



## Newsletter 9/15/16

### Director's Corner:

- We have heard from interested parents who want to help with the Orchestra Booster Club! The more people involved, the more we can do for the orchestras. Please email Mr. Valencia if you, too, can get involved.
- We have a list of [private lesson teachers](#) available on the web site. Some can visit the school. Others, you may choose to go to where they teach (their studio or their home). LNHS Orchestras highly encourages young musicians to explore private lessons so they can ultimately enjoy playing their instrument more and more.
- We also have private harp lessons available. This will be on a full-size harp with key-changing foot-pedals and will take place on Thursday mornings. Please sign up with Mr. Valencia and the teacher will start coming in.
- Lastly, I offer a message regarding practice habits for the young musicians. It is no secret that it is difficult to learn to play your instrument at a high level and that it can be frustrating along the way. One of the things that makes playing the instrument more fun is the ability to play well. That comes through practice.
  - o What do teachers all over the world recommend? We recommend students practice a minimum of five days per week for a total of 2 – ½ hours (30 minutes per session). It has been proven that the student who practices five days a week for 30 minutes each learns much more than a student who practices only 1 day a week for 2 – ½ hours. Many smaller personal practice sessions are better than a single large one crammed in just before a test or performance.
  - o What is the goal? Ultimately, the goal is to really enjoy playing your instrument.
  - o How do you get there? By practicing enough to get good at the techniques required to do so.

Please connect with and encourage your student to practice. They need the reminder at this stage of their development.

- Some equipment that is very helpful for your student: orchestra music, a pencil, and a music stand so they don't have to lean over a table.

Thanks for listening.

*Mr. Valencia*

## 1. CONCERT ATTIRE

- The order for concert attire has been placed. Items will arrive in time for the first concert on October 5.
- The tux combo (jacket, pants, shirt, bow tie, and vest) costs \$135. Pants will need to be hemmed before the concert. Please DO NOT cut the hems off! If your student grows, hems can be let down rather than purchasing a new pair of pants.
- The concert dress costs \$78. Dresses are already custom hemmed for your student.
- These attire items have been charged to your student account.

## 2. CLASS FEES

- The class fees for the fall semester have been charged to student accounts. These fees cover concert and competition music, additional instructional staff, and many other costs associated with the program. Please see the [LN Orchestra handbook](#) for full details.

## 3. INSTRUMENT RENTALS

- Students using school owned instruments at home will be charged an instrument rental fee of \$50 per semester. This will show on next month's statement.

## FUNDRAISING – Run in conjunction with LN Bands

### 4. DONATOS PIZZA – EDGE TO EDGE CARDS FUNDRAISER

- Pick up **Donatos Pizza** "Buy One Get One Free!" cards from the Performing Arts office.
  - Each pocket-sized card is valid for 8 BOGO on pizzas and 4 BOGO on oven baked subs.
  - Each card costs \$10 and offers over \$100 in value, with \$5.00/card going to your student account.
  - [Click to download the sales form.](#)
  - The sale runs through September 15. Turn in all money, orders or unsold cards by 9/22/16.
  - Contact Alison Goller at [alisongoller@msdl.k12.in.us](mailto:alisongoller@msdl.k12.in.us) for more information.

### 5. BUTTER BRAIDS SALE

- Download the [Butter Braid sale form](#) here, or pick one up in the Performing Arts office.
  - Payment and orders are due on or before 9/26/2016, and items will be delivered on 10/19/16.
  - Your student will earn \$5.00 per item sold.
  - Make checks payable to LN Band.
  - Contact Patty Atchley for Butter Braid information at [twnty9@yahoo.com](mailto:twnty9@yahoo.com).

### 6. JAVA JOE FUNDRAISER

- The Java Joe sales flyers have been delayed – an email will be sent as soon as they arrive. They will be available in the Performing Arts office.
  - Payment and orders are due on or before 9/26/2016, and items will be delivered on 10/19/16.
  - Your student will earn \$4.00 per item sold.
  - Make checks payable to LN Band.
  - Contact Wendy Manubay for Java Joe information at [wendymanubay@gmail.com](mailto:wendymanubay@gmail.com).

## 7. BREAKFAST SALE FUNDRAISER

- Keep checking the [CERVIS](#) volunteer link on the LN Band website to sign up for shifts.
  - Join us from 7:50 – 9:05am for each day's sale and earn \$5/day for your student account.
  - If you have any questions or need help signing up on CERVIS please contact Gayle Cartwright [gmic031154@comcast.net](mailto:gmic031154@comcast.net) or call 317-439-4020.

## 8. CONCESSIONS

- **Workers are needed for games on September 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23!**
- Click this link to [CERVIS](#) to sign up. Thank you!
- Contact Julie Wilson for more information at [mjcwilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjcwilson@sbcglobal.net) or text 317-523-7357.
- Please Note:
  - All workers must be 16 years or older.
  - The time listed is your arrival time – this is usually 30 minutes before the game.
  - There is security at all LN events – please allow time for this.
  - Dress appropriately! Closed toe, comfortable shoes are a must, you will be on your feet! The gym concession area is HOT.
  - Varsity Football Games – check at the Snack Shack to see which concession you will be working at. This is right by the ticket office at the main gate.
  - If the weather is not looking good – check your email! Notification will be sent if a game is cancelled.

## 9. SCRIP – Gift Cards

- **Turn Everyday Shopping into Fundraising – no selling, just earning!** Scrip is fundraising while you shop at all your favorite stores! [Click here to find out how.](#)
- **The next Scrip order date is Tuesday September 20**
- Go to the Scrip website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to place your order, enroll in PrestoPay, reload cards, search for special offers and more.
- Orders paid by cash or check must be received by Alison Goller in the Performing Arts office by 2:00 pm on the order date. Online orders paid by PrestoPay must be made by 7:00 pm on the order date.
- The shipping fee on plastic cards is \$8.50 for standard delivery. This fee is divided between everyone who placed orders for plastic cards on that date, and is deducted from any earned rebate. If you are the only person ordering cards, the entire shipping fee will be deducted from your rebate.
- For Scrip questions, please contact Kaye Schoenling [KSchoenl@comcast.net](mailto:KSchoenl@comcast.net) or 317 709-0039.
- **KROGER UPDATE:** If you register your [Kroger Plus Card](#), a direct a percentage of your purchases to the LN Orchestra General Fund. We are listed as *Lawrence North Orchestra # 10225*. **It is time to renew your annual registration to benefit the orchestra program with every purchase.**

### SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 22  
September 8 – 26  
Tuesday, September 20  
Wednesday, October 5

Donatos Fundraiser Money or Returned Cards Due  
Butter Braid Fundraiser and Java Joe Fundraiser  
Scrip Card Orders Due  
Orchestra Concert 7:00pm