

LWMB Fall Parent Meeting Handout
Friday, August 6, 2021 @ 5:00PM

1. Band Camp Summary & Calendar Updates

- Everything is going to be fine!
- Going forward any adult volunteer for the LWMB, outside or inside, will be asked to use a mask.
- We will use the already scheduled rehearsal days to work through “catching up” on the lost time.

2. 10-Week Season Experience

- Weekly Competitive Practices
 - View the season calendar here: www.lincolnwaymusic.org/lwmb.html
 - Rehearsals during the school week begin at 4:30PM, and end at 8:30PM
 - Students may have additional responsibilities after dismissal, and can leave when those tasks are complete (students are in control of their time).
- Competitive Shuttle Bus Schedules (Weekday Rehearsals ONLY)
 - A shuttle bus will be available to transport applicable students to the scheduled campus during the school week. At the conclusion of school, students should go to the school bus pickup/drop-off location and board the bus intended for marching band students. Please be aware - shuttle busses are NOT available at the conclusion of the marching band rehearsal. Students will need to be picked up at the scheduled campus at the conclusion of the rehearsal. **Students will be required to wear face coverings/masks when on a L-W school bus (per the State of Illinois mandate).**
- How do I know where rehearsal is?
 - If you “click” on the event in the calendar, it will display the rehearsal location.
 - LWMB Season Calendar: <https://www.lincolnwaymusic.org/lwmb-season-calendar.html>
- Uniform Fittings:
 - Fitting for uniforms is a continual process. Several measuring times may be necessary.
 - If we ask a student to be fitted, consider it urgent, and not optional.
 - If you have an issue with your marching band uniform, please contact:
 - Montse Nieto (WW/Brass/Percussion) & Laura Hubatch (Guard)
 - Students do not take uniforms home, and they are responsible for the undergarments.
- Parades
 - Upcoming Parades: Momence Gladiolus Festival (2), Frankfort Fall Festival Parade, Manhattan Labor Day Parade
 - There are updated Momence Gladiolus Festival Parade(s) itineraries on the website.
 - Itineraries website: www.lincolnwaymusic.org/itineraries.html
- Football Games
 - LWMB members are required to perform at your school’s football games, but when available, can choose to attend games at other campuses.
 - Dates are listed on the LWMB Season Calendar.
 - A specific email message will be sent with detailed information about football games.
- Closed Rehearsals
 - From time to time there are rehearsals where parents and visitors are not allowed to watch, for the purposes of working through produced moments in the production with no distractions to the students. Thank you for your support!

3. What Else is Going On

- Standardized Testing Reminder (Competitive Students Only)
 - ACT (<https://www.act.org/content/act/en.html>)
 - Please register for the exam on December 11.
 - SAT (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>)
 - Please register for the exam on November 6.
- Local Practice Standardized Exams
 - Each campus schedules practice exams. Please try to register for a practice exam that does not conflict with this activity.
- Homecoming Weeks
 - LWC/LWE – Week of September 27; Football Game October 1; Dance on October 2
 - LWW – Week of October 4; Football Game October 8; Dance on October 9
- NHS Induction Ceremonies
 - LWC – Wednesday, October 27
 - LWE – Wednesday, October 6
 - LWW – Monday, November 1
 - **If you plan to attend the ceremony, you need to return to rehearsal afterwards.**

4. Managing the Two Worlds

- Topics Discussed:
 - How do I manage homework and practice?
 - Time management is essential. Use veteran students as a resource!
 - Performance eligibility is contingent on your academic standing.
 - Managing Conflicts & Attendance
 - Talk to a Band Director first. Follow Attendance Protocol in LWMB Handbook.
 - Absences are cumulative.
 - Reminder: Absences from rehearsal affect your eligibility to perform.
 - P.E. Waiver
 - Only available for Juniors & Seniors.
 - Document not available until the first day of school.
 - Waiver excuses marching band upperclassmen from P.E. class during the marching band season. Students return to class after the season is over.

5. Scheduled Performances

- **Teacher Institute Performance** - Monday, August 16 (Morning) - Brief performance at the opening day Teacher Institute held at Lincoln-Way East. See itinerary on website.
- **LWMB Community Night** – Saturday, August 28 @ Lincoln-Way East
 - Day for students begins mid-day and concludes in the evening. Stay tuned for details.
 - Evening performance - all parents, family, friends, and community members invited!
 - Performance includes traditional music and competitive production.
 - There will be a Savers Drop-Off during the event.
- **Halftime Performances** – The LWMB will perform the competitive production once during halftime of a football game at each campus. Stay tuned to the LWMB calendar for details.
- **Competitions** - What does a typical competition day look like?
 - Additional reading about competitive performances:
 - LWMB Parent Resources: www.lincolnwaymusic.org/parents
 - LWMB Performance Walkthrough: www.lincolnwaymusic.org/performances
 - **Competitive Fees Due by ISU - Students not allowed to perform with unpaid fees.**
 - Travel to A.A. Stagg - Saturday, September 11
 - We will rehearse before we depart. Itinerary depends on our performance time.
 - No travel release allowed (since it is local).
 - Traveling to VJA - Saturday, September 18
 - We will rehearse before we depart. Itinerary depends on our performance time.
 - No travel release allowed (since it is local).
 - Traveling to BOA: Clarksville, Tennessee (3 overnights) - September 23-26
 - Charter Busses. Depart Thursday, September 23 after school. Meal details TBA.
 - Rehearse Friday and Saturday, perform Saturday.
 - Potential of two performances: Preliminary round and Finals
 - Depart after Finals, arrive home Sunday morning.
 - Students will need to plan ahead to get their homework done.
 - Home Show/Exhibition - Saturday, October 16
 - All day event for students @ LWW. Students stay all day at school.
 - Morning rehearsal; professional photographs and watch other bands in the afternoon, evening performance in “Exhibition” to a big crowd!
 - Traveling to ISU - Saturday, October 23
 - Rehearsal Saturday morning, depart mid-day (depends on performance time).
 - Potential of two performances: Preliminary round and Finals
 - Event ends late; we will return to L-W after midnight.

6. Fundraisers

- SIAM – SIAM Website: <https://www.lincolnwaymusic.org/siam.html>
 - LWMB students are required to participate on both Sundays:
 - **Sunday, September 12 & Sunday, September 19**

7. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip

- ***A partial registration, or a registration without saving a form of payment, does not reserve your spot.***
- **New BRT Payment System & Trip Insurance Updates**
 - **Switch from IPS to BRT Payments**
 - IPS is no longer functioning. All payments are going through BRT Payments. You should have received an email from travelersupport@bobrogerstravel.com.
 - Everyone will need to verify their accounts and add new payment information. IPS accounts have been archived and are not transferable to BRT Payments.
 - ANY Questions you have, please reach out to travelersupport@bobrogerstravel.com, or use the Chat with an Expert at the bottom of the BRT website bobrogerstravel.com
 - **TripMate Insurance**
 - If you want to purchase trip insurance but didn't purchase at the original time of deposit, you can purchase it through BRT Payments until Wednesday, August 11.
 - After that deadline, that function/option will not be offered.
 - It is suggested by BRT that you purchase the enhanced plan that contains the "Cancel for Any Reason" portion of insurance.
 - If someone has already purchased insurance from Travel Insured International, you are to decline TripMate. No reason to purchase Tripmate if you already have CFAR with Travel Insured.
 - **Fan Package**
 - If you are interested in adding on the BRT Airfare option to your Fan Package, the deadline has been extended to August 12. The add on can be completed through the BRT Payments system.
- **Trip Status & New York City/Macy's Regulations**
 - **NYC Vaccination Requirement**
 - NYC is currently instituting a vaccine requirement for indoor dining and entertainment (including Broadway and Radio City Music Hall). We met with representatives from BRT and Macy's this week regarding this requirement. NYC's policy will hinder an unvaccinated student's ability to participate in the trip itinerary. We are currently looking into an option for non-vaccinated students to be able to travel, however, this option likely will not include any indoor activities and would not follow the same itinerary. Given this information, in order to have the most enjoyable Macy's and NYC experience, we are encouraging all LWMB students to get vaccinated. If this is an issue for your family, please contact an LWMB director privately so we can work with you on the options available.