

# LLMS Band Open House Info

## LLMS Band Philosophy

It is our hope to musically educate our students each day with the long term goal of them becoming successful and independent adults. Our program is designed to take students through the first 3 years of a 7 year process that prepares them to graduate from Willis High School as a 7-year Willis Band member. During this time we train our students in the arts of self-motivation, work ethic, patience, self-determination, team work, individual achievement, responsibility, and leadership using the medium of music.

## Classroom Materials

- o Based on Instrument Sheets (preferred instruments, mouthpieces, reeds, sticks, reed cases, mouthpiece caps, accessories)
  - This is the same equipment as in previous years for advanced band kids.
- o *BERP - brass instruments only.*
- o Email a director if you are not sure
- o Korg TM-60 w/ Korg CM-200 Clip-on Microphone
  - Class set of tuners available. We recommend Tonal Energy, insTuner Free – Chromatic tuner, or Smart Metronome & Tuner for at-home practice.

## Communications and Information

- Email
  - o PLEASE check your spam folder to ensure that you're getting the emails. We have sent quite a few emails through gMail already. If you haven't gotten one, please fill out this form to have it fixed in our system.
- Band Website – *lynnlucasband.weebly.com*
- Instagram - lynnucasband
- Remind - separate links are on the newsletter!

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## **Calendar of Events**

- Constantly updated on the LLMS Band Website

## **Uniforms**

- Formal - *Advanced Bands Only!*
  - Black Dress Shirt (must be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeve)
  - Black Dress Pants or Skirt
  - Black Dress Shoes & Tall Black Dress Socks
  - Black Belt
- Informal - *ALL!*
  - Purple Band T-Shirt (uniform shirt)
  - Blue Jeans
  - Close-toed Shoes

## **Private Lessons**

- The BEST way to advance your student's abilities and musicianship
- Sign up for interest online and we will get a teacher to contact you about pricing
  - Undergraduate Student = \$20
  - Degreed professional = \$25
  - Master's degreed professional = \$30

## **Things to ask your student (Advanced Bands)**

- "How are your class rehearsals/sectionals going?"
- "Are you practicing your scales?"
- "When is your next concert?"
- "What is your favorite piece that you are working on right now?"
- "Are you practicing enough for an "A" this week?"

## **Things to ask your student (Beginner Band)**

- How is your band class going?
- What new things have you learned this week?
- Can you play something for me?
- What is your favorite piece of music or line from the book that you are working on?
- Are you practicing enough for an "A" this week?

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## **Charms Office Assistant – REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS**

- Go to **charmsoffice.com**
- Click “Login” and select: Parent/Student/Members
- School Code: “LynnLucasBand”
- The password is the student’s school ID number. If it does not work, try adding a zero “0” to the beginning.
  - Updated requirements: members logging in for the **first time** will be prompted to create a new password with the following criteria:
    - At least 8 characters.
    - A combination of alpha/numeric characters.
    - One capital letter.

## **Sectionals** - *Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band ONLY!*

- Sectionals are counted as a major grade.
- Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band members will be required to attend weekly sectionals on their assigned day.
  - Please communicate in advance if there are any conflicts.
- **Pick-up location is the band hall door in the car-rider line (by flagpole).**

## **Band Handbook**

- Detailed information on classroom procedures, after school rehearsals, grading policy, and uniforms are outlined in our handbook.
- Please read through, then complete the handbook acknowledgement form (should be done already!).

## **After-School Rehearsals**

- On the band calendar.
- Rehearsals release at indicated end time, but students still need time to pack up and walk out...please plan accordingly.
- Scheduled ASR’s are required to attend and are a major grade.

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## Practicing

- Practicing outside of the school day is an expectation and requirement for all LLMS Band Members. Practicing, just like exercising, cannot be pushed off to one day a week and still be effective. 30 minutes/day ensures that good habits are being reinforced, students are keeping up with the workload from block scheduling, and pushing themselves on their sectional work.
- Beginner Band members have yellow practice cards and should be currently filling them out. There is a self reflection aspect of this...the goal is to get students to think critically about how they are playing. Every student should be practicing with a metronome!
- Advanced Band members DO NOT have practice cards, HOWEVER they still have playing assignments for homework. They are assigned materials to practice at the end of every class period and/or sectional. See their band binder for more information :-)

**Financial:****All checks turned in should be made out to Willis Band Boosters**

- Procedures for turning in money are posted in the band hall. NO MONEY IS HANDED TO A BAND DIRECTOR. It always goes directly into the safe in an envelope labeled with the correct information (student first and last name, amount in envelope, change needed?, and what it's for).

**Band Dues – Wind Ensemble \$50: Includes Region Band Fee****Band Dues – Symphonic Band & Concert Band \$40****Band Dues – Beginner Band Students \$30**

- Band Binders – Required for each student
  - 1" Black View Binder
  - Pencil Pouch
  - Page Protectors
  - 2 Mechanical Pencils (one in August and one in January)
  - Card Stock
  - 5-Tab Dividers (Tabs are pre-labeled)
- Clinician/Masterclass Fees – Advanced Bands only
  - Charlotte Royall
    - Retired Band Director (formerly at The Woodlands College Park High School, Knox Junior High School, and Wells Middle School)
  - Susan Scarborough
    - Former Director of Bands at Doerre Intermediate School
    - 2022 Inductee into the Texas Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame
- Band Informal Uniform Shirt (beginner band only)

## **Fundraisers**

- Student fundraising profits and trip account balances are kept in Charms Office Assistant

## **Program Fundraisers**

- Vertical Raise
- Band Lock-In
  - Based on a tier system with multiple levels.
  - Prizes!!!!
  - Kids have a lot of fun AND makes for a great date-night for parents ☺

## **Student Fundraisers – Go towards student Charms Trip Accounts**

- Christmas Concert Silent Auction
  - TBD
  - Managed by Willis Band Boosters (they will set profit margins)
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## **Other Financial Considerations**

- School-Owned Instrument Fee (SOI)
  - For all school-owned equipment
  - \$60 for the year
  - \$50 for percussion
  - Required by Willis ISD in order to use district-owned instruments
- Houston Symphony Orchestra
  - Thursday, November 9 @ 9:40am.
  - The price is \$13 per person.
- Spring Band Trip - Advanced Bands
  - Pleasure Pier – May 3, 2024
  - Advanced Bands only
  - Must clear all school field trip requirements
  - Not Required for Concert Band Members
- Spring Band Trip - Beginner Band

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- o Incredible Pizza
- o Beginner Band Only
- o This will take place after our festival performance in April. Specific date TBD based on festival dates (new festival...waiting on the rest of the details to be ironed out).