

Lovejoy High School Band 2009-10

Informational Update - August 24, 2009

Week of August 24, 2009 Rehearsal/Performance Schedule

We will begin early band rehearsals this week with the opening of school to assist in preparations for our first performance this Friday evening. Listed below is the rehearsal schedule for the week. Students should be in their assigned rehearsal area **10 MINUTES** prior to the beginning of their scheduled rehearsal. Consistent tardies and absences will affect the overall performance of our ensemble as well as that of the individual student. Please make sure that everyone does their part to help us be as successful as possible.

Date	Section	Rehearsal Time
Monday – August 24, 2009	Colorguard	5:00 pm – 7:15 pm
Tuesday – August 25, 2009	Full Band	7:00 am – 8:35 am
Wednesday – August 26, 2009	Full Band	7:00 am – 8:35 am
Thursday – August 27, 2009	Full Band	7:00 am – 8:35 am
Friday – August 28, 2009	Full Band	7:00 am – 8:35 am
Friday – August 28, 2009	Full Band – Football @ Sanger	Estimated Departure Time - 4:45 pm
Friday – August 28, 2009	Full Band	Estimated Return To LHS – 12:30 pm

Friday Night Meal

Dinner will be provided for all students who paid their meal fee at registration. Special thanks to our parent volunteer coordinator for social activities, Beth Hansen, for organizing things. Student representative Mackenzie Ethchieson also has provided a great deal of help in organizing things. Burgers from ‘Mooyah’ and water will be available for students beginning at 4:00 pm Friday at the close of school. Students may bring extra \$\$\$ to visit the concession stands during the third quarter of Friday night’s game.

Colorguard Update

As many of you know our previous instructor communicated with us the day before we started summer band that he would be unable to follow through with his teaching obligations this year. We have been hard at work finding another person to fill that position and yesterday afternoon were able to meet with an individual who has 15 years of dance experience and 8 years of colorguard experience. We will be working Monday afternoon to complete her background check and, assuming things go well, should be able to have her at our daily rehearsals later this week. Thanks to all of our colorguard students and parents for their patience as we have worked through this process!

Chaperone Assistance

The band will need parent chaperones any time we have performances or social events during the school year. This is a great way to meet the kids and you will love spending time with them. There are always things that come up when we are together as a group that parents can assist the staff with. Handing out water, assisting with student needs, watching over the student’s equipment during third quarter breaks, taking roll on the buses, as well as helping the staff to ensure that the kids have their needs met are just a few of the things you can assist us with. Your help enables the staff to better focus on giving your kids the best experience possible. If you are interested in chaperoning an event this year please contact Jill LeGrange by email at jill.legrange@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 469-742-0303. **We desperately need your help to provide your students the best experience possible!**

Music Pass-Offs

All wind and percussionists began passing off their music last week during band camp. These pass offs are required for every student and will be a major portion of their grade once school has started. If you are interested in seeing what materials your student has passed off please log onto the PowerSchool website on Wednesday. We began last week with the school fight song and this week will move on to the first part of our half-time show. A detailed list of music pass-offs for the remainder of the semester will go home with your students this Friday. **YOU SHOULD HEAR THEM PRACTICING DAILY ☺!!!**

All-Region Band Auditions/After School Help Sessions

If your student is interested in auditioning for the all-region band or all-state band PLEASE make sure they have signed up with either Mrs. Hoyle or Mr. Jahnke. We will begin having after school help sessions during the second week of classes but want to make sure that everyone gets copies of the music this week so that they can begin preparing. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to let one of us know.

Percussion Classes

Beginning the second week of school our percussion instructor, Nathan Lewis, will start percussion classes with the students during their regular band class period on Mondays and Wednesdays. These classes will focus on both rudimental and keyboard technique, and all-region audition material. Students will need to provide their own sticks and mallets for these classes. A detailed list will go home with the students later this week.

Private Lessons

If your student is interested in taking private lessons we have a great list of studio teachers who teach during both school hours and after school. This is an outstanding way to further your child's individual technique and music reading ability. It actually enhances their full ensemble experience and strengthens their commitment to our high school band. If you have questions about taking lessons please contact Mr. Jahnke or Mrs. Hoyle. We are happy to get you in touch with a teacher.

*Thanks for all that you do!
Mr. Jahnke & Mrs. Hoyle*