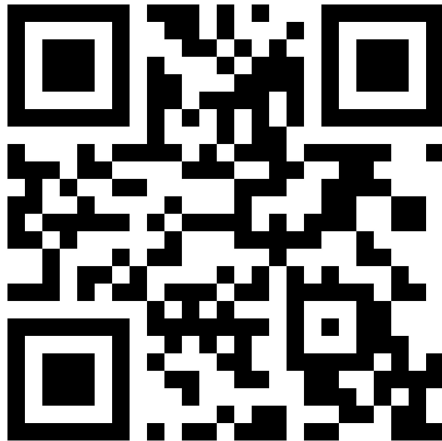


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BAND BOOSTERS FOUNDATION

**Summer Family
Meeting
July 15, 2025**

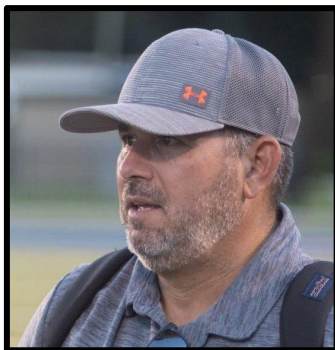
Meet The Directors



Ronnie Gleason

Director of Bands

wrgleason@lpssonline.com



Ronnie Gleason is in his 30th 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 6th 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.

Welcome and Introductions



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Avery Kennedy
Head Drum Major



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Molly Lai
Asst. Drum Major



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Braelan Isaac
Asst. Drum Major



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Ally McGuffee
Asst. Drum Major

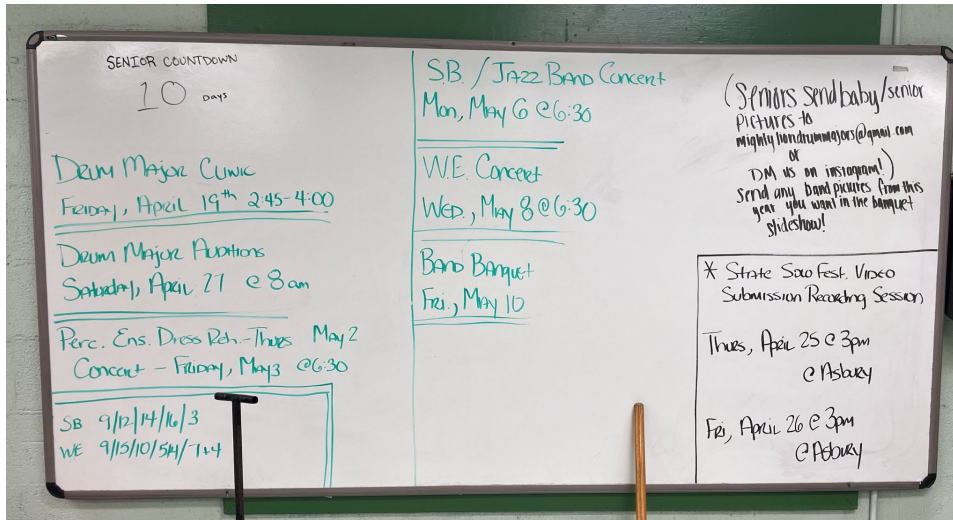
Band Bookkeeping (Irene)



- Irene Bauer is a former band mom and current band bookkeeper.
- Later in the summer, she'll facilitate creating your student's official band account– CutTime.
- CutTime holds the official calendar and financial information.

Student Leadership & Communication

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



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

What the Year Looks Like– Summer 2025



~~Introductory Marching Camp~~

~~May 27-29 @ Edgar Martin, Time TBD but AM~~

~~June Percussion Sectionals~~

~~Date & Location TBD~~

~~July Sectionals~~

~~Week of July 7-11~~

~~Different Sections on Different days.~~

~~Dates & Location TBD, likely Edgar Martin~~

Marching Band Pre-Camp

July 14 - 18

Marching- 7-11 a.m. @ Clark Field

Music- 1-5 p.m. @ Edgar Martin

Marching Band Camp

July 21 - 25

Marching- 7-11 a.m. @ Clark Field

Music- 1-5 p.m. @ Edgar Martin

Evening Parent performance- 6:15 @ Clark Field

Pool Party, 8-10 @ Robicheaux Center

After School Rehearsals

Mondays & Wednesdays

5:00-8:30 @ Clark Field

(Subject to change if LHS becomes available.)

Percussion- Expect 1 sectional per week @ LHS.

Tuesday after school.

Fall Saturday Rehearsals

TBD- Usually 1 per month in Aug., Sept. and Oct.

What the Year Looks Like– Summer 2025



Post Band Camp Pool Party

- An LHS Band Tradition for over 30 years.
- July 25, 8-10 pm at Robicheaux Center.
- Rain or Shine.
- Pizza & drinks provided.
- All current Band Members invited. (No guests.)
- No charge to students. Costs covered by MLBBF!
- No waiver form required this year.

What the Year Looks Like– Fall 2025



Football Schedule (subject to change)

Home games at Comeaux (as of 4/29/25)

9/5 @ Franklin

9/12 vs St. Martinville (Homecoming)

9/19 @ Mamou

9/26 vs Southside

10/3 @ Sam Houston

10/10 vs Carencro

10/17 @ Acadiana

10/24 vs Barbe

10/30 @ NISH (Thursday)

11/7 @ Sulphur

Pep Band at away games except Acadiana

Additional events may be added

Bandboree

September 27 @ Comeaux

US Bands Competition

October 18 @ Dutchtown

District Marching Festival

October 21 (Tues) @ Acadiana

Gulf Coast Marching Band Championship

October 25 @ McNeese

Classic On The Cane

November 1 @ Natchitoches

State Marching Championship

November 3-5 @ McNeese
(Specific performance date
TBD)

Sonic Christmas Parade

Sunday in early December

Ye Olde Christmas (concert & meal)

1 or 2 weeknights, early/mid
December

**All marching events need a team
of 15-20 chaperones and 3-6
drivers to pull trailers or drive
box trucks.**

What the Year Looks Like– Spring 2026



Winter Camp

Friday & Saturday in early/mid January, LHS

Louisiana Concert Band Invitational

Mid March, Local TBD

District Concert Assessment

School day in March, Angelle Hall

Carnegie Hall Trip

Last week of March

Solo/Small Ensemble Day

Saturday in Late March or Early April, LHS

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Early May, LHS

Symphonic/Jazz Band Concert

Early May, LHS

Wind Ensemble Concert

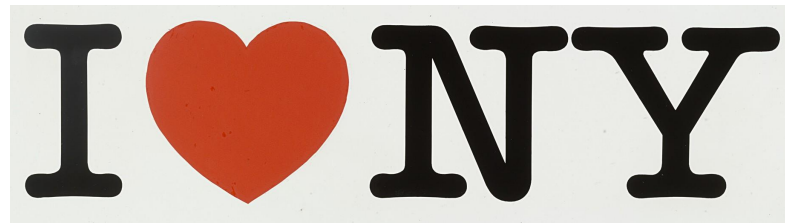
Early May, LHS

Graduation

Mid May, Cajundome

New York City- March 26-30

- Open to all students and family members.
- Wind Ensemble will perform at Carnegie Hall on March 28.
- Travel by plane. Stay in Times Square.
- Catch a Broadway show, visit Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, 9/11 Memorial, and take a Circle Line Dinner Cruise around Manhattan!
- Cost- approximately \$2,500 for students (4 per room)



Costs of Band Participation

Required

Family fee– \$550 (Only 1 per family, can be paid in installments.)

Band Camp Fee– \$200 (per student)

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

Group Supply Donation- Due at Band Camp. Varies by section, from list provided. Optional \$33 monetary donation in lieu of supply purchase to save you the shopping time.

Family, Band Camp, and Competition Top fees are paid through the school's fee collection procedures and are processed by the front office.

Optional

MLBBF Membership Dues- \$30/ person or \$50/family.

NYC Trip costs– appx. \$2,500 (optional)

Trip costs may be paid directly to travel planner. TBD.

Band Fees and trip expenses can be offset by participation in Student Fundraising opportunities organized by MLBBF.

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 instruments, 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 and accurate).
- We **don't receive funding** from the band or LPSS or your band fees.

About the MLBBF Typical Year

Events

- Spring Prep 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 📦
 - Winter Camp Clinician
 - Guard instructors
- Feeding the Band 📦
- 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)
 - Louisiana Concerts Band Invitational (Spring)
- Dues
- Donations
- Sponsorships

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

Student 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 Football & Baseball Games	Cajundome	Festival International
<u>Jeremy Boyette</u> boyettejeremy2@gmail.com	<u>Lauren Ashurst</u> Remind: @lhsbandfu	<u>Meghan Mixon</u> Meghan@louisiana.edu
14+ (Bar Card Encouraged if 18+)	18+ Bar Card Required	21+ No Bar Card Required

2025 Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities



Cajundome

Luke Bryan- 9/11

Jason Aldean- 9/25

Bert Kreischer- 11/06



Cajuns Football

Rice- 8/30

McNeese- 9/6

~~**Marshall-** 9/27~~

Southern Miss- 10/18

Texas State- 11/8

ULM- 11/29

Supplies Consumed '24-25



90+ Cases of Water
Appx. 4,000 bottles

3,000+
Canned Drinks

40% Fanta
60% Coke, Sprite, Dr. P, DC combined



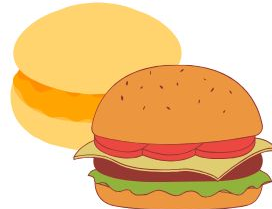
70+
Gallons of Gatorade
(from powder)



Over 7,000 lbs of ice
Donated by
McDonald's



100+ Costco
Pizzas



200 Chik Fil A
Sandwiches
200 Burgers



300
Egg Rolls



19 Trays
Fried Rice
Lo Mein
Veggies



Bandboree 2024



18 Bands
≈1,500 students
≈1,500 Spectators

Bandboree Volunteers

750+
Volunteer Hours

100+ Individual Volunteers
representing about 60 out of 150+ Band families

We Sold

240 shirts, 200 Patches, 140 Shout Outs
1,400 Soft Drinks, 750 Bottles of water, 300 Smoothies
1,000 Burgers, 400 jambalaya, 200+ pickles

Football & Festival Volunteers



Chaperones & Prop Helpers

**1,500+
Volunteer Hours**

put in by ~50 unique volunteers filling
100 Football Chaperones Shifts
75 Festival Chaperones Shifts



Equipment Movers

2,400+ Miles Driven to Festivals

250+ Miles Driven to Football Games

65+ Trailer Trips Between Clark Field & LHS

Shared between 8 Volunteer Drivers

About the MLBBF Stay in Touch



MLBBF Contacts

- For New Families Only- Remind app class-@mlbbf29 (used until you start receiving school emails this Summer)
- facebook.com/lhsmllbbf
- mlbbf.org
- store.mlbbf.org
- hello@mlbbf.org
- Percussion Parent GroupMe (See Brandon, Joan, or Meghan)

Sign Up for Volunteer Mailing Lists

mlbbf.org/volunteer

Become a Member

mlbbf.org/join

- Early Bird Access to event tickets and entry
- Vehicle Decal
- Prerequisite to serving on the MLBBF board next year
- Supports a great cause.

Band Contacts

Financial questions:

Irene Bauer

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All other Student specific questions & problems:

Ronnie Gleason

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Avery Guidry

ajguidry@lpssonline.com

Calendar and financial information
can also be found on Cut Time.

What Students 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 Parents “Need” ?- Other Supplies & Gear



Green Mighty Lion Band polo- required for chaperoning or helping on field. Available at Absolutely. Order at aicompanystore.com/LHSB.aspx

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. Themed to marching show. Sold starting at Band Camp.

Swan Lake “Show Shirts”



- **Show your Mighty Lion Band pride around town and in the stands.**
- **Black or white options.**
- **Designed by Jeff and Christy Lush. Printed by Parish Ink.**
- **Buy at store.mlbbf.org**
- **Delivery to students during Band Camp.**
- **Limited quantities. When they're gone, they're gone!**

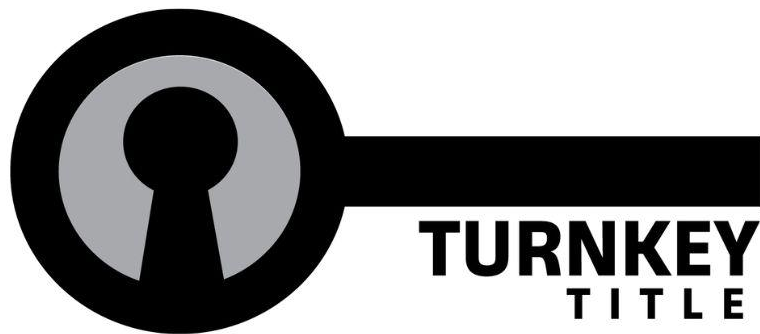
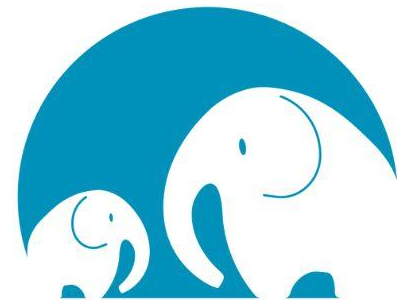
What MLBBF Needs



- Volunteers at Band Camp (hydration, medical, supply intake, etc.)
- Drivers to pull trailers & drive box trucks (games, rehearsals, festivals)
- Volunteers to chaperone events and move equipment
- ~~Large tents 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
- Volunteers , volunteers, volunteers

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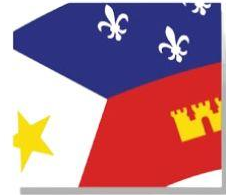
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Administrative Next Meeting

Next Meeting

TBD

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.