



LHS MARCHING BAND LETTER TO PARENTS

Welcome to the LHS Marching Band!

Marching Band is essentially a team sport - a really big team! It takes hard work and many volunteers, but it is an incredibly rewarding experience for everyone involved. Each year, our marching band parent coordinators manage the team of awesome band parent volunteers that is crucial in running and supporting a successful Marching Saxons season.

Our volunteer team helps from the first day of August marching band camp, all the way through November for Senior Night and the final Marching Band show. It is our job to make sure the band is properly fed, transported, and outfitted before all Friday night games and Saturday competitions.

It all starts with Marching Band Camp in August. Just like the Langley fall sports teams, the Marching Saxons also need pre-game training time to learn their show. Please listen to Mr. Martin and his assistants when they say Marching Band Camp is **IMPORTANT** for your son or daughter to attend.

Why Should Your Student Participate in Marching Band?

One of the key benefits is the team building and camaraderie that happen during Marching Band Camp and throughout the Marching Band season. Students will learn teamwork and, as upperclassmen, will have the opportunity to serve in leadership positions. In addition, because camp takes place before school starts, students will have time to become familiar with the LHS building itself, making the transition to Langley a bit less daunting. This is especially important for rising freshmen and others who are new to Langley. By the first day of school, your student already will be part of a large school program and will have new friends across all four grades.

Please make Summer Band Camp a priority! Contact Mr. Martin if you have any questions.

What Do Parents Need To Do?

At the end of each school year in the spring, we send out a Google form for Marching Band registration and gear ordering for the coming fall. It is VERY IMPORTANT for you to complete all the line items: name, email address, shirt/shorts/shoe sizes, plus the uniform sizing section. We need current, accurate measurements to ensure your student has a properly fitting uniform in the fall. Please re-measure your student if they have marched in prior years.

What About Marching Band Uniforms?

LHS provides the Marching Saxons uniform, which consists of a jacket, hat, hat plume and pants (known as bibbers). LHS also provides one pair of show athletic shorts and one show T-shirt. These two items are worn under the Marching Band uniform jacket and bibbers. (Please see the uniform wear and care guidelines, posted on the “Links” page on our website and on the “Uniforms” page of our Student & Parents section of our website).

You can purchase optional extra pairs of shorts and show t-shirts for a small additional fee (details are always provided on the online Google registration form). We recommend that new marchers get an extra set, in case we have a back- to-back Friday night game and Saturday performance, so that students easily have a clean pair for the Saturday competition.

In addition, all new marchers will need to purchase special Marching Band shoes (known as Dinkles). Returning marchers should try on their old shoes to make sure they still fit! (When filling out the Google registration form in the spring, estimate your student’s fall show size!)

Parents can order some Langley Band swag, too! Purchase a show t-shirt or a polo shirt with the Langley Band logo to wear at Marching Band performances. (Ordering information is found on the Google registration form.)

It is critical that you fill out the online form by the deadline identified each spring in emails from Mr. Martin, so that your order items can be included in our master order.

Why Should Parents Volunteer to Help With Marching Band?

Not only are your students making friends, but so can you! Volunteering is a great way to get involved with Langley and to support our band program. And we’ll need all the help we can get!

Langley Marching Band cannot operate without roughly 30 volunteers at each performance. No experience is necessary! We will provide on the job training! No matter what your strength, we have just the right volunteer opportunity for you — Friday afternoon, Saturday day, a couple hours, just one hour. Look the through the “Volunteering” page under the Students & Parents section of our website to get an overview of the volunteer opportunities, and sign up to help when our Sign Up Genius emails are sent regarding Marching Band Camp and during the weeks of performances. PLEASE VOLUNTEER IN SOME CAPACITY. It is really, really rewarding!

On our Google registration form, please complete the VOLUNTEER section as well.

After you hit submit on your Google registration form for Marching Band, you will receive a confirmation email with everything you filled out on the form. Please keep that email future reference.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall! Hail Saxons!