting
- Nov. 14 LBA Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15 All-State auditions, first round
- Nov. 23-25 No School (Thanksgiving)
- Nov. 28 LBA Board meeting, 6:30
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 Color Guard Auditions
- Dec. 3 Delivery date, Fruit and Wreathes
- Dec. 7 Area Band Concert
- Dec. 10 All-State auditions, final round
- Dec. 16 Last day of school, winter break

LBA Parent Meeting

Nov. 14

7 p.m., LHS Cafeteria
End-of-marching season wrap-up, preliminary details concerning TOR trip. Agenda will include information about upcoming fundraisers, upcoming All-State auditions and other concert season events.

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**The Band is going to Pasadena
(California, not Drive) to perform in the**

Tournament of Roses Parade!

Learn what you need to know

about the trip at the

November 9 meeting

7 p.m. LHS Cafeteria

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Going back a couple of weeks, though, I'd like to thank you for your help with Eighth Grade Band Night and the students for the welcome they gave our friends from Jessie Clark, SCAPA and our other feeder schools. They did a great job making the eighth graders feel a part and the incoming students, under the direction of Mrs. Cyndee Hawkins and Mrs. Robin Barker, did a great job keeping the spirit in the stands high while we were in warm-up circle.

Congratulations, too, for a job well done with the Fire Prevention Parade. It seems like a long time ago, but I do recall that the weather was almost perfect that night. The crowd lining Main Street seemed to appreciate the efforts of the students.

A couple of things have gotten out of sync for us, with the announcement of our invitation to the Tournament of Roses Parade. The first thing that's changed has been color guard audition, which will move up to the end of November, so that we make sure that we've gotten the needed information to parents concerning the commitments that will be required for the trip.

The first of those commitments is going on right now, with our annual fruit and wreath fundraiser. I hope everyone is looking at this as the first fundraiser for the Tournament of Roses parade and they've heard the starting gun go off! We want to make

sure that this sale is the first of many successful fundraisers over the next 14 months.

Please remember that auditions for All-State are Nov. 15 at Bates Creek. I know that our students have had a lot on their minds (and their calendars!) the last few weeks, but I hope you've heard some preparation for that audition. After the local audition, there will be a selection of students who will participate in the second round of auditions at John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown on Dec. 10.

While you're marking your December calendar, please remember to block out Dec. 7 for the Area Band concert. We'll be calling on students and their families for the assistance

needed to host this event. I always enjoy seeing our extended Band family at this event and people in the elementary and middle schools always seem to appreciate our hospitality.

Even though we've come to the end of our marching season for 2011, there's a lot ahead of us and I look forward to all of it!

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,
Charles M. Smith, Director of Bands
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The Band performs during semi-finals at WKU on October 29.



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



Kalia Barnett	Nov. 28	Jonathan Greene	Nov. 29	Keegan Rease	Nov. 3
Malia Barnett	Nov. 28	Emily Hutchinson	Nov. 29	Sarah Scott	Nov. 14
Joseph Browning	Nov. 14	Drew Norby	Nov. 17	Rachel Tussy	Nov. 14

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FUNDRAISING Notes

Fruit and Wreathes SELL, SELL SELL!

As we eagerly anticipate the trip to California in December 2012, we know that our most important task right now is FUNDRAISING!

For now, Mr. Smith has determined that our fundraising goals can be met by maximizing the effectiveness of the activities we already have on our calendar, namely Amazon wrapping (November and December), sale of mulch (February and March), and the Grand Raffle (April and May).

The Grand Fundraising Effort started, though, with the annual Fruit and Wreath Sale, which launched in mid-October. If you haven't seen the order form or the information about the products we are selling, please ask your student to dig it out of his or her backpack.

Fruit and wreath sales have always

been among our most successful because of the quality of the product we sell. The community's excitement about the Band's selection to appear in the TOR parade will serve as an extra incentive for great fruit sales!

If you know of any businesses that might be interested in giving Band fruit as holiday gifts, please contact Carole Howell, 859-420-7845 or Jill Hutchinson 224-2388 as soon as possible.

**Fruit and Wreath
Sale Deadline
Nov. 22
Delivery
Dec. 3**

Bingo Needs You!

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

Board and Activity Chairs: Sara Maggard

Do you . . .

- Use GoodSearch as your search engine?
- Shop with your LBA Kroger gift card?
- Make on-line purchases with GoodShop?

These fundraisers are an easy way to benefit the Band.

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

The amount of money the Band is receiving because of the use of Kroger gift cards has increased considerably in the last several months. Keep using them and encourage family and friends to use them as well.

To obtain more cards, contact Julie Ward at ashley.ward@insightbb.com.

She made a great suggestion at the last LBA parent meeting: if you're going shopping or dining out at one of the many stores or restaurants that sells gift cards at Kroger load your Kroger card, then purchase the store gift card. Every month LBA receives a check for 4 percent of all our purchases. We earned \$700 in September, let's go for \$1000 in November!

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