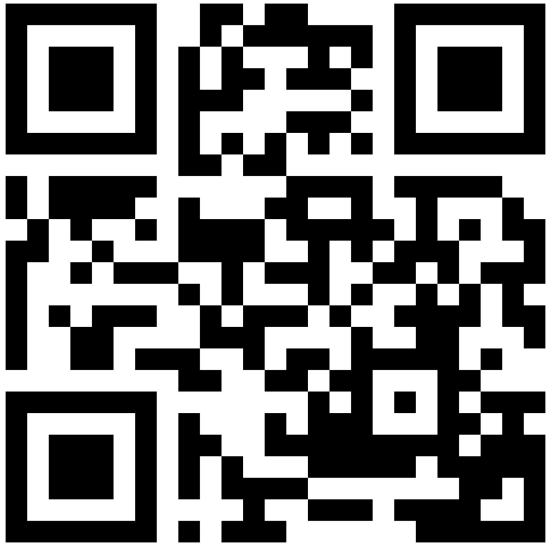


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Welcome and Introductions



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Luc Ashurst
Head Drum Major



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Emily Stutes
Asst. Drum Major



honor photo

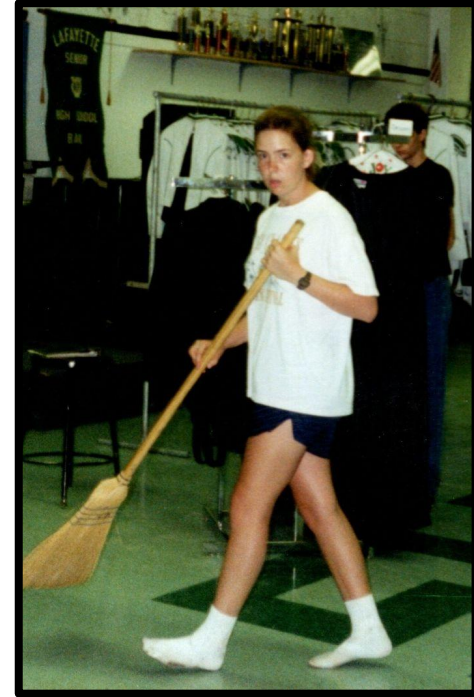
Will Swann
Asst. Drum Major

Meet The Principal



Julia Hiatt Williams

LHS Class of '98, Four Year Band Member
Head Drum Major '97-'98
Assistant Drum Major '96-'97



Why stick with band?

- What do you get out of band?
- Why would you encourage your 8th grade self to stick with it?

What the Summer Looks Like

- May Camp **May 28-30** (mornings)
- Sectionals **Dates vary by section.**
- Uniform Fitting (and Individual Picture Day) **Dates vary by section.**
- PreCamp **July 15-19** (all day)
- Group Picture Day **July 20** (morning)
- Band Camp **July 22-26** (all day)
 - Parent Performance **July 26, 5pm @ Clark**
 - Pool Party

What the Year Looks Like

Marching Season (Fall)

- Football Games
- Competitions
 - Local Festivals
 - US Bands
 - BOA St Louis
 - Showcase?
- Christmas Parade

Concert Season (Spring)

- Ye Olde Christmas
- LCBI
- District Assessment
- Jazz Bands
- Orlando
- Spring Concert

Mission Statement

The LHS Band Program creates a positive environment, which accepts each individual member. The members are encouraged to make valued musical judgments, to function logically as well as inquisitively, and to utilize innate creativity. Students are provided the opportunity to develop musical, artistic, and interpersonal relationship skills.

We will:

- Serve our members, our school, and our community by conveying powerful ideas and emotions through performances.
- Provide members with life-changing experiences to help gain real world life skills.
- Maintain personal and interpersonal pride through existing traditions while creating new ones.
- Provide learning experiences of different cultures through music and performance.
- Strive to complete all tasks in an efficient, professional, collaborative, and pleasant manner.
- Maintain unity and progress through the belief that our success is measured by individual and ensemble growth.
- Strive for excellence.

Code of Ethics

Hereby established to assist in moving the band in a single and collective direction to focus their potential, to prevent conflict, and to promote forward motion and progress.

Required of Every Band Student:

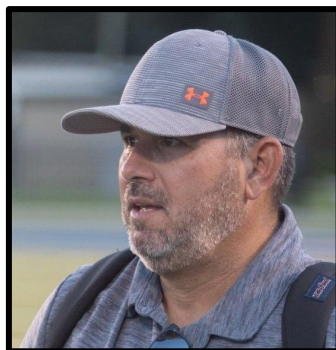
- ✓ Complete designated tasks
- ✓ Be tolerant
- ✓ Be respectful
- ✓ Be punctual
- ✓ Be loyal
- ✓ Be cooperative
- ✓ Be disciplined
- ✓ Be mature
- ✓ Be honest
- ✓ Be hygienic
- ✓ Be responsible
- ✓ Be in control
- ✓ Be inviting
- ✓ No gossiping

Meet The Directors

Ronnie Gleason

Director of Bands

wrgleason@lpssonline.com



Ronnie Gleason is in his 28th year of teaching instrumental music. Mr. Gleason was the Associate Director of Bands at Lafayette High from '06-'15 then the Director of Bands at Kaplan High. He returned to LHS as Assistant Director in '21 and became Director of Bands in '23. Mr. Gleason received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from USL in 1993.

Avery Guidry

Assistant Director of Bands

ajguidry@lpssonline.com



Avery Guidry is entering his 4th year in music education. He graduated from Lafayette High in 2016 and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from UL in 2021. He was the Director of Bands at Kaplan High for two years before becoming Assistant Director at LHS in 2023. As an alumnus of the LHS band, Mr. Guidry is excited to continue the excellence and tradition embedded within the program.

Important Practice Dates



Spring Prep Camp

May 28-30 @ LHS, 8-noon

June Percussion Sectionals

June 12 & 26 @ LHS, 8-noon

July Sectionals

Different Sections on Different days. See Handout.

Marching Band PreCamp

July 15-19, Mornings at @ Clark Field,
Afternoons @ LHS

(Pit will be at LHS for mornings except Friday)

Picture Day

July 20 (Sat.) 8-11 @ LHS

Marching Band Camp

July 22- 25- Mornings @ Clark, Afternoons @ LHS

July 26- Morning @ Clark, Evening performance @ Clark

(Pit will be at LHS for mornings except Friday)

After School Rehearsals

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:30-8:30 @ Clark Field

(Subject to change if LHS becomes available. Not expected though.)

Fall Saturday Rehearsals

August 17

September 14

October 12

(Subject to change.)

Important Performance Dates



Football Schedule (subject to change)

Home games at either LCA or Acadiana High

9/6 vs Franklin

9/13 @ St. Martinville

9/20 vs Mamou (Homecoming)

9/27 @ Southside

10/4 vs Sam Houston

10/11 @Carencro

10/18 vs Acadiana

10/25 @ Barbe (Band will be at BOA in St. Louis)

11/1 vs NISH

11/8 vs Sulphur

Bandboree

September 28 @ TBD

District Marching Festival

October 22 (Tues) @ Acadiana High

Possible US Bands Competition

October 5 or 19 in TBD Louisiana

Bands of America Competition

October 25 or 26 @ St. Louis, Mo.

State Marching Championship

TBD- Mid November

Louisiana Concert Band Invitational

March 15

All marching events need a team of 15-20 chaperones and 3-4 drivers to pull trailers.

Fall Trip- Marching Band



When- October 24-27 (subject to possible 23rd departure)

What- Bands Of America Super Regional

Where- St. Louis, Mo. by bus

How Much- TBD but less than \$1k
(everything included)



Spring Trip- All Are Welcome



When- April 18- 25

Where- Orlando- 4 Days at Disney, 2 days at Universal Studios. Travel by bus.

What- Band & Guard will march in a parade. Jazz Band & a concert band will perform at Epcot.

How Much- Appx. \$2,300

(everything included. Price varies with number of attendees)



Band Bookkeeping (Irene)



- Irene Bauer is a former band mom and current band bookkeeper.
- All financial transactions related to your child's band account with the school go through Irene.
- Later in the summer, she'll facilitate creating your student's official band account. (New system – CutTime)



Mighty Lion Band Boosters Foundation

- We are a **501(c)(3) non-profit foundation**.
- We are **independent** of LPSS and Lafayette High School.
- We are **independent* from the LHS Band**.
- We have **members** – any band parent or alumni can pay dues and join.
- From within our membership, we elect a **board of directors**, which elects its own **officers**.
- We are **financially independent** – separate bank account, raise our own funds.
- We are **governed** by our own **bylaws** (see mlbbf.org).

*The Band Director has one voting seat on our Board of Directors.

About the MLBBF What We Do

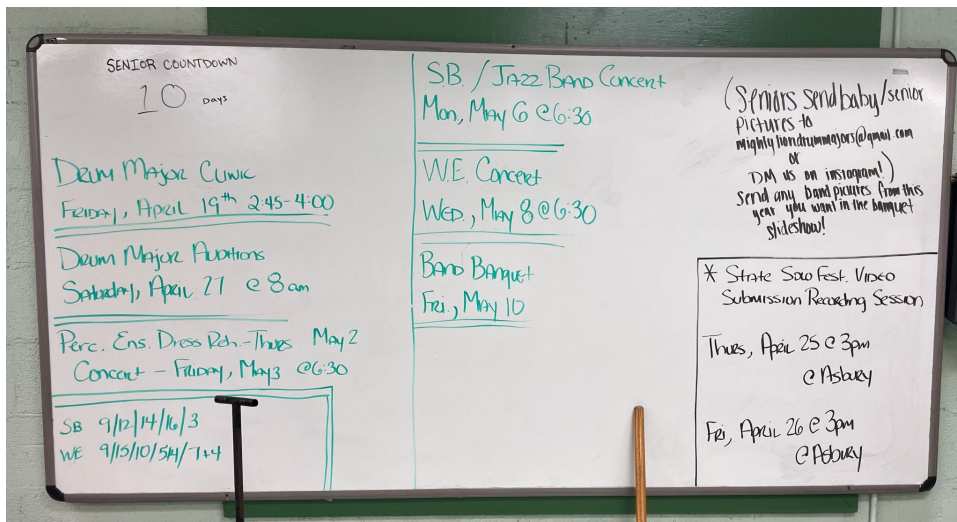
- **General Fundraising** (for MLBBF account).
- Provides **funding** for instructors, meals, equipment, etc.
- **Organize volunteers** for band events and MLBBF events.
- **Plan and execute** special **events** for the band.
- Facilitate **Student Fundraising** (for your student's account) opportunities.
- **Communicate** with parents about all of the above.

About the MLBBF What We Don't

- We're **not part of the band** – different leadership, different budget, different function.
- We **don't schedule** rehearsals and performances (the directors do that).
- We **don't choose or plan trips**.
- We **don't communicate** important information directly **with students** (section leaders, drum majors, and directors do that).
- We **don't communicate report times, rehearsal times, etc.**, unless requested by the director (the director and student leadership are closer to the students and more timely accurate).
- We **don't receive funding** from the band or LPSS or your band fees.

Student Leadership & Communication

Director → Drum Majors → Section Leaders → Your Student → **You**



- Information flows through student leadership.
 - Section GroupMes
 - White Board
- Early in the year, MLBBF will help communicate “band stuff” to incoming parents.
- Late breaking changes through Charms text alerts (note summer heat).

About the MLBBF Typical Year

Events

- ~~June~~ May Camp
- Band Camp
- Pool Party
- Bandboree 💰
- Football Games
 - Senior Night
 - Alumni Night
 - 8th Grade Nights
- Marching Rehearsals
- Marching Competitions
- Ye Olde Christmas
- Winter Camp
- LCBI 💰
- Travel
- End of Year Banquet
- Student Fundraisers

Things We Fund

- Instructors and Clinicians 🏠
 - Marching staff
 - Winter Camp Clinician
 - Guard instructors
- Feeding the Band 🏠
 - 200+ burgers
 - 50+ pizzas
 - 20+ trays of noodles & rice, and ~200 egg rolls
- Props
- Sound Equipment / Instruments
- Trailers (including maintenance)
- Hydration Supplies and Equipment
- Other things as needed

About the MLBBF General Funding Sources

- Fundraising Events
 - Bandboree (September)
 - LCBI (Spring)
- Dues
- Donations
- Sponsorships *New for 24-25*

All other events – including ticketed events like Ye Olde Christmas and Band Banquet – aim to be break-even or close to it.

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- Early Bird Access
 - Early-bird access to purchase tickets (Ye Olde Christmas, Banquet).
 - Early-bird entry to the event.
 - Early-bird access to limited-run merch.
- Socials *Bringing back this year*
- Vehicle Decal
- Prerequisite to serving on the MLBBF board next year
- Supports a great cause.

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Individual Fundraising

- Longstanding partnerships with local organizations to provide event concession staffing.
- Earn funds towards your student's band account.
- Funds can pay band fees and student trips.
- Great way to meet other parents.

UL Games	Cajundome	Festival International
<p><u>Jeremy Boyette & Joey Lafleur</u></p> <p>boyettejeremy2@gmail.com</p> <p>horacelafleur@lusfiber.net</p>	<p><u>Lauren Ashurst</u></p> <p>Remind: @lhsbandfu</p>	<p><u>Lisa Valentin</u></p> <p>lisabval@gmail.com</p>
<p>14+</p> <p>(Bar Card Encouraged if 18+)</p>	<p>18+</p> <p>Bar Card Required</p>	<p>21+</p> <p>No Bar Card Required</p>

Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities



Cajundome

Lauren Daigle- 6/12

Dierks Bentley- 6/27

Jelly Roll- 9/13



Cajuns Football

Grambling- 8/31

Tulane- 9/21

App. State- 10/12

Arkansas State- 11/9

South Al.- 11/16

Troy- 11/23



Costs of Band Participation

Required

Family fee– \$450 (only 1 per family, can be paid in installments)

Band Camp Fee– \$200 (per student)

Competition Top Fee- \$75-100 (est.)

BOA trip costs– TBD (expected to be well under \$1k)

Group Supply Donation-Varies by section, from list to be provided. Optional monetary donation in lieu of supply purchase to save you the shopping time.

Optional

MLBBF Membership Dues- \$30/ person

Spring trip costs– \$2,300 (appx.)

Band Fees and trip expenses can be offset by participation in Individual Fundraising opportunities.

What You Need ?- Band Camp



Large, insulated water jug (required)

Dot Book (required)- A small notebook students use to record their marching coordinates.
Good size is ~5.5 x 3.5.

Sunscreen

Sunglasses/hats

Parent Performance Uniform-L Shirt (will be provided), All black shorts (small logo acceptable), Socks,
Athletic Shoes

What You Need ?- Other Supplies & Gear



For Students

Dinkles (required)

Under Marching Uniform (required)-
Comfortable plain black shorts, long black socks, L
Shirt, Dinkles



**Black tux w/ bow tie & cummerbund or
Black Corelli Flutter Sleeve dress**
(required by 2nd Semester)



What You Need ?- Other Supplies & Gear



For Parents

Green Mighty Lion Band polo- required for chaperoning or helping on field. Available at Absolutely.

Black jeans/pants-required for helping on field or working Cajundome.

Black polo - required for working Cajundome events.

Red Cajuns shirt- required for working Cajuns' athletics events.

Bar Card-Required for working Cajundome.

Show Shirt- Optional way to show your spirit. Sold starting at Band Camp.

What MLBBF Needs



- Volunteers at Band Camp (hydration, medical, supply intake, etc.)
- Drivers to pull trailers (games, rehearsals, festivals)
- Volunteers to chaperone events and move equipment
- Large tents for Band Camp
- Large fans for Band Camp
- Golf Carts for Bandboree
- Anyone with access to restaurant and food discounts and donations
- Anyone with access to water or canned drink discounts or donations
- Healthcare provider volunteers at summer rehearsals and on trips
- Corporate sponsors for new sponsorship program rolling out this summer
- Volunteers , volunteers, volunteers

Terms To Know- Marching Band



Marching Season- Late May through November when the band's focus is their on-field, competition marching show which is performed at football games, festivals and competitions.

Spring Prep Camp- Three days, usually Memorial Day week, for the band (including new freshmen) to start working on music and marching for the show.

Sectionals- Late-June and early-July rehearsals in smaller groups to work on marching show music.

Pass-offs- Students demonstrating to section leaders that they can play the marching show from memory. Mandatory.

Band Camp- Two weeks each summer where freshmen learn to March and the whole group works to start learning the year's show.

Parent Performance- Last evening of Band Camp. Students perform what they've learned for the public.

Drum Majors- Three students selected by the directors via audition to conduct the marching band and hold the highest leadership position among students.

Captains- Two student leaders who oversee all of the sections within either the Brass or Woodwind portions of the band.

Field Staff- Student leaders within each section, plus work crew, library crew and uniform crew. Chosen by the directors by application each May.

Battery aka Drumline-- Percussionists who carry drums around the field.

Front Ensemble aka Pit- Percussionists who play melodic instruments and accessory percussion items. Stationary at the front of the field.

Formal Uniform- Traditional Marching Band uniform worn to parades and some football games.

Competition Uniform- Black uniform pants, but with a different top themed to each year's show. Worn to all festivals/competitions and some football games

Dinkles- The official shoes of marching band. Must be worn with every uniform configuration except for Band Camp performance..

Terms To Know- Marching Band



Band Belt- A tool belt or fanny pack that students must wear at every marching rehearsal to keep their supplies (dot book, pencil, poker chips). A simple tool belt will be provided but students can use their own.

Dot Book- A small notebook students use to record their marching coordinates. Good size is ~5.5 x 3.5. Must be on student at every rehearsal.

L Shirt- T Shirt provided to each student to be worn as a top at warm weather events and always worn as a uniform undershirt along with black shorts. After marching season, L shirts can be worn to school on Fridays as Spirit Shirts.

Show Shirt- T shirt themed to marching show available for optional purchase by students, families, and fans starting at Band Camp.

Props- Large set pieces used to enhance the marching show. Built and transported by parent volunteers.

Festivals & Competitions- Gatherings of bands to perform for judges and large audiences. At festivals, each band is given ratings of 1-4. At competitions, the schools are given ratings of 1-4 and also given a numerical score. Schools are then ranked according to their numerical score.

Bandboree- An early season marching festival hosted by MLBBF. Last Saturday of September. This event is MLBBF's main fundraiser for the year and requires an army of volunteers to be successful.

Bands of America (aka BOA) and US Bands- National Competition Circuits for high school marching band.

District Marching Festival- Late October marching festival featuring bands from our 7 parish district. Always on a Tuesday.

Showcase of Marching Bands- Marching competition for Louisiana bands in November. Held at Cajun Field in the past.

Sonic Christmas Parade-- Traditionally the only parade LHS marches. Held on a Sunday in early December.

Terms To Know– Concert Band



Concert Season- December through May, when the band’s focus is their on stage program.

Sunday Best- Nice clothing (no jeans or sneakers) used for less formal concert events.

Concert Black- Tuxes and black “Corelli dresses” for most concert season events.

All State & District Honor Bands- Audition based concert band ensembles with tryouts in September/October and December (respectively).

Ye Olde Christmas- Lafayette High’s Christmas Concert and gumbo feast. Paid ticketed event.

Winter Camp- Two days of rehearsals with a guest clinician to really kick off Concert season. Usually the Friday and Saturday before MLK Jr. day. Ends with a parent performance.

Louisiana Concert Band Invitational (LCBI)- A concert band festival hosted by MLBBF each March featuring bands from around the state and prominent judges/clinicians who work with each group. Paid ticketed event.

District Concert Assessment- Concert band festival in March involving middle and high school bands from our 7 parish district. Multi day event at Angelle Hall.

Solo Festival- Saturday event at LHS in the Spring. Students prepare solos which are performed for judges. Top 10 performers then play a recital open to the public.

Terms To Know– Misc.



Band Banquet- End of year gathering where we share a meal, look at Seniors’ baby pictures and reminisce on the year. Family invited. Paid ticketed event.

Graduation- LHS commencement ceremonies at the Cajundome in mid to late May. All instrumental students required to attend and perform Pomp & Circumstances over and over and over and over.

General Fundraising- Money generating activities to support the MLBBF budget, not individual student accounts.

Student Fundraising- Money generating activities where revenue is credited to specific student accounts to pay for band fees, trips, etc. Includes concession stands at Cajundome, Cajuns’ baseball & football, and Festival International.

Band Camp Fee- Mandatory fee of \$200 per person that goes to the band's budget (not MLBBF). Must be paid by start of Band Camp.

Family Fee- Mandatory fee of \$450 per family that goes to the band's budget (not MLBBF). Installment payment available.

Bar Card- State & Parish permit to serve alcohol. Must be 18+. Required to work Cajundome. Helpful at Cajuns’ sports events.

Volunteering- The most important thing you can do as a band parent.

Many Hands.....- “Many hands make the work load light.” A guiding principle of the LHS Band and MLBBF volunteers.

Administrative Next Meeting

Next Meeting

TBD

See you at Donuts and OJ on July 20th (Saturday picture day)

We Aim For 4+ Meetings Next Year

- **May/June**
Incoming Students
- **July/August**
Marching Season
- **November/December**
Marching Wrap Up / Concert Launch
- **End of Year**
Year in Review, Election of New Board

Possibly more as travel plans unfold.

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