

Welcome

Marching Band is about so much more than music! We hope this group will become a second family to you and your child. Freshmen marching band students will arrive for their first day of high school, as a part of a well-respected organization and will have a whole new group of friends (across all grades) to help with their transition into high school.

We hope to help ease your transition from “new” band parent to “veteran” band parent. Once you find your niche you will see that **you** have a band family as well.



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2017 MPLT Parent Meeting

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MPLT Directors

Glen Hauger - Band Director, LN

Kristina LaMarca- Band Director, LC

Tom Wallis - Band Director, LN

Matt James - Band Director, LC



Kimberly Corman, Performing Arts Secretary, LC

Alison Goller, Performing Arts Secretary, LN

MPLT Staff



Color Guard

Julie Reid - Director

Tim Sparks - Assistant
Director



Percussion

Steve Yoder - Director

Neal Titus - Director



Staying Up To Date

- ▶ The MPLT website www.marchingpride.org has the latest updates on itineraries, events, and volunteer opportunities.
 - ▶ Go to the **Email Sign-up** tab to subscribe to the newsletter TONIGHT. It's the best way to stay informed!
- ▶ Remind 101 is a text messaging tool that the directors use to stay in touch with performers and parents.
 - ▶ Text @MPLTband to 81010
- ▶ School-specific booster websites have information about concert band and other performing arts groups as well as fundraiser opportunities. Visit these websites to sign up for additional newsletters.
 - ▶ Lawrence North www.lnband.com
 - ▶ Lawrence Central www.lcpaa.org



Social Media

► Twitter:

@MPLTBand

@LNband

@lcpaa

► Facebook:

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Band: *click “request to join”*

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Fan Club: *click “request to join”*

► Instagram:

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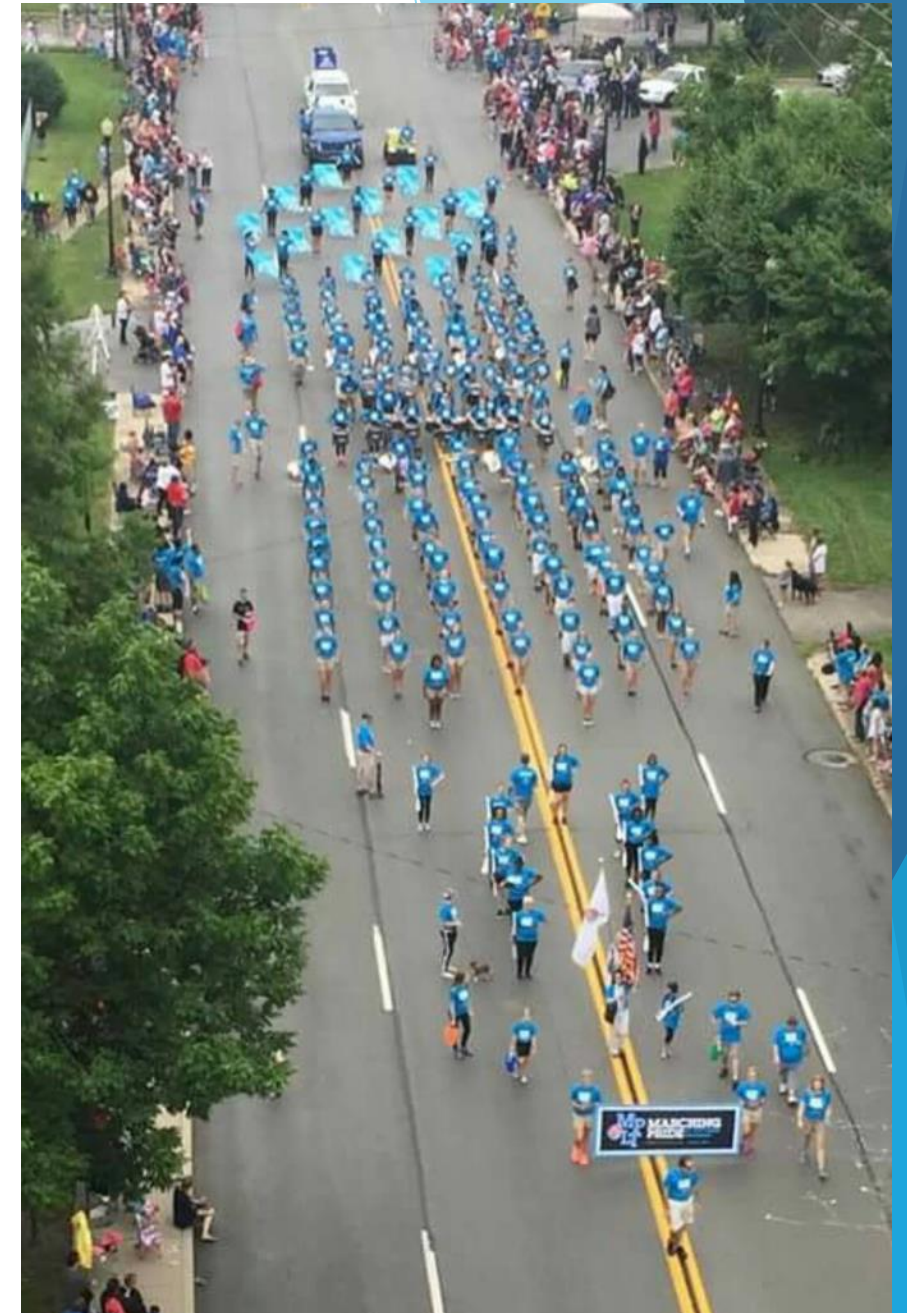


2017 Timeline Overview

- ▶ **June:** Parade practice
- ▶ **July:** Lawrence July 4th Parade, summer break, band camp
- ▶ **August:** Back to school, after-school and Saturday practices
- ▶ **September - November:** more rehearsals, football game performances, LC Invitational, contest season

June Rehearsals and Parade

- ▶ June 20-21 Rehearsal 2pm - 9pm
- ▶ June 22 Rehearsal 10am - 4pm, field trip to Lucas Oil Stadium for DCI Competition 5pm - 11pm)
- ▶ June 23 Rehearsal 2pm-9pm
- ▶ June 26-June 30 Rehearsal 2pm-9pm
- ▶ July 1 (10am - 4pm) Business Tag Day
- ▶ July 3 Rehearsal 2pm-9pm
- ▶ July 4 (9am report time - 12pm approx.) report to Lawrence Central



Forms

The following forms must be completed, signed and returned to your school's Performing Arts Secretary before July 1st:

- ▶ Physical Forms - signed by a physician
- ▶ Performer Contract
- ▶ Information Verification
- ▶ Medical Information & Consent
- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities

Tonight you received your marching band handbook. Each marching band student and parent or guardian are expected to have read the code of conduct and have signed the Performer's Contract acknowledging what is expected as part of the Marching Pride. If you have not done so please do it tonight.

Get forms outside the auditorium tonight,
or go to www.marchingpride.org,
click "Forms & Payments" and print them at home.



July Band Camp Overview

- ▶ Sunday, July 23 Mandatory Registration at LC Hall of Fame (Door #11), arrive by 2pm. **Parents need to be present to register their students.** Rehearsal will begin by 3:30pm. Dinner will be provided
- ▶ July 24 - 29 Band Camp 7am - 9:30pm. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided (except dinner July 29)
- ▶ Saturday, July 29 Parent Preview Night 6pm - 9pm: pre-order dinner from Jug's Catering or bring your own food
- ▶ Freshman Orientation and Schedule/ID/Chromebook Pick-up
 - ▶ LN students: **Wednesday, July 26th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.** Students will eat lunch at LC, take the shuttle bus to LN, then return to rehearsal at LC. Schedule pick-up for upperclassmen will be on **Friday, July 28th at 1pm.** Students will eat lunch at LC, take the shuttle bus to LN, then return to rehearsal at LC
 - ▶ Freshman orientation is **Tuesday, July 25th** from 4:00-6:00 PM. Schedule pickup is July 25th and 26th. LC students are encouraged go during mealtimes

Band Camp Experience

MPLT Band Camp is the foundation for the rest of the band season. Much of the show will be learned during this intense immersion experience.

An ensemble performance group of this size must work not only on technical skills, but the teamwork and discipline that will ensure their success in every single performance.

Band Camp is a closed campus; after arrival, students may not leave until they are released by the directors. Parent volunteers are granted special permission to be on campus during their shift.

Absences due to illness must be called in to a director by a parent. Parents will receive a phone call and/or text message if their child does not report to camp.

Band Camp - What to bring

- ▶ Sunscreen: it's essential to reapply throughout the day; if you forgot to bring some, ask the on-site medical provider
- ▶ Insect Repellant
- ▶ Water: a gallon jug is best, water tables will be available at all times during band camp
- ▶ Comfortable sneakers: no flip flops or sandals allowed
- ▶ Extra socks, extra clothes
- ▶ Hat
- ▶ Sunglasses
- ▶ Medications
- ▶ A ***GREAT*** attitude!

Band Camp - What not to bring

- ▶ **Cash:** you won't need it
- ▶ **Electronics:** you won't have time to use it
- ▶ **Jewelry or valuables:** you don't want to risk losing it

Band Camp Volunteers

- ▶ **First Aid Tent** Volunteers are needed at all times to staff this tent. Medical and non-medical positions are available.
- ▶ **Water Stations** Parents fill cups and pass them out to the students on breaks.
- ▶ **Meals** Three filling, nutritious meals are provided each full day of band camp. Each day, parents help prep and serve meals, clean up, and provide homemade desserts.
- ▶ **Uniform Fitting** This will take place throughout the week. Parent volunteers are needed to coordinate the fittings, no sewing experience needed.
- ▶ Non-parent family members (over 18) are also welcome to volunteer. Please sign up outside the auditorium tonight! Pick a shift (or two, or more!) to help, and sneak a peak at the what the kids are doing. Go to www.marchingpride.org for the link to the volunteer signup.



Special August Rehearsals

- ▶ July 31 Rehearsal 7am-9:30pm Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served
- ▶ August 1 Rehearsal 7am-9:30pm Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served
- ▶ August 2 No Wednesday Rehearsal
- ▶ August 3 School Begins, Rehearsal 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Fan Club Night 8:30pm - 9:30pm
- ▶ August 4 Rehearsal 4:30pm - 7:30pm
- ▶ August 5 Saturday Rehearsal 10am - 5pm Bring your own lunch

Timing Is Everything

“Early is on time, on time is late.”

- ▶ Students are expected to arrive for practice 15 minutes early so they are in position and ready to rehearse at the scheduled start time. For example: if start time is 6:00pm plan to arrive by 5:45pm.
- ▶ The staff makes every attempt to end rehearsals on time. However, section leaders may require short meetings and instruments/equipment/props still must be put away. Your child may not be ready to leave until 15 to 30 minutes after the end of rehearsal.
- ▶ If you arrive early to pick up your child you will be able to listen to dismissal and announcements, meet other parents, and watch the band run through the show. Check the weekly newsletter and email updates for changes to the schedule.

“Being on time requires zero talent”

After-School Rehearsals

Monday and Tuesday 4:30pm - 6:30pm

(Wednesday off, until mid-October, then 4:30 - 6:30pm)

Thursday 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Friday 4:30pm - 7pm (later if we perform at a football game)

Saturday 10am - 5pm

*Color Guard may follow a different schedule

Attendance at after-school rehearsals is mandatory, please schedule appointments around rehearsal when possible.

Thursday nights are “Fan Club Night” and families are encouraged to come to the football stadium for the last hour of practice from 8:30pm-9:30pm.

Check the calendar at www.marchingpride.org for details.



Shuttle Busses to After School Rehearsals

- ▶ Shuttle Busses will transport students from their home school (Lawrence Central or Lawrence North) to the school where practice is held.
- ▶ When practice is held at Lawrence Central, the shuttle will transport Lawrence North students to Lawrence Central. On those days, pick up for all students would be at Lawrence Central.
- ▶ When practice is held at Lawrence North, the shuttle will transport Lawrence Central students to Lawrence North. On those days, pick up for all students would be at Lawrence North.
- ▶ Activity busses may be available to take students home at the end of Tuesday and Wednesday practices.

The Contest Season

- ▶ The contest season begins in September with invitationals at Lawrence Central and other Indianapolis-area schools
- ▶ MPLT members rehearse on contest days before their performance. It's not unusual for call times to be very early in the morning and pick-up times to be very late in the evening. Please make sure that you pick your child up on time
- ▶ The ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) contests are next with regional, semi-state, and state finals competitions
- ▶ The BOA (Bands of America) competitions end the season with the two-day Super Regionals and the BOA Grand Nationals Finals week

Volunteering

Fill out the “Volunteer Opportunity Form” and turn it in tonight!

- ▶ The students of the Marching Pride needs parents to run & staff:
- ▶ Band Camp—preparing, serving, and cleaning up meals, chaperoning, providing medical help
- ▶ Color Guard— “prep”, hair and makeup, cleaning costumes, and more
- ▶ Meal Plan—feed our kids before performances throughout the season
- ▶ Pride Bakers—make desserts for kids
- ▶ Chaperones—for band trips, contests, etc.
- ▶ Crew—loading and moving gear, getting the band on and off the field
- ▶ Uniforms—fittings and alterations, weekly assistance with washing unitards
- ▶ Fan Club—decorations, morale boosters and cheering
- ▶ Props—design and build the show props
- ▶ Fundraising—help to fund the Pride Fan Club activities
- ▶ Medical—nurses, doctors, and EMTs keep the kids safe and healthy

Fee Schedule

Fees for the season are \$700.

- ▶ \$200 May 25, 2017
- ▶ \$100 June 27, 2017
- ▶ \$100 July 23, 2017
- ▶ \$100 August 31, 2017
- ▶ \$100 September 30, 2017
- ▶ \$100 October 31, 2017

Payment plans must be in place prior to check-in at band camp on **July 23, 2017**. Representatives from both schools will be on hand tonight for parents to set up alternate payment plans if needed.

Alison Goller, Performing Arts Secretary (LN/FCV)
Amy Svendsen, LCPAA Treasurer (LC/BMS)



Fees: What's included

What your marching fee covers (in part):

- ▶ **GREAT** technical staff and music instructors
- ▶ Music rights, drill design, music arrangement, choreography
- ▶ Transportation to and from events
- ▶ Entry fees for the band to participate in competitions
- ▶ Props and equipment
- ▶ Uniform maintenance and replacement
- ▶ Guard uniforms and flags
- ▶ Meals and snacks provided during band camp and select performance and contest days
- ▶ Show shirt & first pair of black socks and gloves
- ▶ Student tickets for DCI field trip and BOA field trip

Fees cover most, but not all, of the expenses incurred in running the program.



Fees: What's not included

- ▶ **Marching Shoes** - all new marchers will be assessed a fee for marching shoes. Returning marchers may use shoes from previous year IF they are in good shape and are the new Super Drill Masters ordered last year. Older shoes will have to be replaced. New shoes cost \$40.
- ▶ **Optional Show Apparel** - section shirts, sweatpants, jackets and hats will be available for order online through our vendor. Go to the “Forms & Payments” link MPLT website to shop online.
- ▶ **Additional Gloves and Socks**- if you lose or destroy your gloves, you will need to purchase additional gloves from a director. New gloves cost \$4. Same applies to socks, cost is \$2.
- ▶ **Separate Classroom Fees**- concert band and guard will be charged as determined by home school
- ▶ **Color Run Registration** - \$12 registration fee

Color Run Fundraiser

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township is hosting a My School Color Run on **August 19, 2017** at **Lawrence Park**. For non-performers: go to the Fundraising tab at www.marchingpride.org to register online.



Questions and Corrections

Booster Break-out



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