

Welcome, New Marchers (and Parents!), to the Lake Braddock Marching Band

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#### Introduction:

You got lucky. You're part of one of the biggest freshman classes the Lake Braddock Marching Band has ever had. This fall, some 70 freshmen will join with about 140 returning band members to create an extraordinary and huge performance machine. By the time you are a senior, with three years of marching experience behind you, our band will be unstoppable. When we say we are glad to welcome you to the Marching Band, that's not an exaggeration. This is a remarkable and exciting time!

#### Important Dates:

We hold mandatory Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals in late August. Once school starts, we have after-school rehearsals from 3:00 to 4:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until November 5. We perform a halftime show at all home football games and encourage our marchers to play in pep band at some away games. We are participating in several competitions this year, all on Saturdays. And we have a "tag day" fundraiser to support the program. Please note these dates:

#### Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals:

August 11- 15, 8 AM to 4 PM: Pre-season training for new and returning percussion and Color Guard.

Enter through door 14 at the school, which is the entrance closest to the band area. (All percussion, double reeds, and guard participate)

August 14 and 15, 9 AM to noon: New Marcher clinic. Enter through door 14 at the school. (All new marchers participate)

**August 18 – 22, 8 AM to 4 PM: Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals (all must participate)**

August 19, 6:30 PM: Meet the Directors Night in the Little Theatre, required for parents only; kids can stay home to rest!

August 25 – 29, 8 AM to 4 PM: Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals (all must participate)

August 27, 6:00 – Band pot-luck picnic for ALL families, marchers, color guard. Burke Lake Park, Shelter A

August 29, noon: Perform for parents and friends, faculty

August 29: Friday night Home Game v. West Potomac

September 2: First day of school; after-school marching band rehearsals begin (through November 5)

Everyone except percussion: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Percussion Only: Every Monday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

September 5: Friday night Home Game v. Stone Bridge

**September 6: Tag Day mandatory annual fundraiser**

September 12: Friday night Home Game v. Robinson

September 13: Rain day make-up for Tag Day, if needed

#### **October 4: Marching Band Competition**

### **October 11: Marching Band Competition**

October 17: Optional pep band for Away Game v. West Springfield

### **October 18: Marching Band Competition**

October 24: Homecoming Parade, Friday night Home Game v. TC Williams

### **October 25: VBODA State Marching Band Assessment**

October 31: Optional pep band for Away Game v. South County

November 7: Friday night Home Game (Senior Night) v. Lee

November 14: 1<sup>st</sup> round football playoffs (we perform if LBSS is at home)

November 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> round football playoffs

November 29: 3<sup>rd</sup> round football playoffs

December 11: Concert bands perform

January 10: Progressive Dinner

### What To Expect:

Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals is a lot of work... and a lot of fun. If you're nervous about it, remember that no one expects you to know what you're doing yet, and there are about 70 other new marchers just like you. We're used to freshman marchers and we will show you what to do. (And you thought you already knew how to walk...!)

Mr. Mike Luley is the Band Director, and he's assisted by Mr. Pat Smith. The band will have two Drum Majors who lead the band; they are Kaela Avino and Aaron Lee. You'll have one or more section leaders in your instrument group; these are (usually) seniors with lots of experience who will help you as you learn.

The Lake Braddock Marching Band has a tradition of success. We've gotten a "superior" rating from VBODA, the assessment organization, for thirty-three years straight – and we get it because we insist on a strong focus on the *music*. We play music that is complex, so be prepared to be challenged – and to be proud.

You'll practice with sheet music during Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals, but you should work to memorize your music as soon as you can. It helps in learning your marching drill and in becoming a precise marcher. If you'd like to review and study your music in advance – a very smart idea! – you can download your parts from the Charms system (more information below).

Once you think you've gotten your music memorized, you "pass off" by playing your part to your section leaders. Then they'll give you the band t-shirt for the 2014-2015 year. Wear it with pride!

### Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals Tips from the Marchers:

- Put sunscreen on before you even leave the house, and bring it with you to reapply during the day. We're not outside all the time – but we're outside enough to make a sunburn a real nuisance.
- Bring plenty of water. (Fruit drinks and sodas tend to attract bees, so please leave them at home.) The night before you march, freeze two bottles of water and put two in the fridge; by

the time you've finished your cold water the next day, the frozen bottles will have thawed. Nothing better on an August day!

- Learn your music as quickly as you can. Focusing on precise marching is a lot easier if you know what you're supposed to be playing.
- Consider a hair cut before Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals. You'll be cooler, and for performances, all hair must be hidden under your hat anyway.
- Don't worry if you don't know anybody else in the band. By the end of the first day, you'll have over 200 new friends and band mates!

### For Parents

Your kids are about to be part of a "band family" – you can be part of that family, too. We rely on parent volunteers who generously give their time to help things run smoothly behind the scenes. The more you get involved, the more you'll enjoy the band program. Be a member of the pit crew (to move percussion instruments into place before each performance), be a chaperone for competitions, take part in special events – there are lots of ways to get involved, and lots of other parents who are hoping you'll join in to help. More information will be available at the Band pot-luck picnic on August 27.

### Band Fees and Donations; the Charms System

We charge \$90 per student in band fees, and are asking each family to make a voluntary donation of \$25 to cover the cost of hiring professional musicians from the area's superb military bands to work with our kids during Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals.

Fees and donations can be made by check. There is a purple lock box in the band room; have your child deposit your payment there or mail it to the school, in care of Mr. Luley. The mailing address is Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke VA 22015

During the summer months it's probably easiest to pay by credit card via the new online Charms system. Charms is a new web feature from FCPS to help parents and students monitor their band account information. To create and log in to your Charms account:

- 1) Go to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)
- 2) Select the login screen
- 3) Select parent/student login
- 4) Student/Parent Login: FCPSLakeBraddockSSBand
- 5) Password: Student ID #
- 6) Update Personal Information
- 7) Visit Finance Tab to pay by credit card through School Pay

NOTE: The Charms system is where you can download your marching band sheet music, so make sure to check it out!

We look forward to meeting you at Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals – enjoy your summer!

**To:** Band Members, Color Guard and Parents  
**From:** Bruin Band Boosters  
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[PLSmith1@fcps.edu](mailto:PLSmith1@fcps.edu)  
**Subject:** Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals – 2014  
*DUE: June 13, 2014*

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**Dates:** The **COLOR GUARD** members, the **PERCUSSION** (this includes double reeds playing in the sideline/pit) section, and **ALL SECTION LEADERS** begin Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am until 4:00pm. (These groups meet an extra week)

**FIRST YEAR OR NEW MARCHERS** will meet on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm.

**EVERYONE** reports to Marching Band rehearsal on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and will run through Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday) from 8:00am until 4:00pm each day.

**MEET THE DIRECTORS NIGHT** – Mandatory parent meeting for information on the season, year, and question and answer period. Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

**Cost:** The cost of this year's Marching Pre-Season Band Rehearsal is \$90. **\*This fee is due with these Marching Pre-Season Rehearsal forms.**

**Due Date:** **Friday, June 13, 2014**

All completed 2014 Marching Pre-Season Rehearsal forms are all due, along with a CHECK in the amount of \$90 made payable to Lake Braddock Secondary School. We will also accept credit card payments this year through *CHARMS* a new web feature from FCPS to help parents and students monitor their band account information. Instructions are inside this packet to login, update information, and make payments.

#### **Charms Accounts**

To log into your account

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\*Please remember to complete all **FOUR** pages in the back of the packet.  
Thank you!

**Remember, mark your calendars now! It's going to be a great year!  
Looking forward to seeing everyone in August!**

# MARCHING PRE-SEASON REHEARSALS REGISTRATION FORM

**Due Friday June 13, 2014**

\*Please print very clearly in black ink, as it will be photocopied!  
If this student is not returning to Band, please fill in name, and write, "Not returning" across top.  
*Please don't forget to login to [www.Charmsoffice.com](http://www.Charmsoffice.com) to update student and contact information,  
as well as visit the finance section for the **new School Pay option to pay fees by credit card.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to be printed in directory)      LAST      FIRST (Given)      Nickname

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2014-2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Student cell # \_\_\_\_\_

For the following school year I will be in (Please circle one):

Concert 2      Concert 1      Symphonic      Color Guard

Instrument you will be playing in Marching Band \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument you will be playing in Concert (indoor) band \_\_\_\_\_

**Band Rehearsal T-Shirt - these are Mens sizes (Please circle one): S M L XL XXL**

**Band Polo - these are Mens sizes (Please circle one): XS S M L XL XXL**

**White Shorts - Same size as your PE shorts (Please circle one): S M L XL XXL**

## PARENTS' or GUARDIANS' INFORMATION:

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to be printed in directory)      LAST      FIRST      MIDDLE INITIAL

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to be printed in directory)      LAST      FIRST      MIDDLE INITIAL

Primary e-mail address that we can reach parents \_\_\_\_\_

## AGREEMENT:

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to attend Marching Pre-Season Rehearsals with the Lake Braddock Secondary School Band and all other activities of the Band to include away games, home games, and competitions during the fall of 2014.

I understand that, once submitted, all fees are NON-REFUNDABLE should my son/daughter withdraw from the program. I understand that the fee of \$90 is our commitment to participate in the program and this form is our contract. Forms and fees turned in after the due date are not guaranteed position in the competition show.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Braddock Secondary School**  
**Marching Band and Color Guard Program**  
**Finance Information and Policies**  
**For School Year 2014-2015**

The Bruin Band Boosters have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to collect fees for required FCPS course materials and FCPS sponsored optional activities.

FCPS will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the band except for musical instruments and course material fees which are permitted by Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) regulations. Schools or booster organizations cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the School Board in Notice 5922, Revenue, Tuition, and Fees – Student Fees.

As a result of the agreement with FCPS, we have restructured the types and manner of payments collected. The new fee structure will be effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Fee Structure**

The new structure includes required Course Materials Fees and FCPS sponsored optional Activity Fees. Course materials fees cover consumable materials associated with a course and are a required element of that course. FCPS sponsored optional activity fees are charged in connection with a particular activity and cover some or all of the actual costs of that activity. Participation in the particular activity is optional but if a student decides to participate in the activity, payment of the activity fee is required. Any fees collected that exceed actual cost of materials or activities must be refunded to the parent.

**Lake Braddock Marching Band Course Materials Fee (\$90, due by June 13th)**: This fee is similar to required fees paid for certain, other FCPS classes. It covers course materials related to the course. Examples of the materials eligible to be covered by this fee include: uniform purchases, the drill book, music/choreography for the show, band t-shirt, instrument accessories, equipment repairs, and food during instructional activities.

**Musical Instrument Rental Fee (determined each school year by county and will be due in September)**: This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments.

## Payment Policies

Payments may be made via credit card, cash, or check as described below.

- Credit Card payments are made through Charms. After making your payment, please log back into Charms to ensure that your payment appears within your student account.
- Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox within the band room. If paying by check, please make the check payable as instructed for the particular payment and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid in the memo line of the check. Please note that a fee will be assessed for any returned checks. Such fee will be the actual amount charged by the bank related to the returned check, not to exceed \$50.
- If paying by cash, please put the money in an envelope and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (i.e. Tom Smith, Spring trip fee) and take the envelope to the front office of the school and give it to the Lake Braddock SS staff responsible for collecting such cash payments. A receipt will be given to you acknowledging the cash payment. **NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.**

## Refunds

Typically fees paid are non-refundable once commitments and purchases have been made. These refund policies will be communicated separately as they relate to individual activities.

Students and parents may login to their student account in CHARMS at any time to view fees and balances due.

## Charms Accounts

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- 4) Student/Parent Login: FCPSLakeBraddockSSBand
- 5) **Password: Student ID #**
- 6) Update User information
- 7) Update User name and password
- 8) **Visit Financial Tab to pay using credit card through School Pay – new feature!**

## Financial Assistance

*Financial assistance is available for those in need of such assistance.* Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Band Director prior to the due date for the related fee.

# LAKE BRADDOCK BANDS 2014-2015

## SYLLABUS

### GRADING POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Instrumental music has the dual goal of improving the skills of the individual musician while also presenting fine public performances. This is an ensemble, participation course. Individual skills improve through private practice, daily instruction, and commitment to the performance objectives of the full ensemble.

It is the goal of the instructor to help every student earn an A for every grading period. The student must spend the personal practice time necessary to properly prepare all assigned music. The student must be attentive and actively involved in daily rehearsals. The student must properly execute regularly scheduled minimum competency playing exams. The student must show definite improvement and progression in musical understanding and performance. Extra help is available to all students through the instructor, older players and private instruction

Grades in the Lake Braddock Band program will be determined based on a weighted point grading scale and FCPS percentages to determine letter grades. Students will begin each quarter with zero points and earn points in each category as the quarter progresses. Each student will be given a weekly rehearsal skills grade based off the attached rubric. Each category will be worth a percentage of the final quarter grade. The areas in which students will earn points are as follows:

#### **Weekly Rehearsal Skills - 25%**

- Preparation, Retention, Execution, and Progression.
- Proper and serviceable equipment- pencils, music, instrument, reeds, mouthpieces, valve oil, drill book, shoes, etc.
- Engagement- Posture, Attentiveness

#### **Participation - 25%**

- After school rehearsals

#### **Performance - 50%**

- Performances
- Concert Etiquette- Attire, Punctuality, Demeanor, Equipment, Uniform

### DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

District 11 Band Assessment occurs every year during the first weekend in March. This is Band's equivalent to the VA SOL. Our bands will play for a panel of nationally-recognized adjudicators and will be given ratings based on their performance. Exact performance times and dates are to be determined, and students should be available for performance on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please consult the attached calendar and pay careful attention to the date for your Assessment performance. **This event is absolutely required!**



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Lake Braddock Secondary School Attendance policy will be in effect for absences to all daily classes. Attendance at **ALL** after school rehearsals and performances of the Lake Braddock Bands are required.

### **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE BAND DIRECTOR IN WRITING FOR ALL ABSENCES.**

APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION - NOTE/EMAIL FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN OR DOCTOR - IS DUE THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY FOLLOWING ANY ABSENCE THAT IS NOT PRE-APPROVED.

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

- Illness
- Family Emergency
- Pre-Approved conflict - submitted in writing and approved by director (8 weeks in advance for Performance or 2 weeks in advance for rehearsal)

**\*Leniency will NOT be considered for "day-of" requests.**

**\*Leniency will most likely not be considered for "week-of" requests.**

**\* The key to working out compromises in your schedule is EARLY COMMUNICATION!**

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:**

In band, we are constantly using formative assessments throughout every rehearsal. Each performance is a summative assessment that is unique and cannot be duplicated. All students are integral members of each ensemble. The group performance is rehearsed and prepared intricately. *Performances are greatly affected by the absence of even one student.* For this reason, excused performance absences are seldom granted.

#### **The following deductions will be made from a student's overall quarterly grade for unexcused absences:**

- Marching Band Rehearsal: **5 Points**
- After-School Concert Band Rehearsal: **10 Points (One letter grade)**
- Performance (Concerts, Football Games, Competitions, Assessments, Etc.): **20 Points (Two Letter Grades)**

**\*\* A PRE-APPROVED AND EXCUSED ABSENCE IS GRANTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BAND DIRECTOR. \*\***

## SPORTS POLICY

Mr. Luley and Mr. Smith will try to be as flexible as possible while still honoring the ensemble's integrity. Efforts can be made to arrange compromises. This happens with appropriate and early COMMUNICATION with Mr. Luley, Mr. Smith, and Coaches.

## REHEARSAL CONDUCT

**Rehearsals are not for students to learn their parts, but to learn how their part fits together with the rest of the ensemble.**

Poor rehearsal skills affect student achievement and will be reflected in their weekly rehearsal grade.

Rehearsal skills expectations:

1. Be Respectful.
2. Be Attentive and actively engaged through-out rehearsal.
3. Be Prepared Mentally: prepared, retain, and progress consistently (THIS MEANS PRACTICE!!!)
4. Be Prepared Physically: have all proper and serviceable equipment

## ENSEMBLE/CHAIR PLACEMENT

Chair and Ensemble placement are determined by many factors including, but not limited to the following: player ability, strengths/weaknesses, the needs of the ensemble, work ethic, ensemble skills, etc. It is important for performers and parents to realize that an ensemble is a continually evolving organization. A performer does not have an assumed position/chair through-out a school year. Students should commit to self-progression and be aware that others are doing the same. For this reason the Lake Braddock Bands have procedures for “challenging.” “Challenges” are a procedure whereby students can audition to move in to a different “chair ranking” after the formal auditions have taken place. The Challenge must be pre-arranged with the director with at least one week notice to prepare. Challenges will not take place two weeks before a scheduled performance.

**\*It is the director’s discretion to remove or relocate a student from a performance, chair placement, or assigned ensemble if the performance or rehearsal expectations are not being met.**

## UNIFORM ATTIRE

### Marching Band:

#### ***Uniform provided by Boosters:***

1. Marching pants and jacket
2. Marching hat and suspenders

#### ***Uniform provided by Students/Parents:***

1. Black shiny shoes (Purchased through the school)
2. Plain white t-shirt or white band shirt, and plain white shorts.
3. Black socks, must be calf high. No ankle socks.
4. Skull cap or similar type for hair that is not cut appropriately for Marching Season

Concert Band:

Gentlemen

**Uniform provided by Boosters:**

1. Tuxedo jacket
2. Cummerbund
3. Bow tie
4. Pants and suspenders

**Uniform provided by Students/Parents:**

1. White Tuxedo shirt with four black stud buttons (purchased through the school)
2. Plain White undershirt, not the band shirt, as the purple shows through (can be a tank shirt)
3. Black socks must be calf high. No ankle socks.
4. Black, shiny marching shoes

Ladies

**Uniform provided by Boosters:**

1. Black skirt
2. Pearl necklace

**Uniform provided by Students/Parents:**

1. Black Blouse (purchased through the school)
3. Black hose or knee-hi-s
4. Plain Black, closed toed, flat, dress shoes. - no heels, sandals, or sling-backs

Jazz Band:

1. Solid Black Shirt
2. Solid Black Pants
3. Solid Colored Tie
4. Black Shoes/Black Socks must be calf high. No ankle socks.

**REMEMBER: NO MAKE-UP, FINGERNAIL POLISH OR JEWELRY  
FOR ANY MARCHING SHOW, COMPETITION, OR CONCERT!**

**DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/HONOR CODE**

There will be absolutely no tolerance for cheating in any form. Cheating is giving or receiving unauthorized aid on any assignment. It is important that students do their own work to maximize their learning.

## 24-7 LEARNING/WEBSITE/CHARMS

24-7 Learning (Blackboard) will be used as a primary contact between school and home. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to website: [www.lband.org](http://www.lband.org) or [CHARMS www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com). Charms can also be used make credit card payments towards different fees for the band.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT DATES

High School – September 10, 2014  
Middle School – September 17, 2014

## FINAL EXAM

All students will have a graded final exam assessment that will include concert band auditions for every student and the graduation performance for Symphonic/Concert I.

## FCPS Grading Scale

A (93-100)	C+ (77-79)
A- (90-92)	C (73-76)
B+ (87-89)	C- (70-72)
B (83-86)	D+ (67-69)
B- (80-82)	D (64-66)
	F (below 64)

## SATURDAYS AND WEEKEND COMMITMENTS

Students are expected to be at the following Saturday and weekend commitments: (see attached calendar)

1. Marching competitions – all day
2. Tag Day fundraiser – all day
3. All-District Band Auditions
4. District Assessment – times TBA – a few hours
5. Solo and Ensemble – highly encouraged and students may be awarded with letter points.
  - a. Students auditioning for section leader in the spring will be expected to participate.

*Find these dates on the calendar and plan your schedules accordingly!*

# LAKE BRADDOCK CALENDAR 2014-2015

[www.lbband.org](http://www.lbband.org)

*NOTE: Every effort possible will be made to adhere to this calendar. Please understand that sometimes circumstances arise that cause events to be re-scheduled. We will make our best effort to make everyone aware of any changes in a timely manner.*

## THIS CALENDAR DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY REHEARSALS

### *Marching Band:*

During September and October:

Tuesdays – 3:00-4:30PM (Percussion – 7:00-9:00PM)

Wednesdays and Thursdays – 3:00-4:30PM

### **After Marching Band (Starting approximately 7 weeks before each concert)**

#### *Percussion (CI/SYM Bands)*

Mondays -- 2:30-5:00PM

#### *Symphonic Band and Concert II:*

Tuesdays – 2:30-5:00PM

#### *Concert I:*

Wednesdays – 2:30-5:00PM

### August

- 11-15 Percussion, Guard, and Leadership Marching Pre-season Rehearsals  
18-22 First Year and New Marchers Rehearsals  
21-22 Marching Pre-season Rehearsals for everyone  
25-29 Marching Pre-season Rehearsals for Everyone  
29 Parent Preview (12PM)  
29 First Home Game vs West Potomac

### September

- 5 Home Game vs Stone Bridge  
6 **Tag Day (All Participate in this group fundraiser)**  
12 Home Game vs Robinson  
13 Tag Day Rain Make Up Date  
20 All State Jazz Auditions  
29 SRO Auditions @ Stuart HS

### October

- 4 **Marching Competition (Charlottesville HS)**  
11 **Marching Competition (Stafford HS)**  
17 Pep Band @ West Springfield (optional)  
24 Homecoming Parade  
24 *Homecoming vs TC Williams*  
25 **VBODA State Marching Assessment**  
31 Pep Band @ South County (optional)

### November

- 7 *Senior Night vs Lee HS*  
13-14 SRO Event (Herndon HS)  
14 1<sup>st</sup> Round Football Playoffs  
21 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Playoffs (TBD)  
25 Jazz Ensemble and Trombone Choir Concert  
29 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Playoffs (TBD)

### December

- 4 Orchestra Concert  
9 MS Band Concert  
11 HS Band Concert

### January

- 10 District Band Auditions  
10 Progressive Dinner  
21-25 HS Musical

### February

- 5-7 All District Band Event  
26 MS Band Concert  
28 All State Band Auditions

### March

- 3 HS Band Concert  
6-7 **HS Band Assessment**  
11-15 **BOA CONCERT FESTIVAL**  
Symphonic Band, Indianapolis  
14 MS Band Assessment  
13-15 HS Orchestra Assessment  
28 Chantilly Jazz  
30-31 Spring Break

### April

- 1-3 Spring Break  
9-11 All State Band Event  
(Christopher Newport University)  
18 District Solo and Ensemble Festival  
23-26 Spring Band Performance Tour

### May

- 12 Jazz Ensemble and Trombone  
21 HS Orchestra Concert

### June

- 2 MS Band Concert  
4 HS Band Concert  
7 Spring Band Banquet  
19 Last Day of School  
TBA Graduation Performance

# Syllabus Contract

*Please return this page to Mr. Luley or Mr. Smith no later than Friday,  
September 19, 2014*

## **DECLARATION OF UNDERSTANDING**

I have read and understand the grading policy and calendar commitments for this school year.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission for emailing grade reports :** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Initial)**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Band Class:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents and Students,

We have a busy month ahead. A quick Schedule of performances:

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Optional Pep Band to Woodson

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Stafford Band Competition (Schedule Below)

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Optional Pep Band to West Springfield

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Parade 5PM

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Game **PERFORMANCE BEFORE THE GAME AROUND 7PM**

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> **VBODA STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL FOR STATE HONOR BAND AWARD**

#### **SAT Release Day October 15th**

Also, October 15<sup>th</sup> is an early release day for PSATs. In order to give the students the best opportunity in the weeks ahead, we still need to have our rehearsal time. However, instead of meeting Wednesday, we will have the students rehearse Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5PM and cancel Wednesday rehearsal. If we find that students can not make the schedule change and stay until 5PM. We will need to continue ahead with the normal schedule routine and practice on Wednesday.

#### **Uniform Fees Now Due**

Also, please visit Charms at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) to check the updated finance area. Concert and marching uniform fees have been added to the students account. \$50 fee for marching band includes \$35 for rental and repairs and the other \$15 is for dry cleaning expenses. The \$30 concert band fee includes \$20 for rental and repairs and the other \$10 is for dry cleaning expenses. You will also find charges for things order, i.e. polos, marching shoes, and performance shorts.

**Parents** - please make sure your marching band student adheres to the following preparation **BEFORE** lining up to get an assigned uniform. This is the same process as per Friday night closet; The better prepared the quicker / easier the process.

- You have to be wearing when in line...
- White band t-shirt- either this year or a previous year. if you do not have this, you may only wear a plain, white t-shirt.
- White shorts that you received from the closet - **no other shorts allowed**
- Black, calf or knee length black socks (DRESS SOCKS). **Not gray, not polka dots.** plain black socks
- Black, shiny marching shoes.
- Hair must be ready for your hat. no putting your hair up in line, or after you pick-up your uniform.

## **Saturday October 11, 2014 Stafford HS Competition Schedule**

1:30 PM School opens	Stafford Senior High School
2:30 Rehearsal (BLACKTOP practice field)	33 Stafford Indians Lane
3:30 <b>Lunch/early DINNER (Brought from Home)</b>	Falmouth, VA 22405
4:00 Change into uniforms	
5:00 Meet in Little Theater	
5:30 Leave for Stafford HS	
6:45 Arrive at Stafford HS	
7:15 March to Warm up Area	
7:30 Warm up	
8:30 <b>PERFORMANCE</b>	
9:00 Awards	
10:00 Leave for LBSS	
10:30 Return to LBSS; return equipment and change out of uniforms	

**Have rides waiting for everyone so everyone can go home.**

**\*\*When Picking up your student - Please DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVE LANE / DOOR ENTRANCE. - Buses will be parking / offloading in this area. Park using the designated parking areas away from the curb**

## **Saturday October 25, 2014**

### **VBODA State Assessment Schedule**

11:00 AM School opens	Patriot High School
12:00 PM Rehearsal (FOOTBALL FIELD)	10504 Kettle Run Road
1:00 Lunch ( <b>From Home</b> )	Nokesville, VA 20181
1:30 Change into Uniforms	
2:00 Meet in theater	
2:45 PM Leave for Patriot HS	
3:30 Arrive at Patriot High School	
3:45 March to Warm up Area	
4:15 Warm up	
5:00 PERFORMANCE	
5:15 Ratings Announced	
5:45 Leave for LBSS	
6:45 Turn in Uniforms and return equipment	

**If you would like to get checked out after the performance to have your parents take you home for the homecoming dance, please have them email Mr. Luley at [mcluley@fcps.edu](mailto:mcluley@fcps.edu) and check you out with a chaperone after the performance.**

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# Lake Braddock Bruin Band Boosters 2014-2015 Membership Form

## Membership advantages include:

- ✓ Support the band as a 100% tax-deductible donation
- ✓ Vote at our General Membership meetings held quarterly
- ✓ Support our students and band program

## To become a Bruin Band Booster:

Send this completed form along with a check payable to BBB to:

Andrea Hellier  
6412 Lake Meadow Dr.  
Burke, VA 22015

Look for your membership cards in the mail or pick up at the band picnic.

Pick up your membership cards at the season-opening picnic at Burke Lake Park on August 27, or receive it by mail.

Alumni

Name(s) of current Band member(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Booster member(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ @\$10

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Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2014 Band PARENTS Challenge!

*The Saxophones are challenging the Flutes. Percussion is taking on the whole band!*

Fairfax County Public Schools' accounting rules have changed, and the band program can no longer charge fees to hire the experts who come to Marching Band Summer Camp to help teach our kids... so the Lake Braddock Band Boosters want to pay that bill.

To do it, we're hoping each band family will make a **voluntary donation of \$25.**

Yes, that's on top of regular band fees. There's no way around it: It's an out-and-out gift from you, with no tote bag or coffee mug to show for it. We can offer you nothing but our thanks!

*(Oh, and the chance to have some of the finest musicians from the region's premier military bands instruct our sons and daughters at Summer Band Rehearsals!)*

So please take part in the **2014 Band PARENTS Challenge!** Which section has the most-engaged parents? Will the Low Brass out-give the Woodwinds? Will Color Guard parents lead the world in giving spirit? Please help us by making a donation right away, so we can line up the instructors for Summer Band Camp!

Questions? Please contact Pru [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or (703) [REDACTED]. (My donation will boost parent participation in the SAXOPHONE section!) Thanks for helping!

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**There are three easy ways to give:**

We're donating \$25!

Using the Charms finance feature to pay by credit card online

We're donating \$25!

*Check enclosed to Bruin Band Boosters, mailed to:*

*Bruin Band Boosters, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015*

We'll donate a little extra, in case not every family can participate... we're giving \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Check enclosed to Bruin Band Boosters, mailed to:*

*Bruin Band Boosters, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015*

We'll be **Band Backers!** We pledge to donate \$10 a month on our credit card.

*Send me the form for an automatic credit card pledge, which I can cancel at any time*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My child plays this instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

(More than one child in the band? Congratulations! Any chance you can give twice?? Just write down both instruments; we'll split the credit evenly between the two!)