



Welcome to the Lyman High School Band, Color Guard & Dance Team! Home of the Marching Greyhounds!

We are excited and proud to have you become a part of The Marching Greyhounds...the Pride of Longwood! This packet contains important information about the Band program, schedules, fees and volunteer needs. **Please take a few minutes to read this letter and keep it for future reference. Color Guard and Dance Team are included when we refer to "the band" or "band members".**

You can also find updated information, announcements, photos, videos and schedule changes on our website: www.lymanband.com. We make extensive use of e-mail for communicating notices, important information and last minute schedule changes. Please be sure to go to our website to add your (and student) email address(es) to start receiving Band updates. Your email addresses are NEVER released to any outside party.

The marching band performs at ALL Varsity football games (Home and Away).

To begin learning the half-time show music and field routines, each student needs to attend the following:

BAND REHEARSALS: ALL Musicians, Percussion, Color Guard and Dance Team Members:

Summer rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning June 21, (w/the exception of July 5. No practice that week). **Dance Team is 4-6pm. Guard, Musicians & Percussion is 6-8pm.** Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged in order to master the music before adding the field routines during Band Camp.

Once school begins, practices will be held each Monday evening and Thursday, directly after school. On Monday from 5-8pm, practice will be on the field. On Thursday from 2:30-5:00pm, practice will be inside and on the field.

FULL BAND CAMP: AUGUST 1-5, 2011 (8am-5pm)

Incoming freshmen will have a 2 day Pre-Camp on Thurs, July 28 and Fri, July 29. 8am-5pm. The basic fundamentals of marching will be taught and practiced.

Percussion & Auxiliary (Color Guard/Dance) Camp: July 25-29 & Full Band Camp, August 1-5. 8am-5pm.

Please make sure your student **EATS SOMETHING** for breakfast EACH morning. Items that will be needed are: Plenty of Water (thermos or chilled water bottles), sunscreen, sunglasses, hat or visor, hair ties, lunch and light snacks for breaks. Students may leave campus for lunch (own transportation) or may stay on campus.

DONATIONS of WATER BOTTLES, FROZEN ICE POPS, FRUIT (BANANAS, ORANGES, GRAPES, WATERMELON, etc) WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY A LOT OF SWEATY STUDENTS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS & INSTRUCTORS!

The band is generally on the field in the mornings and again, during the last hour or so each afternoon. The hottest part of the day (mid-day) is usually spent practicing indoors. Volunteers are needed to keep an eye on students while they are practicing on the field and during the lunch break. **Please contact our Chaperone Chairman, Frank Stone at: frank1stone@aol.com if you can help volunteer for a shift. We will have signup forms, too.**

IMPORTANT: MEDICAL & TRAVEL FORMS MUST BE NOTARIZED AND TURNED IN!

EVERY STUDENT in the Lyman Band must have a **CURRENT** signed travel permission form on file **OR THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AWAY GAMES.** This is school policy. Please **COMPLETELY** fill out the Medical & Travel form. You can bring it to the Premier Show & Potluck, August 5th. If you need it notarized, **DO NOT SIGN IT** until you are in front of the Notary. Please bring photo ID to the Potluck if you need your signature notarized.

PREMIER SHOW AND POTLUCK RECEPTION

As part of the Lyman Band tradition, on the last day of Band Camp, the students like to show off what they have learned during this intense week. This year will be no different. On **Friday, August 5th, tentatively at 6pm**, we will have our annual **Premier Show and Pot Luck Welcome Reception**. There will be a short performance on the practice field. Immediately following, everyone is asked to come to the auditorium for more music and important information about the upcoming season. We end the night in the Student Union (cafeteria). You will have the opportunity to sign up for Football games, Pay your dues, Get Travel form notarized, Pick up Fundraising packets, etc..All families are encouraged to attend and to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Look for a flyer to be sent home during Band Camp, as well as an email in your inbox with the specifics on this wonderful annual event!!

EXPENSES and FEES

It takes a lot to keep the 280+ Marching Greyhounds marching! The Band, Color Guard & Dance Teams are largely self-supporting through fees and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Our operating budget last year was roughly \$100,000. Band fees cover only a portion of that. Our expenses include: Section instructors, Truck rental for away games, Costumes, Props, Band uniform dry-cleaning, Music, Drill, T-shirts, Instrument and Equipment Maintenance, Festival fees, First Aid Supplies, Printing and the list goes on.

Fees go toward our general operating fund for overall Band, Color Guard and Dance Team expenses. If fees are paid in full by the Premier Night, August 5, 2011, there is a discounted rate. If you choose to make payments, we ask that final amounts be paid by September 30th. This is the time of year the majority of our expenses occur.

Note: It is Seminole County policy that students cannot receive diplomas, report cards or transcripts until school fees are fully paid. There are ample opportunities to "earn" fees through fundraisers this year. Please speak to Mr. Muse, Mr. Porter or to a Band Board Officer if other payment arrangements are needed.

2011-2012 MARCHING GREYHOUND FEES

Musician Students: \$190 (or, discounted fee of \$180, if paid in full by Premier Night, August 5)

NEW Color Guard & Dance Team Students: \$600 (or, discounted fee of \$580, if paid in full by August 5)

RETURNING Color Guard & Dance Team Students: \$400 (or, discounted fee of \$380, if paid in full by August 5)

\$50 Sibling Discount. If you have more than one student in the band, we offer a \$50 discount on total dues owed.

MARCHING SHOES

Each member must have properly fitting shoes (marching shoes for band and dance shoes for Color Guard/Dance). MARCHING shoe fitting will be done during band camp. If you have a returning student, please make sure their shoes from last year fit them comfortably. New MARCHING shoes are purchased through the school for \$27.00. Shoe payments are due no later than Aug 5 (the end of Band Camp) so the complete shoe order can arrive before the first football game. If your student has Bando shoes from middle school and they still fit, you may use those.

DANCE shoes are handled through Mr. Porter. Fitting will be done at the Summer rehearsals.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL & REPAIR FEE

This is a necessary fee to keep school-owned instruments in good working condition. If your student uses a school-owned instrument for the entire year, the fee is \$100; if they use it only for marching or concert season, the fee is \$50. Instrument fees are due no later than August 5th. Rule of thumb: If your student does not own/rent the instrument he/she plays, the fee is owed.

COLOR GUARD and DANCE TEAM CONTRACTS (This is a full year commitment)

A signed contract is required of the Color Guard and Dance Team members. Measurements will be done this summer. Dance shoes and/or replacement practice and costume pieces can be ordered. There will be an additional charge for those replacement items. Please see Mr. Porter for the specific costs. Please note that your student will be taking a specific class block in their school schedule that coordinates with their team.

Winter Guard Blue & Gold and Dance Teams Tentative Fees: Blue: \$250. Gold: \$400-\$500. Dance: \$200.

This is separate from Marching Season. Our teams compete locally, regionally and nationally. (Our fees are the lowest in the state and region.). If we take the Guard to the World Championship, their dues will be adjusted to reflect those expenses. We must emphasize the financial and time commitment it takes for our World Class Dance & Color Guard program. Please seriously consider this before making your final decision.

All checks should be made payable to: Lyman Band

There is a secure "drop box" located in the band room. We cannot be responsible for cash payments that do not reach us. Only checks or money order, PLEASE!! You can also mail your payments to our Treasurer:

**Ellie Owens
Treasurer, Lyman Band
541 Winding Creek Place
Longwood, FL 32779**

Please write the student's name on each check and note how the monies are to be distributed (fees, shoes, instrument fees, etc). Be sure to retain cancelled checks until the end of the school year to insure funds are correctly credited. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ellie at treasurer@lymanband.com.

FUNDRAISERS

There will be several fundraisers throughout the year to help support the general expenses, plus set money aside for our Thanksgiving Chicago trip. Some of the fundraisers will give your student an opportunity to apply credit toward their "personal accounts". (See below).

If you'd like to help coordinate or assist with a fundraising activity, please let us know. We are always open to ideas on future fundraising opportunities. Fundraisers we're considering: Entertainment Coupon Book, Yankee Candles, Honey Baked Hams, Summer Car Washes, Bowling Parties at AMF Lanes, Annual Christmas Trees and Wreaths.

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

Band (Dance and Color Guard) students can deposit money into a Band "Personal Account" which can then be available for that student's use in band-related ways. Monies from these individual student accounts can be used toward Band fees, shoe fees, instrument rental fees and/or trip costs. The treasurer must be notified on the transfer amount and for what purpose.

The balance in the student account carries over from year to year as long as the student participates in Band. A student may not receive cash back from their individual account, but can transfer the balance to a sibling's account if the sibling will participate in band the next school year. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Treasurer of this transfer. Otherwise, the remaining funds will be considered legacy donations and transferred to the Band's general operating account. ☺

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Frank Stone, Chaperone Chair: frank1stone@aol.com)

There are many ways to support your student's involvement in The Marching Greyhounds. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to volunteer, we hope you find something that interests you. Lyman High School also earns credit for your volunteer hours through the Dividend program. **ALL volunteers must sign up after August 1st at the Seminole County Public Schools website: www.scps.k12.fl.us**. Look for "Dividend Volunteer Application", click and go from there. For overnight trips, fingerprinting and police background checks are necessary for those chaperones. **To submit your volunteer hours**, please email them to Barb Albright at barbalbright@cfl.rr.com.

Here are a few volunteer opportunities for you to consider:

Chaperone: You would be with the band and assigned various tasks during home games, and travel on the buses for away games. Some of the tasks include: distributing water, assisting w/ makeup and hair (dance & color guard), assist with uniforms, distribute plumes before half-time, etc... You must be a registered Dividend to be a Chaperone.

Band Camp & Premier Show. We need volunteers for various shifts for BOTH weeks.

Fundraising Coordinator(s). Help with distributing pamphlets to students, collect orders and help treasurer with fund allocations.

Accounting/CPA Experience?? We need accounting/CPA help with our annual taxes. If you can assist us, please contact Sharon Shyrock at treasurer@lymanband.com. (THANKS!!)

Band Aids. This is a way we help our band families that may find themselves in a crisis or unfortunate circumstance. Perhaps you don't mind cooking a meal for a family that needs some extra help. We'd like several folks to be on standby during the year. Our Band Aids coordinator this year is Sandy Johnson cjohnson568@aol.com.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE: Website – Email Blasts – Facebook – Twitter – Regular Booster Meetings

We make every effort to keep our parents and students informed of any updates, schedules changes, important information, etc. primarily through our website and email blasts. If you want to know what's happening in Band, it is important that you go to our website, www.lymanband.com and register your email. Check back often for updated information.

If you are a Facebook person, "Like" us!! (Lyman High School Marching Greyhounds).

During Marching season, when the students are practicing on the field, we hold monthly booster meetings on Monday nights. These meetings are usually in the band room. We cover all the important information you need to know about upcoming games and events. Please come and join us!! After marching season, we'll still have meetings, but not as regularly.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS??

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the 2011-2012 Board Officers:

President	Terri Avellone	407.788.3019	president@lymanband.com
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Treasurer	Ellie Owens	407.489.0681	treasurer@lymanband.com
Secretary	Kim Long	321.695.7257	secretary@lymanband.com

Mr. Muse Email: william_muse@scps.k12.fl.us

Mr. Porter Email: Stephen_Porter@scps.k12.fl.us

Frank Stone, Chaperone Chairman (407.461.9593) or, Email: frank1stone@aol.com

Thank you and again, WELCOME!! We are looking forward to a great year!!

Lyman Band Board

2011 – 2012

The Lyman Marching Greyhounds are going to CHICAGO this Fall!

We will be marching in the CHICAGO Thanksgiving Day Parade.

(Telecast LIVE in it's entirety, on WGN-TV)

Tuesday, November 22 – Friday, November 25, 2011

Cost per student: \$ 825

Included in our trip: Airfare, Deluxe hotel accommodations in Downtown Chicago, Parade, Dinner/Dance with the 23 other participating bands, Most meals, Landmark attractions such as Willis (Sears) Tower, Museum of Science & Industry, Union Station, Navy Pier. For our Thanksgiving meal, we will be on a River Cruise taking in the sights of Chicago! This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip that will be full of fantastic memories!!