



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting  
Tuesday, March 21, 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, Julie Leonard, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt

**Directors' Reports:**

- **Mr. Alan Nordyke** - Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School Campuses ( Report submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** - Band Director, Liberty Junior School (Report submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - A note of thanks to the Upbeat Club for paying the fee for the East Winter Guard to compete at the East Winter Guard MEPA Regional on Saturday, March 18th.
    - The Senior Guard raised their score by 30 points from the previous competition.
  - Junior Guard ended Tuesday, March 21.
  - Eleven 8th grade students that participated in guard will be participating in the guard for the upcoming Marching Thunderhawk season.
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
  - Mr. Tanis is very proud of all five concert bands for receiving a superior rating at the OMEA District AE.
  - Presently there are seven bands scheduled to perform at the OMEA State AE on Friday, April 21 and one band scheduled to perform on Saturday, April 22.
    - The deadline to register for state is Saturday, March 25th at midnight.
    - If only one band remains on the schedule for Saturday then that band will move to Troy, Ohio to compete.

- The band traveling the farthest for the competition is from Wheelersburg and Mr. Tanis posed the idea of feeding the band.
- The competition will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. and Symphonic Winds will be the last band to perform and will be done at approximately 9:15 p.m.
- There will be four judges for the competition.
- The two new drum majors are Erin Gregg and Malia Pape. They are joining drum majors Peyton King and Martha Yost.
  - Mr. Tanis noted those auditioning for drum major did a great job.
  - The drum majors will attend a leadership camp this summer.
- Currently in the midst of auditions for high school concert bands for next year.
  - Mr. Tanis noted there are many talented students auditioning.
- There are 213 students signed up for marching band for the upcoming season.
  - Of the 213 signed up, 31 of those are signed up for guard.
- The next payment for marching band will be due on May 3rd at the Marching Band Reveal/Registration, and the remaining payment will be due at approximate time of September 1st.
- The payments for the Florida trip in November will be separate.
- The Woodwind Leadership Team Auditions are Friday, March 24th.
- The Brass Leadership Team Auditions are Friday, March 31st.
- The Symphonic Winds played really well at the Music For All Concert Band Festival on Saturday March 18th.
  - Mr. Tanis noted Mr. Ken Thompson was there from Bowling Green University and there was very good interaction, and Symphonic Winds received nice recognition for their performance.
- The marching band will have two practices, instead of one, at Wall2Wall in the fall.
- Mr. Tanis noted he will be sharing music from the concert band concerts with students and parents. He is possibly considering sharing this through Canvas, as it is a secure locker and the students can access.
- Mr. Tanis is awaiting a response from Mrs. Davis regarding specific benefits the band will be able to offer to future sponsors.
- The Band Awards Night has been moved to Monday, May 15th from 7pm - 9pm.
  - Planning to have an RSVP this year for the Band Awards Night.
- Mr. Tanis is working on details of the outing for seniors.
- Stated the students in the Pit Orchestra for the Into The Woods Musical are doing an incredible job.
- There were five students who auditioned and played for the Concerto Competition.
  - The students were Kat Eroskey, Alex Belkin, DJ Cleavinger, Paul Barlow, and Brooke Lilly. They are all did an outstanding job.
  - Kat Eroskey was the winner of the Concerto Competition.

- Stated that the staff that comes aboard to work specifically with marching band has numerous certifications that they need to receive including CPR, PAV and fingerprinting.
  - Mr. Tanis requested if the Upbeat Club could pay this cost of approximately \$150/person for the 6 - 8 staff coming aboard.

**Secretary's Report:** Patrice Pieratt

- Motion to approve the February 21, 2017 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Julie Leonard, seconded by Maria Wiedwald..... **Approved**

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- Additional income will be generated from the Cool Jazz N Hotcakes Fundraiser on Saturday, April 29, 2017.
- There should be a little more income generated from Spiritwear Sales.
- Awaiting to receive checks from the fundraising events at The Potbelly Sandwich Shop and Pizzeria Locale.
- Projecting to finish the year with approximately \$48,500 in income, which is above the target for the year by \$5,000.
- Received approximately \$400 in donations in memory of Linda Todahl. Maria posed the question of how best to spend the money in her honor as we do not have a Memorial Fund.
- Projecting to end the year spending less than initially forecasted.

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

- There was a profit of \$233.00 from the Band Night Dine and Donate at Pizzeria Locale.
  - Al asked for feedback regarding Pizzeria Locale and several felt the distance and day being on a Saturday may have been a small hindrance.
- Al said the check from Potbelly Sandwich Shop from the band night will be arriving soon.
- Al is exploring the possibility of a Band Night at Buffalo Wings & Rings and said the restaurant would donate 10% of ALL proceeds back to the band for the specified period of time.
- Maria interjected and stated to date that the restaurant band nights have netted a profit of approximately \$2,000.

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

- Currently working on details for upcoming OMEA State AE on April 21st and April 22nd.
- Julie stated that the communication has been sent out requesting pictures for the senior slide show.

- Requesting band pictures from all bands for the slideshow. Typically receive many marching band pictures and would like to have pictures from jazz, concert, backstage etc.
- Joe Matejkovic interjected and stated that he would be happy to put the slide show together and stated his goal is for the slideshow to be 6 - 7 minutes in length.

**President's Report:** Amy Stiefel

- The Winter Guard MEPA Championships will be April 1, 2017, which is the Winter Guard's last competition of the season.
  - When asked by Amy, Eunice Vogelsang shared there is excitement about the direction and progress of the guard.
- The Liberty Junior 8th Grade Marching Band Auditions are scheduled for Monday, April 3rd and The Hopewell Junior 8th Grade Marching Band Auditions are scheduled for Thursday, April 6th from 5pm - 8pm each day.
  - The students will be scheduled in 8 minute time slots for their auditions.
  - The drum majors and several Upbeat Club parent volunteers will be available to offer preliminary information and assist with any questions regarding marching band.
- The Marching Band Rookie Days are scheduled for April 25th, April 26th and April 27th from 3pm - 5pm each day.
- Jeff Durham Scholarship Information is now available in the band room for seniors continuing with music post high school.
  - Applications will be due Friday, April 7th.
- If enrolled with the Kroger Reward Program, Kroger has made a change and there is no need to re-enroll as has been required in the past.
- Mr. Nordyke has the playing schedule for the Cool Jazz N Hotcakes:
  - 8:00 am - East Freshman Jazz Band
  - 8:45 am - Liberty Junior Jazz Band
  - 9:15 am - Eastside Jazz Ensemble
  - 9:45 am - Hopewell Junior Jazz Band
  - 10:15 am - East 2 O'Clock Jazz Ensemble
  - 11:00 am - Eastside Jazz Ensemble
- Continuing to try to fill next year's roster; numerous positions still open including Vice-President of Student Activities.
  - Will be voting on new slate of officers at the May 3rd Marching Band Reveal/Registration.

**Additional Information:**

- The Pre-State Concert/Clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at The East Freshman Campus Auditorium for the three high school concert bands.
  - No uniforms will be worn on this evening.

- The Symphonic Winds/CYWE Shared Concert will be Monday, April 24th at Lakota East High School from 7pm - 9pm.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:37 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Jennifer Samuels  
..... **Approved.**

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

Lakota East Jazz March Report  
March 21, 2017

### AUDITIONS FOR 2017-2018 JAZZ BANDS

Auditions are taking place for the 2017-2018 jazz bands during the last two weeks of March. We plan to begin auditions on Wednesday, March 22 during class for students currently enrolled in jazz band. Students who are not currently enrolled in jazz band can contact Mr. Nordyke to schedule an audition time. Results will be posted once all auditions have been completed. We will keep students posted as to any “alternates” that need to be utilized in each group as the need arises between now and the start of next school year.

### BEAVERCREEK JAZZ FESTIVAL RECAP

Congratulations to all Lakota Main Campus jazz students for their outstanding performances and clinics at the Beaver Creek Jazz Festival! All groups did a great job performing and received very positive, helpful feedback from the clinicians. Special thanks to each band member for all of their hard work in making the weekend such a success! In addition, a big thank you to Mr. Todahl for all of the AWESOME work he did preparing the students for Beaver Creek as well as all he did during the busy Saturday at Beaver Creek!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Lakota East COOL JAZZ N’ HOT CAKES pancake breakfast will be held in the LEHS Main Campus cafeteria on **Saturday, April 29**, 8:00 AM - noon. Bands will include all East jazz groups grades 9-12 as well as the Hopewell and Liberty 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Bands. All are encouraged to attend this all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast!

The East Spring Jazz Concert will take place **Wednesday, May 10**, at 7:30 PM, in the Lakota East Theatre. We look forward to hearing the students demonstrate all of their musical learning and progress at the spring concert!

We hope to see you at our upcoming concerts and events!

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

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

Lakota Jazz Bands

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

**Liberty Junior School Band  
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March 2017**

The LJS Seventh Band, Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble and Eighth Grade Bands performed in their Winter Band Concert on February 22, 2017. A special thanks is extended to Mr. Tanis for being in attendance at our performance.

Many Liberty band students are diligently preparing for Solo & Ensemble Contest. We have approximately 32 events from Liberty with around 60 students participating. The OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest is this Saturday, March 25, at Clinton Massie High School.

The fifth annual Liberty Junior Bands Ensemble Recital is tonight, March 21. The recital provides the ensembles with an opportunity to perform prior to going to contest. The recital performance is split into two groups performing at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. It will take place in the LJS Band Room.

There are approximately 25 LJS Eighth Grade Band students planning to march with the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks next year. They are working diligently to prepare for their audition on Monday, April 3.

The final performances of the seventh and eighth grade bands will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the LJS Gymnasium. The Seventh Grade Band Spring Concert will begin at 6:20 p.m. The Eighth Grade Band Spring Concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble has had two performances to date. The next performances of the seventh grade jazz ensemble will be the LEHS “Cool Jazz and Hot Cakes” on Saturday, April 29, the LJS Spring Band Concert, and during sixth grade visits from various elementary schools on May 10, 16 and 17.

The LJS Clarinet Choirs have just one rehearsal remaining. Both clarinet choirs will be performing at Solo & Ensemble Contest on March 25. Following contest, the groups will hopefully be able to perform at Chesterwood Village and then end the year with a pizza party.

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The next Upbeat Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Marching Band Reveal/Registration.