

# LOWNDES HIGH GEORGIA BRIDGEMEN

VALDOSTA, GA



**WELCOME!!!!**

**Future Georgia Bridgemen  
Informational Meeting**

- Welcome**
- Did you pick up your packet upon entering?**
  - Information from Mr. Bowman**
- Information from Dr. Grant on Percussion Auditions**
  - Information from on Color Guard Auditions**
    - Information on Booster Club**

# Information Packet

# Why Should I do Band?

- *Be a part of something bigger than yourself*
- *Be a part of history*
- *Be a part of the largest student organization at Lowndes High School*
- *Experiences*
- *Let's look at some facts*

- **From the Dana Consortium Report on Arts and Cognition**
  - **Musicians scored better compared to non-musicians on a test of long-term verbal memory, but this advantage disappeared when the students were prevented from going through the activity of rehearsal.**
  - **Children with early training in music had a higher degree of phonological awareness (auditory skill correlated with reading ability) than children with no musical training.**
  - **Intensive music training is associated with improved performance in the core mathematical system for representing abstract geometry.**

# SIX-YEAR SAT SCORE COMPARISON

- From Texas All-State Musicians Compared to National Average
- 2008 – All-State Student = 1819, National Avg. = 1511
- 2009 – All-State Student = 1835, National Avg. = 1511
- 2010 – All-State Student = 1857, National Avg. = 1509
- 2011 – All-State Student = 1852, National Avg. = 1509
- 2012 – All-State Student = 1825, National Avg. = 1500
- 2013 – All-State Student = 1847, National Avg. = 1498
- Texas All-State Musicians scored on average 22% higher than the National Average

**OF THE 79 SENIORS IN MARCHING BAND  
LAST YEAR.....**

**61 ARE ON TRACK TO BE HONOR  
GRADUATES!!!!!!**

**Teenage America is often misrepresented – coined lazy or clueless. But that is not so on the marching band field. Standing in uniform, our kids are focused, driven and continually learning essential life lessons that will go on to assist them in every walk of life.**



# What You Will Learn in Marching Band



**EARLY IS ON TIME; ON TIME IS LATE.**

**TIME MANAGEMENT IS EVERYTHING.**

**KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY GO FAR.**

**TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM TEAM.**

**CRITICISM IS A NATURAL PART OF LIFE.**

**SHORTCUTS GET YOU NOWHERE.**

# ACADEMICS vs. ELECTIVES

- **New HOPE Scholarship Requirements (Four “Rigorous” Classes)**
- **What qualifies as a “Rigorous” Class?**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> year Foreign Language**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Advanced Algebra)**
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Science (Chemistry)**
  - **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Economics (AP)**
  - **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Science (Anything AP, Physics and Human Anatomy)**
  - **12<sup>th</sup> Grade Math (Anything AP, Pre-Calculus, Statistics)**
- **Every students must also complete a pathway. 3 years of band can be your pathway in Fine Arts.**
- **Driver’s Education offered in the Summer and he works very closely with us not to interfere with band.**

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT????

- **We have to discuss the financial commitment**
  - **We have to discuss the time commitment**
  - **We have to discuss the student/parental commitment**

# Band Signing Day - March 11th - 6:00pm



- We make this a big deal for the students
- You will be fitted for your uniform
- \$75.00 payable to White Weddings for your tux shirt and tux pants
- \$100.00 payable to the LHS Band Boosters for your vest, bow tie, shoes and spirit apparel

**IF YOU ARE AUDITIONING FOR FALL AUXILIARY PLEASE STILL COME TO THIS EVENT AND WE WILL MEASURE YOU. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY THESE FEES THAT DAY.**

# Band Fees



**Band Fee:\$350**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Band Fee Payment - \$100.00 payable to LHS Band Boosters**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Band Fee Payment - \$125.00 payable to LHS Band Boosters**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Band Fee Payment - \$125.00 payable to LHS Band Boosters**

**If we have not received \$350 by July 20<sup>th</sup> a 4<sup>th</sup> Band Fee Payment will be added of \$25.00**

**These payments need to be mailed to the following address:**

**LHS Band Boosters**

**PO Box 2712**

**Valdosta, GA 31604**

**Rental Fee of \$20 payable to Lowndes High School will be due at instrument check out on July 11<sup>th</sup>. This is for anyone playing a school owned instrument.**

**PLEASE.....ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR  
STUDENT'S NAME ON THE  
MEMO LINE OF THE CHECK!!!!**

# Commitment of Your Time

# Please Think Through What This Means



- **Can I attend all rehearsals, games and competitions?**
- **Can I push through a long fall with a great attitude, great work ethic and making the band the best it can be?**
- **It takes every single one of us being on the same page to make this work.**
- **Please do not turn in commitment form if you think there is a chance you will not do band. We base our drill numbers off of these forms.**



# Summer and Fall Calendar



- **July 15 – (9:00-5:00) – Rookie Camp – Lunch Provided**
- **July 19 – 22 – (9:00-5:00) – Pre Band Camp  
(9:00 – 8:00) – Color Guard**
- **July 23 – (7:30am) – Picture Day in Big Gym**
- **July 26 – 29 – (8:00-8:30) - Band Camp**

Meals will be onsite....more info to come.

- **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FALL CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**STAY INFORMED!!!!!!**

## **WEBSITE:**

[www.georgiabridgemen.org](http://www.georgiabridgemen.org)

## **FACEBOOK:**

Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen

## **BAND APP:**

Download the Band App from the Apple Store or Google Play and join the Lowndes High Georgia Bridgemen group

## **WEBSITE FOR LOWNDES PERCUSSION**

[www.lowndespercussion.com](http://www.lowndespercussion.com)

# Percussion Placement Auditions



**Percussion Placement Auditions will be held:**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:00 – LHS Band Room**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:00 – LHS Band Room**

**May 1st – 9:00-Noon – LHS Band Room**

**Everyone will be on an instrument. This is simply a process to place everyone on the instrument where they will be the most successful.**

# Color Guard Auditions

- **8<sup>th</sup> Graders who are currently in band or chorus. If you quit band to be in chorus just to try out for Color Guard, no need to show up to the audition.**
- **We will be getting a past performance score from your middle school directors**
- **April 29th – Interest Meeting 6:00pm LHS Cafeteria**
- **May 3-5 – (4:00-7:00) – Clinic (Must have \$20 Audition Fee the first day of clinic)**
- **May 6th – (4:00) - Tryouts**

# LHS Band Boosters

## Mission of the LHS Band Boosters:

To provide inspiration, guidance, and assistance to all band students and staff in order to develop and sustain top performing instrumental music programs at all levels. To secure closer contact between interested parents, students, teachers, directors, and staff, thereby assuring clear communication and cooperation among all those involved in the band program. To foster closer ties between the parents of younger music students and the parents of high school students, thereby strengthening the entire band program. To promote music culture throughout the community by fostering greater concert attendance and other public support of all band activities, thereby rendering moral support to the students. To assist with the purchase of equipment and supplies which would not be available through the school budget, facilitated by fundraisers or donations.

# Get Involved!

## Band Booster Officers-2021

<b>President:</b>	<b>Chris Buescher</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Michael Spence</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Suzanne Tanner</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Kevin Hiers</b>
<b>Member at Large:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Norman</b>

# Get Involved!



**Numerous Ways to Get Involved:**

**Chaperones, Nurses, Bus Drivers, Prop & Pit Crew,  
Football Program Sales, Cooks, and many other ways.**

**Let us know!**

**Sign up sheets here tonight!**



# Fundraising for Your Student

Each Student has a personal account, statements emailed monthly:

Numerous ways to put money in your Student Account:

## **BIRDIES FOR THE BRIDGEMEN**

**DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ASAP**

### **Ways to Participate**

**HOLE SPONSOR \$100 (\$20 to student)**

**EXCLUSIVE HOLE SPONSOR \$200 (\$40 to student)**

**FIELD A TEAM \$200**

# Football Program Ad Sales



Football Program Ad Sales Have Begun:

All of the information and packet to sell ads are posted to the website, [www.georgiabridgemen.org](http://www.georgiabridgemen.org)

We also have some hard copies available tonight.

For every ad sold, 20% will go into student's account

# DISCOUNT CARDS



We will be selling our annual Discount Cards beginning in the summer. Discount Cards are \$10 and for everyone you sell, \$5 goes into the student's account.

# Band Boosters-General Comments

**Most everything associated with the Band Program you can learn about or have your question answered via the correct Booster members.**

**All items of student grades, discipline, and school related matters are to be answered by the Directors.**

**See the website for a listing of all Booster Officers, and Committee Chairs.**

**Get involved, you will be glad that you did. So will your student!**

# Lowndes High GA Bridgemen-Total Team Effort!



The success of this great program only happens when:

- We have the best directors and staff available**
- We have committed and dedicated students**
- We have active and engaged parents**
- We have the support of the School System**

