



Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting July 18, 2017

I. Welcome from Booster President Robert McGeehan at 6:04 PM.

Mr. McGeehan welcomed all new band parents to this busy meeting.

II. Director's Comments: Jon Bowman

Mr. Bowman shared he wanted to be respectful of time and would start immediately. He also asked parents to contact him during regular work hours. Also, parents should check the website before asking for information. Many introductions were made so parents could meet LHS and middle schools directors Robert Maynard, Dr. Jeff Grant, Phil Mika, Alan Drew, and Jacob Fortner. Also, he introduced and thanked the additional staff and college interns present for giving their time these next two weeks.

- August 12th will be Drive One 4UR School (HUGE EVENT!!!!) Contests this year are set for September 30th in Milledgeville, GA. Oconee Marching Invitational and October 14th (Tampa or Pana Vedra Beach, FL) The second contest will be an overnight contest. These are mandatory events. The Bridgemen will not march in the Honeybee Parade due to Fall Break. Battle on the Border, our annual competition at LHS, is set for October 21st and is also a mandatory event for students.
- Pick-up policy: please pick up your child on time after events. Late pick-ups are worst during home games. No student should be left more than thirty minutes after any event. If it is a reoccurring problem, students will not participate in events the next week. It is not fair to the students or chaperones to be waiting for parents.
- Parents were reminded that band fees are due in full tonight. All treasurers will be available after the band meeting if parents need to make payments. Fees must be paid for students to participate in camp. . Returning band

students fee is \$250/\$200 per additional student. Fees go up to \$275/\$225 after tonight's meeting.

- Uniforms should have been picked up at White Weddings. Please see Tamara Oglesby if you have not been measured. Students will be fitted for jackets on Friday after pictures are taken. Vests and bow-ties should be picked up tonight. If you have quit band DO NOT go to White Weddings and try to get a refund on your tux shirt and pants because there are NO REFUNDS!!!
- Students still need to turn in health forms this year. All students must have a current health form on file to participate.
- Great job this week of students wearing proper clothing and athletic shoes to camp. All horn players also need flip folders and pencils for music. These can be purchased at Toads and Teacups.
- Students have been great at the mall this week. They will continue to eat lunch on their own, but dinner will be provided each night next week of camp.
- Picture day is this Friday, July 21. Students must be dressed and at the stadium with instruments by 7:30 AM. Freshmen should wear black socks and athletic shoes. They can take them off for the picture. Pants should touch the top of shoes when hemmed.
- July 28 is the annual band dance from 7:00-10:00 PM in the LHS cafeteria. It is optional but is a fun night for the kids. The dance has a DJ and plenty of food and drinks. Only current students may attend the dance.

II. President's Comments: Robert McGeehan

- Secretary's Report-approval of last month's meeting minutes – Donnie White and Sara Nipper
- Treasurer's Report:
 - As of July 17, 2017
 - Amount Spent June/July
 - \$42,667.98
 - Balance in Bank: \$42,457.00

- Intro 2017 Band Booster Committee Chairs:
 - Band Store – Sherry Ahner
 - Chaperones – Kellie McGeehan
 - Programs – Amy Creasy
 - Fundraising – Laurie Abney
 - Nurses – Mandy Anderson
 - Bus Drivers – Glenn Burgess
 - Prop & Pit – Donnie White/Robert McGeehan
 - Uniforms – Tamara Oglesby
 - Water – Venita Dittmer/Kellie McGeehans
 - Battle on the Border – Jon Bowman/John Johnson
 - Wild Adventures – Freda Newson
 - Golf Cart Raffle – David Stokes/Robert McGeehan

- A great fundraiser, Drive One for Your School, is August 12 from 9:00-4:00 at Langdale Ford. Almost 600 drivers participate last year. Our thanks go to Langdale Ford for sponsoring this event each year. For each eligible driver your student will earn \$20 in his/her account. One driver (must be 18 or older) per household, and drivers must bring a valid driver's license to participate. Many volunteers are needed to run table and concession stands. Please sign up tonight to help.

- Many important dates are on the Bridgemen calendar. **Please visit the website for updates and events.**
 - July 17-20 Pre-Camp 9:00-5:00/Auxiliary 12:00-8:00
 - July 18 Mandatory Parent Meeting
 - July 21 Band pictures 7:30
 - July 24-28 Band Camp 9:00-9:00
 - July 28 Band Dance 7:00-10:00
 - August 12 Drive One for Your School fundraiser
 - August 18 Lowndes vs. Valdosta @ Lowndes

- Students practice each week until 5:00 PM on Mondays and 6:00 PM on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Practice is M-T on contest weeks. No band practice on the first day of school.

III. Vice-President's Comments: Glenn Burgess

- Discount cards are ready and are a great way to help your student earn \$. Cards are \$10 each, and \$5 of each card is credited to your student's band account. Cards are available tonight or parents can text Laurie Abney.
- Both students and parents are reminded to park in the main parking areas and not at the band barn during camp. This area gets very congested.
- The golf cart raffle is now in full swing, \$5 a ticket and the golf cart is parked at Austin's Steakhouse.
- Parents are asked to send in 2-liter drinks, finger foods, and snacks for the band dance next Friday. Food can be dropped off on Thursday, July 28th @ 5pm and stored in the small dining area in the cafeteria.
- The band store hours during band camp are as follows:
July 20th – 9am to 5pm
July 24th, 25th, & 26th – 6 to 9pm
July 27th – 9am to 9pm
July 28th – 9am until the kids are done

V. Final Comments: President Robert McGeehan

- Note that information is available via Facebook, Remind texts (text to 81010 @FC3A9), email and www.georgiabridgemen.org.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Next band booster meeting: Monday, August 28 @ 6:30 pm