



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30p.m.  
Lakota East High School Band Room**

**Called to order:** 7:30 p.m.

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

**Directors' Reports:**

- **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]).
- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** - Band Director, Liberty Junior School  
(Report read at meeting by Mrs. Knueven and also submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - The Gift of Music Concert was performed in two identical concerts on Tuesday, December 13th.
    - Overall feedback of having two identical concerts was very good, instead of only one concert.
    - Only a few people were turned away for the first concert as the auditorium had reached capacity for seating.
    - There was also a great number of concert goers for the second concert as well.
    - Mr. Tanis proposed possibly using "Seat Yourself" next year for this concert to allow people to have reserved seating in advance. Cost for this may be \$1.00.
    - Donations for Reach Out Lakota were lower this year and this is attributed to less communication about the food drive. Goal is to have greater communication next year about the food drive in hopes that more donations will be given.

- Feedback of snacks and fruit given to band members in between the two concerts was positive.
  - Feedback was also positive that there was enough time between each concert.
- The OMEA District 13 Honor Band Concert was held Sunday, January 15th at Mason High School.
  - The approximate 60 Lakota East Band Students who performed in the freshman and two high school honor bands did a fantastic job.
  - The directors for the freshman and two high school concert bands were from Carmel, Indiana, The University of Dayton and Ohio University.
- Solo and Ensemble will be held at Lakota West High School on February 11, 2017.
  - There will be an ensemble recital at Lakota East High School on Monday, February 6th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Students will be given feedback on their ensemble performances.
- “Try Band” will be held at the Lakota East High School Band Room on January, 21st from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
  - All 6th grade students entering Hopewell Junior School or Liberty Junior School in the fall of 2017 and all elementary band students are invited to attend.
  - Students attending will be able to try any instrument or if they already play an instrument they will be able to show what they are able to play.
  - There are approximately 25 high school band students signed up to help.
- The band leadership traveled to Woodland Elementary School in December and were able to play for the students and create interest in joining band.
- Mr. Tanis stated that next year he would like to go to elementary schools beginning in October to create interest in the band.
- There was a brief discussion about the importance of giving elementary aged students an opportunity to learn about junior high and high school band.
- Mr. Tanis posed purchasing light weight clear rain wear for an approximate cost of \$2,500.
  - Three options for rain wear were presented, each available in fitted sizes.
  - Jennifer Samuels motioned to purchase the clear rain wear and Maria Wiedwald seconded the motion.
- The decision was also made to retire the 20 year old parkas.
- Practices for Junior Guard begin January 26th at the Freshman Campus, and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 p.m.
- The competition schedule for the 2017 marching band season has been added to the band calendar.
  - Competition performances will include the Dayton BOA Regional at Welcome Stadium on October 7, 2017 and the Indianapolis BOA Super Regional Competition October 20th and 21st.

- The OMEA Competition schedule will be available February 1st.
- The marching band may also be performing in a Mid States Competition during the fall season.
- The marching band will be traveling to Florida during the Thanksgiving Holiday in 2017. Details of the trip are being confirmed and will follow in the coming weeks.
- The design team for the marching band has changed.
  - David Wyrick will no longer be writing the dots, however will still be involved with the marching band.
  - Jeremy Hunt is now on the design team. Jeremy designed the show for The Leander Marching Band who finished in 6th place at the 2016 BOA National Competition.
- The marching band show for 2017 will be completed by the end of February.
- The cost to join marching band has decreased from \$400/year to \$200/year.
- A form will be going out in the next several weeks regarding the 2017 marching band season. The goal is to have a clear understanding of the number of students participating in marching band at an earlier time to aid in completion of the show.
- Mr. Robert Rumbelow, from Texas, will be coming at the end of February to work with Winds.
  - Mr. Rumbelow will be making a recording for Winds.
  - A rehearsal will be added to the calendar for Winds on Saturday, February 25th.
- The Music For All Festival will be held on March 18th in Mason.
- On Monday, April 24th Dr Porter from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music will be coming to Lakota East and Winds will be sharing a concert with the Cincinnati Youth Ensemble at Lakota East High School.
- Uniform Return will be held Thursday evening, January 19th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the high school band room.
  - Carolyn Landers noted that all items being turned in must be cleaned properly.

**Secretary's Report:** Patrice Pieratt

Motion to approve the November 15, 2016 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Julie Leonard..... **Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- If the Swing Dance and Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes events come in on budget the LEUC will be on budget for the year.
- There are still numerous upcoming expenditures for this budgeted year, including but not limited to: awards, enrichment for guest music professionals, and drum major training.

- There is presently \$50,000 in the long term fund.
- Awaiting check from Potbelly Sandwich Shop for Band Night held on 12/2/16.

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

- Al is contacting new restaurants to hold band day and/or evening fundraising events for the months of February, March and April.
- Al spoke with Pizzeria Locale which is located at 9540 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio.
  - The band will receive 50% of the proceeds from a planned band dining/fundraising event.
- Awaiting check from proceeds of the band night at Potbelly Sandwich Shop on December 2nd.
  - Al reported profit was approximately \$400.00.
- Stated that the new Buffalo Wings and Rings located at 6963 S. Liberty Drive in Liberty Township would like to partner with the band.

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

- There is no new information to report upon at this time.

**President's Report:** Amy Stiefel

- OMEA State Competition for both Symphonic Bands and Symphonic Winds who qualify will be Friday evening, April 21st at the Lakota East Freshman Building.
  - The OMEA State Competition will also be held on Saturday, April 22nd.
  - Student volunteers will be needed for this event.
  - Mr. Tanis interjected and stated that Lakota West High School will be hosting the OMEA State Competition for Choir on the same dates.
- Amy reviewed the following dates: Uniform Return: 1/19, Try Band 1/21, Swing Dance 1/28 and Solo and Ensemble 2/11.
- Pep Band is ongoing throughout January and February.

**Old Business - Parka Update**

- The parkas, which are 20 years old, will be retired.
- Parkas must be properly cleaned and returned on January 19th.

**Additional Information:**

- The Swing Dance will be held at Lakota East High School on Saturday, January 28th from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Jennifer Samuels will be selling tickets for the dance at school on Thursday, January 27th and Friday, January 28th.
- Jennifer requested that an additional sign up be posted for volunteers for the night of the dance.
- Set-up for the dance will be Saturday, January 28th from 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. and Julie Andreotta is in charge of the decorations.
- The pre-sale price for the tickets are \$10.00/each and the cost at the door will be \$12.00/each.
- Jennifer noted that there is an open position for the Swing Dance Chair for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:39 p.m.: Jennifer Samuels (motion), seconded by Maria Wiedwald.....**Approved**

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**Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies| Upbeat Report January 2017**

**Lakota East Jazz November Report**

**January 17, 2017**

Congratulations to each of the East Main Campus and Freshman Campus Jazz Bands, as well as the Hopewell Junior and Liberty Junior 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz bands, for their outstanding winter jazz festival in December. It was great to hear the students from all grade levels demonstrate all of their musical learning and to see them having so much fun playing and listening to jazz music. Thank you to each band member for all of their hard work in making the concert such a success. Congrats on a job well done!

Congratulations to the following East jazz students for their participation in the OMEA District 13 Honor Jazz Band Festival, January 6-8 at Kings High School:

- Alex Belkin, alto saxophone
- Christian Paradiso, tenor saxophone
- Al Vandivier, tenor saxophone
- Dylan Alford, trumpet
- Mackenzie Coleman, trumpet
- Paul Barlow, trombone
- Dylan Samuels, trombone
- Adam Lechliter, trombone

Kayla Hull, vocals

Mr. John Hinchey, an arranger from Nashville, TN, was the Honor Jazz Band Director. The students had a wonderful experience during the festival and performed 7 charts during the Sunday, January 9, concert. These East students certainly represented Lakota in a terrific way!

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. Special thanks to Jennifer Samuels, our Swing Dance Coordinator, for the countless hours she has contributed to planning the Swing Dance. Thanks to everyone for your support of this event.

Congratulations to the East Jazz Band Members who will be performing in the All State Jazz Ensemble during the upcoming OMEA Professional Conference, Saturday, February 4, in Cleveland, Ohio:

Paul Barlow, trombone

Patrick Bois, baritone saxophone

Christian Paradiso, alto saxophone

Thank you for representing Lakota East in such an awesome way. What a well-deserved honor for these band members.

As always, thanks for all you do for the East Band Program.

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

Lakota Jazz Bands

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**Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director | Upbeat Report January 2017**

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### **LJS Upbeat News**

**January 2017**

On December 16th, the LJS Seventh & Eighth Grade Bands performed for their peers at in-school holiday assemblies. The band parents were also invited to attend these assemblies. The seventh grade band performed for the seventh grade class and the eighth grade band and eighth grade jazz ensemble performed for the eighth grade class. Congratulations to the students for great performances! The LJS

students, staff and parents very much appreciated their performances. We are grateful to the LJS Administration for the opportunity to offer these performances annually to the staff and students of our school.

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Congratulations to the LJS Band students who participated in the 2017 OMEA District XIII Honor Jazz Festival. The students auditioned in December for seats in the honor jazz ensemble, along with students from other schools in Butler, Warren, Clinton and Preble Counties. The Honor Jazz Festival was January 6th, 7th and 8th at Kings High School. Congratulations to Honor Jazz Members: Nolan Collins on baritone saxophone, Jessica Price on trumpet, Cooper Hettinger on trombone, Zach McCullough on trombone, and Ben Henderson on drumset.

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Congratulations to the LJS Band students who participated in the 2017 OMEA District XIII Honor Band Festival. The students were among hundreds of students from four counties (Butler, Warren, Preble, Clinton) who auditioned in December for seats in the honor bands. The Honor Band Festival was January 15th, 16th, and 17th. The concert was held on Sunday, January 17, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at Mason High School.

Seventh Grade Honor Band: Madisyn Potts – oboe, Alexis Lewis – clarinet, Jalen Ashford - clarinet, Ella Caudill - bass clarinet, Kyle Hacker - bassoon, Nicholas Leisten– trumpet, Cian Mahan - trumpet, Zach McCullough – trombone and Ben Keenan - tuba. Selected as alternates were Kyle Poppe - clarinet and Gianna Ortiz - baritone.

Eighth Grade Honor Band: Liza Alsdorf – clarinet, Jasmine Washburn – clarinet, Katie Addison – oboe, Nolan Collins - alto saxophone, Ben Henderson - trumpet, Jessica Price - trumpet, Jake Maharg - trumpet, Roan Postich - horn, Aaron Bowden - horn, and John Tomtishen - tuba. Selected as alternates were Allie Alderman - bass clarinet and Grant Hubbard - alto saxophone.

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The LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble finished the semester with a very busy month of December. The ensemble performed at the Lakota Jazz Festival on Thursday, December 1. On Friday, December 9 during the school day, the ensemble performed at VanGorden, Independence and Woodland Elementary Schools for the fifth and sixth graders. The ensemble performed as a concert band for two tunes and then performed as a jazz ensemble for two tunes. The performances went well, and the elementary students seemed to really enjoy them. The final performance for the eighth grade jazz ensemble was at the eighth grade in-school assembly on the 16th. The LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble began rehearsing on

Thursday, January 12th. The seventh grade jazz ensemble rehearses twice a week after school and performs during the second semester.

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There will be a meeting for the Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Band Parents and Students on Thursday Evening, February 2, in the LJS Media Center. The eighth grade parents and students will get a chance to hear about band beyond eighth grade from Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel.

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The LJS In-coming Seventh Grade Orientation will be on Thursday, February 9. The sixth grade parents and sixth grade students from Independence, VanGorden and Woodland will learn about scheduling options for next year. The seventh grade jazz ensemble and the eighth grade jazz ensemble will perform prior to the two meetings.

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Soon the LJS students will have the opportunity to sign up for junior high solo and ensemble contest. All of the students are encouraged to participate. The OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest is Saturday, March 25, at the Clinton-Massie Local Schools. To prepare for the contest, the ensembles will be performing at the second annual LJS Band Ensemble Recital on Tuesday, March 21, in the LJS Band Room. The recital will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the LJS Band Room.

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The next concerts of the LJS Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The Seventh Grade Band and Seventh Grade Jazz Concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the LJS Gymnasium. The Eighth Grade Band Concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the LJS Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Knueven also reported that Mr. Tanis' student teacher, Mrs. Williams, is also working with the students at LJS.

The directors are discussing a date of when they will meet with the current eighth grade band students and parents to discuss involvement and opportunities with the high school bands.

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**Hopewell Jr. School: Julie Fuqua, Band Director | Upbeat Report January 2017**

The next Hopewell Junior Band Concert is Thursday, March 2  
6:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Jazz Band and Concert Band  
7:45 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band



Congratulations to the following Hopewell Junior 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members that were selected to participate in OMEA District 13 Honor Band:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Band**

Clarinet: Ava Nguyen, Ajay Merimann, Leah Asefa, Phillip Ainsworth, alternate GiGi Pisano

Oboe: Jack Jack Nomina

Tenor Sax: Sabrina Watson

French Horn: Wendi Reffner, Alena Biddle

Percussion: Ryan Cheng, Lucas Brown

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Band**

Clarinet: Johnathan Lemma

Bassoon: Haley Searcy

Tenor Saxophone: Michelle Antiri

Baritone Saxophone: Dominic Buncher

French Horn: Isaac Michelson

Trombone: Aidan Duetsch

Tuba: Will Biggane

Percussion: Jacob Samberg and alternate-Andrew Kiner

**Honor Jazz Band**

Alto Saxophone: Michelle Antiri

Tenor Saxophone: Sam Hamad, Aidan Britton-Heitz

Baritone Saxophone: Ashley Reynolds

Trombone: Aidan Deutsch

Piano: Johnathan Lemma

Alternates: Morgan McGraw-Alto Saxophone & Dominic Buncher-Baritone Saxophone

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