



Welcome to Lyman Band, Color Guard and Dance Team (B/CG/DT)! We are pleased and proud to have you with The Marching Greyhounds, the Pride of Longwood!

(Color Guard and Dance Teams, please note that when we say “the band” or “band members”, this includes you, too! ☺)

This packet contains important information about the band schedule, fees and volunteer needs. **Please take a few minutes to read this letter and keep it for reference.**

**And be sure to check our website for the latest announcements, photos and schedule changes - [www.lymanband.com](http://www.lymanband.com). On the enclosed Family Form, please add your e-mail address(es) so we can get you on the e-mail blast list.**

The marching band performs at all varsity football games – home and away. To begin learning the half-time show music and routines, each student needs to attend as follows:

**BAND REHEARSALS – all B/CG/DT members** (Band or Dance rooms): every Tuesday evening. Dance is from 5 - 7 pm; Guard, Instrumentalists & Percussion is from 6 - 8 pm. Attendance at as many summer rehearsals as possible is encouraged to master the music before adding the field routines. After school starts, required rehearsals will generally be Monday evenings on the field from 5 – 7 pm (Dance) or 6 - 8 pm (everyone else) and Thursday afternoons inside or on the field from 2:30 - 5 pm.

**BAND CAMP – all B/CG/DT members** (pick up students at practice field next to stadium): New students only Thursday Jul 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm. All new and returning students: Monday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm.

Dance & Guard members will attend an additional Team Building & Technique Camp at Lake Mary High School, dates TBD. Attendance at this camp is paid for with the DT/CG fees. There is also an additional week of camp at Lyman for DT/CG and percussion Monday Jul 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 am – 5 pm. (This overlaps with the first two days of band camp for new students.)

Please make sure your student eats SOMETHING for breakfast each morning. Please send in with your student: sunscreen, sunglasses, hat or visor, hair ties, PLENTY of water (thermos or chilled water bottles), lunch, and light snacks for breaks. Students may leave campus for lunch (own transportation) or may stay on campus. Donations of extra water bottles and fruit to share (bananas, oranges, grapes, watermelon, etc,) would be appreciated.

FYI, the band is generally on the field in the mornings and the last hour or so each day. The mid-day hours are usually spent practicing indoors. Volunteers are needed to keep an eye on students while on the field. Please contact Rhonda Asfoor at 407-834-8559 or [rhondaasfoor@aol.com](mailto:rhondaasfoor@aol.com) if you can help supervise the field practice and lunch times.

**MEDICAL & TRAVEL FORMS – IMPORTANT!!!!**

All B/CG/DT members must have a current signed travel permission form on file **OR THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AWAY GAMES.** Please COMPLETELY fill out the enclosed travel form and bring it with you to the Potluck Dinner on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. If you need it notarized, **DO NOT SIGN IT** until you are in front of the Notary that evening. **Please bring a photo ID to the Potluck if you need your signature notarized.**

### **POTLUCK DINNER & PREMIER SHOW**

Following band camp on **Friday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, there will be a Premier Show and Potluck Dinner. **All parents are encouraged to attend** as there will be an informational meeting about band activities and schedules. Look for a flyer to be sent home during Band Camp. We will accept fee payments that night, so please remember your checkbook!

### **B/CG/DT EXPENSES**

It takes a lot to keep the 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 \$75,000 and band fees cover only a portion of that. Our expenses include section instructors, truck rental, costumes and props, band uniform cleaning, music, flags, T-shirts, instrument and equipment maintenance, festival fees, supplies and the list goes on... Payment coupons for the various fees are enclosed. **Please note: There is a discount offered for full payment of fees by August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you elect to make partial payments, the first one is due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

We have preliminary plans for a performance trip (bowl game, parade or other) in early 2009. The band trips create wonderful opportunities and great memories. Please plan ahead now and begin setting aside some funds. Fundraising plans for this trip will follow soon.

### **FEES**

Fees go toward our general operating fund for overall Band, Color Guard and Dance Team expenses. Fees can be **paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup> for a discounted amount, or in monthly partial payments, beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. All partial payments should be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Students cannot receive diplomas, report cards or transcripts until Band 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. Fees for this year are:

Band new students:

**\$230 (or discounted fee of \$220 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Band returning students (who still have personalized band jackets from 2007-8):

**\$190 (or discounted fee of \$180 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Color Guard & Dance Team new students:

**\$580 (or discounted fee of \$560 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

CG/DT returning students (who still have personalized jackets/bags from 2007-8):

**\$380 (or discounted fee of \$360 if paid in full by August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

### **SHOES**

Each member must have properly fitting shoes (marching shoes for band, dance shoes for CG/DT). 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 8<sup>th</sup> (the end of Band Camp)**, so the complete shoe order can arrive before the first football game in August.

Purchases of new DANCE shoes are handled through Mr. Porter. Fitting will be done at the CG/DT summer rehearsals.

### **INSTRUMENT REPAIR/CLEANING FEE**

This is necessary to keep school-owned instruments in good repair. If your student uses a school-owned instrument for the entire year, the fee is \$100; if they use it only for marching season or concert season, the fee is \$50 (see attached coupon). Instrument fees are due no later than **AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>**. (Bottom line: if your student does not own/rent the instrument he/she plays, the fee is owed.

All checks should be made payable to **Lyman Band** and mailed to:  
Lyman Band c/o Lisa Smith, Treasurer  
106 W. Hillcrest St., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

There is also a “drop box” located in the band room. We cannot be responsible for cash payments that do not reach us, so only checks or money orders, please!

Please write the student’s name on each check and note how the monies are to be distributed (fees, shoes, instrument fees, personal account, etc.). Be sure to retain cancelled checks until the end of the school year to insure funds are correctly credited to your student.

**Payments can also be made by credit card using PayPal. Get info and the payment link on [www.lymanband.com](http://www.lymanband.com)**

### **FUNDRAISERS**

There will be several fundraisers throughout the year to help support the general expenses, plus set money aside for the next big trip. Some of the fundraisers will give your student an opportunity to apply credit toward their “personal accounts” (see below).

### **PERSONAL ACCOUNTS**

Band 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 repair fees, trips or Band banquet tickets. They must notify the Treasurer of the withdrawal amount and 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.

### **DANCE TEAM/COLOR GUARD CONTRACTS**

A contract is required of the DT/CG members. Measurements will be done and dance shoes and/or replacement practice/costume pieces can be ordered that evening (additional charge for those replacement items).

### **VOLUNTEERS**

There are many ways to support your student’s involvement in The Marching Greyhounds. The amount of time you invest is not important as long as you participate in some way. Lyman also earns credit for your volunteer hours through the Dividends program. ALL volunteers must sign up after August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Seminole County Public Schools website: [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us) right side of screen, halfway down you’ll see “Dividend Volunteer Application”).

If we have an overnight trip, fingerprinting and police background checks are needed for overnight chaperones.

Here are a few volunteer options with varying time commitments. Sign up sheets will be available at the Potluck Dinner, Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Chaperones** – be with the band during the home games, and travel with the band on their buses for away games; help distribute water to band members and visiting bands; help with uniforms and props.

**Truck drivers** – pick up/return rental truck, drive instruments/props to/from away events.

**Fundraiser chairperson and helpers** – coordinate and oversee a fundraising activity. Each activity may have its own individual chair or coordinator. Past activities have included: Joe Corbi Pizza (Oct-Nov), Honey Baked Ham sales (Oct-Nov), wreaths & trees (Oct-Nov), silent auction, open auction and ticket sales at Showcase performances (early December), car washes (TBD), Dance and Band performance concessions (Spring), and other sales.

**Seamstresses** – help maintain B/CG/DT uniforms, sew new flags for performances.

**Hair/make-up helpers** – help CG/DT get ready for performances

\*\*Dance team also needs plastic dress and pant hangers with swivel hooks (like the kind from clothing stores). If you have access to quantities of these, they'd appreciate them.

### **BAND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

All parents of B/CG/DT are automatically members of the Band Association (“Boosters”, for short)! Meetings are held monthly in the band room. This is an important way to keep up with event planning, schedule changes, etc. Whenever possible, meetings are held in the band room on Mondays during a similar timeframe as the required Monday night rehearsals). Please check the website for the dates and plan to attend.

### **WEBSITE & E-MAILS**

In addition to Band Association meetings, there are official notices posted on our website at [www.lymanband.com](http://www.lymanband.com). Please bookmark the site and check back often for updates. Your e-mail address is being requested on the Family Form and payment coupons so we may keep in touch for late breaking news. Please list parent(s) e-mail address(es); your student may also list his/her e-mail if they wish to receive the e-mail alerts as reminders. You may change your e-mail preferences during the year by clicking on “Contact Us” on the website.

### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the officers.

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Thank you and, again, welcome! We're looking forward to a great year!

*Lyman Band Board 2008-2009*