

Classes resume Monday with an ODD schedule.

We have transitioned into our Concert/Jazz Season. Our immediate goals are to have a successful **PRISM** concert and then prepare for **Solo and Ensemble Festival, Jazz MPA** and **Concert Band MPA!**

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to all of you involved in our successful weekend of music outreach! The Marching Mustangs thrilled the Myakka Christmas Parade spectators, 5 of our amazing students participated in honor bands at FSU and USF, 6 of our members auditioned for Drum Corps and our boosters helped me run an audition camp for the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps! I can't express the amount of PRIDE and TRUST that takes. The Mustangs are AMAZING!

It's a New Era at the Ranch!

We are growing - **Lakewood Ranch Scholastic Indoor** is off and Running. Our Open House had amazing attendance! Kids and Parents alike are excited to be a part of this inaugural season.

I anticipate a packed audition week and a memorable competitive season. We are putting 2 amazing shows on the floor and will add to the legacy of Quality and Excellence. **Please be sure to tell your friends to get involved with our Indoor Percussion, Visual Ensemble or Color Guard. There is a spot for YOU!!** We get started next Tuesday, December 12th.

The **PRISM** Concert is Thursday, December 7th, 2017.

We call it a PRISM concert because it features every facet of our band program; All classes and after-school groups participate. ***There is a 5.00 cost for this concert, the only one all year that has an admission price. This is a HUGE fundraiser for us and is the reason why our band fees are affordable.***

Congratulations to your 2017 PRISM Concert Hosts **Cristina Rosabal and Lily Sutton!**

I am honored to have you two young ladies represent our band family. **Thank You** to everyone that auditioned to host – It confirms how wonderful our band kids are when you step up to lead!

PRISM concert **Rehearsals** are M,T,W December 4,5,6 from 2:30pm to 5pm. Attendance is MANDATORY for Marching Band kids. Band class kids do NOT attend these rehearsals. An **unexcused** absence from these rehearsals will result in being pulled from the show. **EVERY** member of LRHS Bands must attend the **ENTIRE** Concert. You must sign out at the end of the night with Mr. Lambert to receive credit:

Grading: Attendance=test grade, Performance=Semester Exam.

The “Young Lions” Jazz Festival in Clearwater, Florida

It’s time to swing!! The Jazz Bands of LRHS have been invited to participate in the Clearwater Jazz Holiday **Young Lions Jazz Festival**, this Saturday. Ruth Eckerd Hall is located at 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, FL 33759. Please refer to your packet (on CHARMS) for details.

6:00am – Report to LRHS band room **in formal wear**, load instruments under the coach bus
6:30am – Depart for Clearwater
8:00 am – Arrive at Ruth Eckerd Hall, settle in, watch some great bands
10:30 am - Lakewood Ranch Jazz Two performs
12:00 pm - Lakewood Ranch Jazz One performs
1:00-1:45 pm - Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 pm - Afternoon Breakout Clinic Sessions then load instruments on buses
3:45pm - Closing Ceremony
5:00pm – Depart for dinner on Clearwater Beach
7pm – Arrive home at the Ranch, unload, dismiss

Chair auditions will take place in Concert Band classes during the week of December 11th. Practice!

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 20th.

- * This is a requirement for the 6th and 7th period students. It is highly recommended for the rest
- * Sheets are available in the band office
- * Our S&E library is extensive and is now open to all members for perusal
- * Choose your piece/pieces, register and start practicing! It is really a fun way to improve!
- * Network to form your chamber groups and set up a plan of attack for your pieces
- * Your Director or private teacher can coach you to help you have a successful experience

Important Coming Events:

December 4-6 – PRISM rehearsals. 2:30-5pm
December 5 – LRBBA Band Booster meeting
December 7 – PRISM Concert and Silent Auction!!! 7pm
December 9 – Clearwater Jazz Festival

December 12 and 14 – Indoor Guard and Percussion Rehearsals Begin
December 15-17 – Boston Crusaders Call-Back Camp at LRHS
December 18&19 – Indoor Guard and Percussion Mini-Camp
December 20 – Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break
December 21 – Break!
January 3&4 – Indoor Guard and Percussion Mini-Camp
January 8 – Students return for Spring Semester

2017 LEADERSHIP:

Your roles extend beyond the Marching Season. Our systems are built upon the leadership and respect that you earned during the marching season. That carries right into the classroom, during parades and concerts and recruiting for 2018! You assist with Prism, Awards Night and numerous other functions. I need your experience and love for the program to grow!

SYSTEM + SPIRIT = SUCCESS!!

Everything from arriving early, practice and preparation, rehearsal etiquette, attitude paying attention make up the LRHS Band Systems. Your participation and SPIRIT are the ingredient that make it all FUN and worthwhile.

Our rehearsals are very important; they set us up to perform the many things that performances require. As we near Solo and Ensemble, Jazz and Concert MPA we will have occasional rehearsals outside of the school day. **Members are expected to attend EVERY LRHS Concert, Jazz or Marching Band rehearsal.** There will always be plenty of notice.

The details listed above are there for you so that your band experience can be POSITIVE and ORGANIZED. YOU are responsible for **everything** outlined in the MMN. Help us ALL have a great year by taking care of YOUR personal needs and by being ACCOUNTABLE for the guidelines of the LRHS Band Program. Your director and staff work hard for you because we BELIEVE in YOU!

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