



Lake Mary High School Band

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To Incoming Lake Mary High School Students and Families,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our band program. The Lake Mary High School Band offers students a place to grow as musicians, performers, and members of a close-knit community. With 45 years of tradition and more than 100 active members, the program has been a cornerstone of Lake Mary High School since its founding.

The information below will walk you through our ensembles, audition requirements, and the key events between now and the start of the school year. Please let me know if you have any questions about any aspect of our program. We look forward to welcoming your student into the Lake Mary Band Family.

Incoming Freshman Info Night, Tuesday, April 14, 7PM, LMHS Band Room

This event offers an opportunity to hear more about Lake Mary's Band from the director and students. It is also an opportunity to ensure that your student's name is registered for summer planning and scheduling.

Marching Percussion Intro, Clinics, and Auditions, LMHS Band Room

Marching percussion is a significant departure from what most students experience in middle school. The following events are designed to introduce students to the expectations, techniques, and culture of the Marching Rams percussion section.

- **Marching Percussion Intro Clinic, Thursday, April 23, 5-7PM**
- **Marching Percussion Clinics, May 4-6, 5-7PM**
- **Marching Percussion Auditions, Thursday, May 7, 6:30-8PM**

Wind Ensemble & Jazz Band Auditions, April 20, 22, 24, 2:30-5:30PM, LMHS Band Room

Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band auditions are open to any student interested in our two advanced performance groups. While these ensembles are predominantly upperclassmen, freshmen who meet the performance criteria are regularly placed. Students who do not audition will be placed in the Symphonic Band or Jazz Combo, both of which are excellent entry points into the program.

To sign up for an audition time, **scan the QR code** and choose your date and time.



Marching Rams Orientation, July 14, 6-8PM, LMHS Auditorium

Marching Rams Orientation is a summer event where families are introduced to the details of program membership, complete required paperwork, and order accessories and uniform elements. Attending this event reserves your student's spot in the marching show. Students who are unable to attend should contact the director directly to make alternate arrangements.

Rookie Camp, July 22-24, 5-8PM, LMHS Band Room

Rookie Band Camp is a three-day experience where new members learn the fundamentals of marching. Attendance is expected of all incoming band students.

Band Camp, July 29-Aug. 2, 9AM-9PM, LMHS Band Room, practice fields, stadium

Band Camp is a required week-long event where all members come together to learn the marching show. It includes instruction in marching fundamentals, sectional coaching by guest clinicians, and a closing performance of the show for families.

Again, if you have any questions about band at Lake Mary, please feel free to contact me. I am best with email, but I have included my office phone, as well at the top of this letter.

We look forward to you joining the Ramily! (You are going to hear that a lot at Lake Mary!)

Josh Langston,

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Common Answers About Band at Lake Mary

- All students enrolled in band participate in the marching band.
- Band is a co-curricular course, meaning after-school rehearsals and performances count toward a student's grade.
- Enrollment in a concert band class is required to participate in Jazz Band, unless the student plays a rhythm section instrument exclusively.
- Auditions are not required for Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, or Jazz Combo.
- Auditions are required for Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. Students auditioning for both ensembles only need to schedule one audition slot.
- Attendance at Band Camp is required to hold a spot in the marching show. Students who miss camp will begin the season as alternates.
- Marching band rehearsals are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with football game commitments on most Fridays.
- Concert bands rehearse once per week following the conclusion of marching season.
- Information about band can be found at *marchingrams.org*