



Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting September 28, 2015

I. **President Matt Hart**

Mr. Hart welcomed parents and students to the September band booster meeting at 6:30 PM. Many items were on the agenda, so he shared he would start right away. Parents were reminded to purchase Southern Open tickets before leaving tonight.

II. **Director's Comments: Jon Bowman**

- We had a tremendous day at Langdale Ford's Drive One for Your School fundraiser, and nearly 600 individuals participated. Thank you to all volunteers who worked at the tables, cooked, or helped serve refreshments. Langdale Ford participates in this national event and receives \$6,000 from Ford. They cover any remaining money raised by the bands, and it is a huge undertaking for them. Please thank Steve Everett, Mark Howell, and the Langdale Ford staff for hosting this event.
- These next two weeks are very busy, and it starts with the Southern Open. It might rain tomorrow night, but we are hoping it will hold off as long as possible. Valdosta will make the call at the last minute if they have to cancel the event. Students will practice until 4:30, eat dinner in the cafeteria, and then will change and load buses for Valdosta High School's stadium. Students need to have every item of their uniforms. The estimated departure time is 6:15, and students will return to LHS at 8:45. As with any Valdosta game or event, there are no check-outs. Please be on time to pick up your student.
- Saturday, October 3 is the Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational in Leesburg, Florida. He wishes we could participate in the Honeybee Parade, but the band is limited in which competitions they can enter without interfering with open football weeks. The buses depart at 9:15 AM, and students will return around 2:30 AM. Students will have a prelim performance at 4:00, and finals will be between 7:30-9:45. Students need \$7 for dinner, and the boosters will provide lunch and a snack between prelims and finals. Admission for parents is \$10; twenty-two bands are in the total competition, and LHS will compete against seven in its class. Please come and support the band. Students received a detailed itinerary last week, and it is also posted on the band website. If students are checking out after the competition, they do not have to bring \$7 for dinner. Please let Mr. Bowman know if your student is checking out so he will not order a meal.
- Our next competition, the Southern Showcase Contest, is October 10 in Dothan, Alabama. More details will come, but prepare for at 1:30 PM departure from LHS. Students will need money for dinner. Performance time will probably be between 8:30-9:30 PM, and buses should return to LHS around 3:00 AM. Please remember that Dothan is on Central Standard Time and adjust accordingly.

V. Final Comments: President Matt Hart/ Jon Bowman

- Next, committee chairs were invited to speak. Karmen Browning reminded parents that pictures from senior night are posted on the website. Parents can download pictures at any time. Karmen has done a wonderful job of posting pictures of all band students throughout the season.
- Mr. Bowman announced the 2016 trip to the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago is planned for Sunday, November 21st to Friday, November 25th. The city is very clean, and students will stay at the Sheraton. They will enjoy a show, dinner cruise, and see some of the sights. The band is still working on the itinerary to make the trip as affordable as possible. More about the trip will be discussed at the October 26 band meeting.
- Mr. Hart ended with a reminder that discount cards, theme shirts, and other Bridgemen items are for sale after the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next band booster meeting: October 26 @ 6:30