



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30p.m.
Lakota East High School Café Annex**

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

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

Directors' Reports:

- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** Band Director, Liberty Junior School
(Report submitted via email and is attached.)
- **Mr. Alan Nordyke** Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School Campuses
(Report submitted via email and is attached).
- **Mrs. Julie Fuqua** Band Director, Hopewell Junior School
(Report submitted via email and is attached.)
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
Not present: attending Solo and Ensemble recitals this evening
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
Not present: attending Solo and Ensemble recitals this evening

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Review of events since last meeting.
 - Orlando trip was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.
 - Pep Band is still ongoing. Students can sign up on the website to participate.
 - The new ticket sale went well for the Gift of Music Christmas concert. There was discussion about the ticket sales which included:
 - Cut off dates for the sale
 - What to do with tickets that are not used and can they be released?
 - How to address those with no tickets at the door?
- Tickets are on sale at **cincyticket.com** for the Fillmore Windfest performance (Symphonic Winds will be performing) on Monday April 30th at Music Hall. Go to the link and search Fillmore. It will be listed as the second event. Note that the link is cincyticket with no **s** on the end.
 - Price is \$15 dollars per ticket plus a \$2.75 service charge.
 - This event will have festival seating. Your ticket is not for a specific seat, it will get you into the event.

- There are still many volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year we are in need of filling including Uniforms, Swing Dance, and Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes. Please see any Upbeat Club officer if you have an interest in serving in these or various other positions available.
- Upcoming Events include:
 - Solo and Ensemble is this Saturday, January 20th at Lakota West High School. Many students will be participating. Families are welcome to attend and watch the performances.
 - The Concerto Competition Application is due Monday, January 22 for interested Seniors. Get the application from Mr. Tanis.
 - All scholarship information is on the website
 - Jeff Durham scholarships applications are due April 8th
 - Hal Hobe scholarship applications are due March 31st
 - Drum Club
 - It will be open to 8th graders
 - The first sessions of this will run like clinics.
 - Try Band will be Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - This is an opportunity for younger, potential band students to come to the school and try several instruments and get excited about band.
 - This is geared toward 5th and 6th grade students.
 - The high school band students run the Try Band event.
 - Winds Concert will be Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.
 - This concert prepares the group for the OMEA Conference at the Columbus Convention Center on February 8th.
 - OMEA Conference at the Columbus Convention Center on February 8th
 - This is a great honor for the Symphonic Winds group. They last attended this event in 2014.
 - Lunch for Winds on this day has been an ongoing conversation with Mr. Tanis and arrangements are still being made.
 - All State also runs February 7-9th and runs concurrently with the OMEA Conference in Columbus.
 - 15 East band students will be attending.
- Swing Dance will be on January 27th
 - Sign Up Genius is on the link on the website.
 - Times are on the website.
 - Jazz kids will be supplying refreshments for the event.
 - Refreshments on the sign up still have no volunteers. It is preferred that jazz parents participate in volunteering for this event if able.
 - It was discussed that volunteers are currently asked to purchase a ticket to the event even if they are working all night. It was pointed out that it might entice volunteers if they could work but get into the event free. A motion was put before the meeting:

MOTION by Maria Wiedwald, Second by Terry Mitchell:

If volunteering at the Swing Dance event and you have signed up on the Sign-Up Genius, you do not need to buy a ticket to the Swing Dance.

Discussion followed. Vote called.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Band students will not be provided dinner at the Swing dance but they can enjoy the refreshments at the dance.
- Tickets can be purchased through the Pay Pal link on the slider of the main website. (You must allow pop ups on your browser for this function to work properly.)

- Winter Guard is underway and has their competition schedule available.
 - Their first competition is on January 27th at Waynesville.
 - Future competition dates include February 17th at Conner High School and February 24th at Campbell County.
 - East is now competing in the same circuit as West.
- Additional Business:
 - Marching Band commitment information coming in early February.
 - Marching Band is planning to attend BOA Grand Nationals next year in Indianapolis.
 - Marching Band will not go to Dayton BOA next year because it conflicts with Homecoming.
 - Trips are also expected to Bowling Green and Indianapolis Super Regionals.
 - They are working on the fees for next year. They will increase because there will be two trips to Indianapolis.

Secretary's Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the November 14, 2017 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Thom Beresford.....**Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- Taxes (1099) are filed.
- Paid for guest judges at tonight's solo and ensemble recital.

Vice President of Ways and Means Report: Al Dick

- There is a band night Dine and Donate event at Freddy's on Wednesday, January 31st from 5-9 p.m.
 - We had talked about them coming to a jazz event, but that did not work out.
- Butter Braid fundraiser discussion
 - Jenny Tripp presented some background information on a potential sale of Butter Braids. These are frozen pastries sold by the band students for \$13 each. We expect to make >\$5 profit on each sold. They would appeal to local customers and be timed around the Easter holiday for relevance.
 - After discussing the potential, it was agreed to be a good idea and potentially quite profitable.
 - Al Dick and Jennifer Berry will take over the planning and move ahead with this fundraiser.
 - It is proposed that the sale run from Feb. 19th-March 3rd.
- **Spiritwear Report: Amy Stiefel and Eunice Vogelsang**
 - LJS Jazz shirts for the junior high were paid for with fee money.
 - Winter Guard shop is set to kick off.
 - The next shop date is not certain at this time.
 - Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes may be the next event with a table sale.

Vice President of Student Activities Report: Patrice Pieratt

- Next event is OMEA District AE (Adjudicated Event) on 4/27, 4/28
- All bands compete on March 9th and March 10th which will determine who qualifies for State on 4/27, 4/28.

Marching Band Games and Contests: Additional Information

- There are still volunteer needs including Uniform Shadow, Band Camp coordinators, etc. Please check the website and look for SUG or contact the LEUC to volunteer and let us know you can help. If you would like to help, but are not sure there is a position, please communicate with us. There are many ways for everyone to volunteer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:49 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Al Dick

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Attachments:

Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director / Upbeat Report January 2018

**LJS Upbeat News
January 2018**

On December 14th the LJS Seventh Grade Band took a field trip to Lakota East High School and participated in a combined rehearsal with the Symphonic Winds. Following the rehearsal, the Upbeat Club provided lunch for the seventh grade band students and some of the former Liberty students from Winds. Every seventh grade band student learned something on our trip, and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. "Thank you" to Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel for making this happen. "Thank you," also, to the Upbeat Club for providing lunch. Hopefully, this event can be continued in future years.

On December 19th, 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 **2018 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 5th, 6th and 7th at Kings High School. Congratulations to Honor Jazz Members: Bryson Blankenship on trumpet and Zach McCullough on trombone.

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Congratulations to the LJS Band students who participated in the **2018 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 13th and 14th. The rehearsal on Friday night was cancelled due to bad weather. The concert was on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at Mason High School.

Seventh Grade Honor Band: Shelby Zipperian and Dulce Withrow on flute, Jonathan Bowden and Rebecca Finke on clarinet, Emma Alsdorf on bass clarinet, Theo Engel and Danny Sergent on bassoon, Sophia Bogan on alto saxophone, Ibrahim Malik on tenor saxophone, Nathan Smith on trumpet, Diego Sergent, Will Price and Abby Rutherford and on trombone, Austin Boes, Brendan Webber on tuba, and Ben Pieratt and Ethan Gilley on percussion. Rachel Mellish - flute, Nathan Mosley – trombone, and Connor Collins – tuba were selected as alternates for the festival.

Eighth Grade Honor Band: Madisyn Potts on oboe, Mihir Sinhasan, Rebekah Holter and Alexis Lewis on clarinet, Luke Jennings on bass clarinet, Bryson Blankenship, Nicholas Leisten, Cian Mahan and Hayden Cole on trumpet, Zach McCullough on trombone, and Ben Keenan on tuba.

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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, November 30. On Friday, December 8 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 jazz ensemble for two tunes and then performed as a concert band 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 19th. **The LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble** began rehearsing on Tuesday, January 16th. 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 1, 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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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, April 14, 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, April 10, 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 Thursday, February 22, 2018. 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.

Kathy Knueven
Band Director

Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies
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Lakota East Jazz January Report 2018

Congratulations to each of the East Main Campus and Freshman Campus Jazz Bands, as well as the Hopewell Junior and Liberty Junior 8th grade jazz bands, for their outstanding winter jazz festival in November. 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 5-7 at Kings High School:

- Brayden Reichelderfer, alto saxophone
- Jaren Katsetos, alto saxophone
- Brian Dick, tenor saxophone
- Russell Specht, tenor saxophone
- Jacob Hudepohl, trumpet
- Henry Stiefel, trombone
- Zach Timmons, trombone
- Aidan Deutsch, trombone
- Paul Briggs, bass

Mr. Michael Mavridoglou, a jazz professional from Cincinnati, OH, was the Honor Jazz Band Director. The students had a wonderful experience during the festival and performed 5 charts during the Sunday, January 7, concert. These East students certainly represented Lakota in a terrific way!

The Swing Dance will take place Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 PM, at East Main Campus. Thanks in advance for all of your help with the Swing Dance. Special thanks to Amy Stiefel, 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 10, in Columbus, Ohio:

- Zach Timmons, trombone
- Joe Ulmer, tenor 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

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Hopewell Junior School: Julie Fuqua, Band Director / Upbeat Report January 2018

Hopewell Junior Bands 2017-2018 Honor Band Participants

Congratulations to the following 7th grade band members for being accepted into the Ohio Music Educators' Association (OMEA) District 13 Honor Band: Zachary Ince –Tuba

Maden Parker-alternate- alto saxophone

Congratulations to the following 8th grade band members for being accepted into the Ohio Music Educators' Association (OMEA) District 13 Honor Band:

Ava Nguyen-Clarinet

Leah Asefa –Clarinet

Phillip Ainsworth-Clarinet

Jack Nomina-Oboe

Alex Reffner-Alto Saxophone

Sabrina Watson-Tenor Saxophone

Luke Boehner-Trumpet

Alena Biddle-French Horn

Wendi Reffner-French Horn

Kenta Thompson-Trombone

Nathan Anderson-Tuba

Ryan Cheng-Percussion

Congratulations to the following 8th grade band members for being accepted into the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) District 13 Honor Jazz Band:

Alex Reffner- alto saxophone

Sabrina Watson and Elizabeth Rafalowski -Tenor Saxophone

Jack Nomina-Bari Saxophone

Kenta Thompson-Trombone

Lucas Brown-Piano

Ava Nguyen-alternate-piano