



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:30p.m.  
Lakota East High School Band Room**

**Called to order:** 7:33 p.m.

**Elected officers present:** Amy Stiefel, Al Dick, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt

**Directors' Reports:**

- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** - Band Director, Liberty Junior School  
(Report read at meeting by Mrs. Knueven and also submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mr. Alan Nordyke** - Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School Campuses ( Report submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mrs. Julie Fuqua** - Band Director, Hopewell Junior School : (Report submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - The leadership team from the Lakota East High School Marching Band went to Woodland Elementary School on Friday, November 11th and performed during a school assembly. The goal of the performance was to generate enthusiasm for the elementary students to become involved in band at the junior high and high school levels.
  - There are 135 students signed up to audition for the District Honor Band and District Jazz Band on Saturday, December 3rd at Fairfield Middle School.
    - 34 Freshman are signed up to audition for District Honor Band
    - 81 Sophomore, Junior and Seniors are signed up to audition for District Honor Band.
    - 20 students are signed up to audition for the District Jazz Band.
  - The Freshman Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th from 7 - 8 pm at the Lakota East Freshman Campus Auditorium.
  - Mr. Engel extended his thanks to all of the volunteers who helped during the marching band season.

- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - There will be a “Try Band Day” held on Saturday, January 21st at the Lakota East High School Band Room from 10:30 - 1:00 pm.
    - All incoming Liberty Junior and Hopewell Junior 7th grade students are invited to attend.
    - Students will be able to try any instrument as well as play an instrument they already have experience with.
  - Mr. Tanis mentioned the possibility of having a concert either third or fourth quarter with the junior high and high school bands.
  - Jon Zimmerman has put together a video to help recruit kids which are younger.
  - The directors are in the process of working on the marching band schedule for next year.
    - More information about the marching band competition schedule for next year will be available mid-December - January.
  - David Wyrick will remain on staff but will not be configuring the dots next year.
  - Mr. Tanis stated that he is having conversations with individuals about writing a more involved marching band show for next year.
    - The cost of writing and designing the marching band show for next year will be a significant increase from that of this year.
  - Mr. Tanis discussed the importance of beginning a program to seek Corporate Sponsorship in the community as the needs and costs for the marching band are increasing.
    - Mr. Tanis requested Al Dick to begin seeking corporate sponsors, and Al responded that he has already begun research in this area.
    - Patrice offered to assist Al and also possibly work to form a committee to work on Corporate Sponsorship.
  - The Gift of Music Concert will be Tuesday, December 13th at the Lakota East High School Auditorium.
    - There will be two identical performances. The first concert will begin at 7:00 pm, and the second concert will begin at 8:45 pm.
    - Mr. Tanis stated that they will feed the students snacks between performances.
    - There will be a collection of canned goods this evening to be given to Reach Out Lakota.
    - Flyers will be distributed advertising the two concerts.
  - Pep Band begins Friday, December 9th.
    - There will be no student assignments to specific pep bands this year.
    - Concert band students may attend any pep band event that they would like.
    - Enrichment points will be given to students who attend pep band.
  - There have been changes with delivery of audio recordings available for the concerts.
    - CD's are no longer able to be sold for the concerts.

- The fall band concerts will be available through HAC or CANVAS, and each class will only have availability to hear their own class.
- Mr. Tanis stated he would send a link through REMIND for the audio performance of the marching band concert.
- There is no video recording on SmugMug of the BOA Super Regional in St. Louis due to copyright laws.
  - Mr. Tanis will make available the recording of the various competitions on Youtube.
- Mr. Tanis noted that the GMC schedule has changed for next year.
  - The East/West game will be the 6th game in the schedule instead of the last game of the season.
    - The East/West game will again be played at Lakota West High School in 2017.

**Secretary's Report:** Patrice Pieratt

Motion to approve the October 18, 2016 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Al Dick.....**Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- The fundraising for the year has gone very well; all fundraisers have either met or exceeded the targeted goal.
- Thus far, the Lakota East Upbeat Club has received two checks from the Kroger Rewards, totaling \$987.11.
- The Lakota East Upbeat Club is currently on budget for the year and Maria states the Upbeat Club is not overspending in some areas as originally projected.

**Information regarding the Lakota East Upbeat Club Bake Sale at the Lakota East Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on November 12th and November 13th:**

- Beth Dendler reported that the Upbeat Club Bake Sale yielded a great profit of \$2,205.50, topping last years total of \$1,800.
- The new location for the Upbeat Club Bake Sale in the central front area of the upper gym was a good location.
- It was noted that over 7,000 individuals attended the show and 825 people took advantage of early bird \$5.00/person tickets.
- A special thanks to Allison Pape, Marcia Lusnak and Beth Dendler for all of their work with the sale.
- In addition to the bake sale Beth mentioned an additional fundraising opportunity which she was recently approached about. If couples viewed a timeshare presentation they would be given \$50.00 for their time, which then could be donated to the band.

- Additional fundraising opportunities were briefly discussed regarding J&R Marketing and Q Fact Marketing Research.

**Vice-President of Ways and Means Report:** Al Dick

- The fundraiser at El Rancho Nuevo was very successful and yielded a profit of \$600.00.
- There will be a band night fundraiser at Potbelly Sandwich Shop on Friday, December 2nd from 4 - 8 pm.
  - The band will receive 25% back of the proceeds from those dining in, carrying out or going through the drive-thru service.
  - It will not be necessary for customers to present a flyer.
- Al stated that he would like to have another band night at El Rancho Nuevo in the spring since this last band night was a great success.

**Vice-President of Student Activities Report:** Julie Leonard

- Julie was absent for this meeting due to business travel and Amy Stiefel noted that Julie did not have any new updates.

**President's Report:** Amy Stiefel

- The Lakota Jazz Festival will be held on Thursday, December 1st at the Lakota East Main Campus Theater.
  - The West Jazz Bands will begin performing at 6:00 pm and the East Jazz Bands will begin performing at 7:30 pm.
- District Honor Band and District Jazz Band auditions will take place at Fairfield Middle School on Saturday, December 3rd.
- The Freshman Holiday Concert will be Thursday, December 8th from 7 - 8 pm at the Lakota East Freshman Campus auditorium.
- The Gift of Music Concert will be Tuesday, December 13th at the Lakota East Main Campus Theater.
- Pep Band begins Friday, December 9th.
- The date for the marching band uniform return has not yet been set as the leadership team from the marching band has upcoming performances at several of the elementary schools.

**Old Business - Parka Update**

- Mr. Tanis noted that there will be a considerable increase in expenditure with the marching band show for 2017, and is questioning if it is necessary to purchase new parkas.
- Amy interjected and stated that if it is decided to purchase new parkas that it is required to now obtain 3 bids.

- Amy also questioned if the alternative of light weight rain gear be a better alternative for an approximate cost of \$2,100.
- Carolyn Landers proposed the idea of the frosted rain jacket. .
- Mr. Tanis questioned if it possible for a Corporate Sponsor to donate the cost of the light weight rain gear.
- Mr. Tanis stated that if new parkas are purchased then the district requires that the current parkas be formally disposed.
- Mr. Tanis is going to speak with band directors in the area to gather information about their parkas, purchase of parkas etc. as he reiterated he is not sure we should purchase new parkas in the coming year, primarily due to the cost.
- Carolyn Landers interjected with an alternative outerwear that would be approximately \$46.00/coat, which is a less expensive than the parkas.
- Jennifer Samuels made a motion to table the discussion of parkas until further information has been gathered.

**New Business:** Swing Dance, reported by Jennifer Samuels

- The Swing Dance will be held at Lakota East High School on Saturday, January 28th.
- The presale ticket prices will be \$10.00/person, and the tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.00/person.
- Tickets will not be sold at the Holiday Band Concerts.
- Tickets will be sold at the Main Campus prior to the dance however not at the Freshman Campus. Sales at the Freshman Campus were very low last year.
- The tickets will be available online at the band website for purchase prior to Christmas.
- The Miami University Swing Dance Club will be providing dance instruction at the Swing Dance.
- Mr. Nordyke is managing many of the details of the Swing Dance.
- Heather Martens will do the publicity for the Swing Dance.
- Jennifer stated that she may use a SUG for the refreshments and Amy stated she would place a SUG on the band website in January for the Swing Dance.
- Amy noted that there are leftover drinks from 3rd Quarter Refreshments that can be utilized for the Swing Dance.
- There will be a request for those attending to bring donations for Reach Out Lakota. A volunteer is needed to bring donations to Reach Out Lakota on Monday, January 30th.
- Jennifer stated that she would like to have 5 tickets for the Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes available to win.
- There will not be any raffle baskets available at the Swing Dance, the baskets will be available instead at the Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes.
- Julie Andreotta will do the decorations for the Swing Dance.
- Jennifer Samuels would like to have someone shadow her as this will be her last year to chair the Swing Dance.

**Additional Information:**

- Beth Dendler raised a question about whether Junior Guard would continue this year.
  - Mr. Tanis stated that Kristin Chappell is unable to do Junior Guard due to her current job, however it is on his radar and the staff have a plan.
- Kristin Chappell will be instructing the Winter Guard beginning in January/February.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald(motion), seconded by Jennifer Samuels.....**Approved**

**Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies| Upbeat Report November 2016**

**Lakota East Jazz November Report  
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Congratulations to each of the East Main Campus and Freshman Campus Jazz Bands for their outstanding fall concert last week. It was great to hear the students demonstrate all of their musical learning and to see them having so much fun playing jazz music. Congrats on a job well done!

District 13 Honor Concert and Jazz Band auditions will be held Saturday, December 3, at Fairfield Middle School. Thanks to all band members who submitted audition request forms.

The East Jazz Festival will take place Thursday, December 1, at 7:30 PM, at East Main Campus. Please note: The West side schools will have their jazz festival at 6:00 PM on the same night, and the East side schools will have their festival at 7:30 PM. Both are separate festivals, and students are not required to attend the other festival other than their own.

The Swing Dance will take place Saturday, January 28, at 7:30 PM, at East Main Campus. Thanks in advance for all of your help with the Swing Dance.

As always, thanks for all you do for Lakota Bands.

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke  
Lakota Jazz Bands

**Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director| Upbeat Report November 2016**

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### Honor Band

Registrations are being submitted and the students are working diligently to prepare for honor band auditions. We have approximately 50 registrations from the Liberty Junior Bands slated for OMEA District XIII Honor Band and Honor Jazz Auditions on December 3<sup>th</sup> at Fairfield Middle School. The OMEA District XIII Jazz Festival will be January 6, 7 and 8 at Kings High School. The OMEA District XIII Junior High Honor Band Festival will be January 13, 14 and 15 at Mason Middle School and Mason High School.

### Eighth Grade Jazz

The LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble is preparing for its biggest performance to date. The Lakota District Jazz Festival will be on Thursday, December 1, in the Lakota East Liberty Theater. The East portion of that performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. The jazz ensemble will be performing at VanGorden and Independence Elementary Schools on Friday, December 9. The final performance for the eighth grade jazz will be at the in-school assembly, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Seventh Grade Jazz

Sign-ups and auditions will be soon for the LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble. Sign-ups will begin on Monday, November 28, and rhythm section auditions will be held during the Advisory Period the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. The seventh grade jazz ensemble is an extra-curricular group that will rehearse from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday during the second semester. The rehearsals will begin on Thursday, January 12, 2016.

### Clarinet Choir

Clarinet Choir is in full swing at Liberty Junior. The seventh grade and eighth grade clarinet choirs are on alternating Fridays. The rehearsals are from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m.

### JrCYWE

Congratulations to Boni McKinney, LJS eighth grade tuba player, for being selected to play trombone in the 2016 - 2017 Junior Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble. Boni also plays trombone in the LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble.

### Next Concerts

The next concert of the Liberty Junior School Bands will be on Friday, December 16, at two in-school assemblies in the Liberty Junior School Gymnasium. The seventh grade band and choir will perform at approximately 7:35 a.m. and the eighth grade jazz ensemble, eighth grade band and choir will perform at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend the assemblies.

Kathy Knueven  
Band Director

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### **Hopewell Jr. School: Julie Fuqua, Band Director | Upbeat Report November 2016**

Hopewell Junior 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands have a lot of students signed up to try out for OMEA District 13 Honor Band and Honor Jazz Band on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band is looking forward to performing at the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Jazz Festival. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band will be performing at Union Elementary on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and at Hopewell Elementary on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Tryouts for 7<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band will begin on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:05 p.m.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band will be performing in an all school assembly, Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.

Julie Fuqua  
Band Director  
Hopewell Junior School  
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**The next Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7: 30 pm in the Lakota East High School Band Room.**



