

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What bands are available at LCN?** We currently have 3 concert bands at LCN. Two ability-based ensembles for 10th through 12th graders, and a 9th grade band split into two classes. In addition, there is a 7th hour jazz ensemble held between 2:30pm & 4:30pm three days per week.
- **Can I do sports and band/marching band?** Participation in concert bands rarely conflicts with after school activities. With proper planning and communication between student/parent/coach/director, accommodations can be made to handle conflicts between performances and games.
- **Where can I get a sports physical?** Sports physicals are available through your primary care doctor.
- **Do I have to do band to participate in marching band?** All wind (brass or woodwind) and percussion members of the marching band must also be a member in good standing of a concert band at either LCN or IAM. Colorguard members do not need to be in a band class to join the Marching Crusaders.
- **Do I have to do marching band to participate in band?** No. Concert band students are not required to join the Marching Crusaders (although we highly recommend you at least give it a try!).
- **Why does marching band cost so much?** A lot goes into completing a successful season for the Marching Crusaders. A majority of the marching band fee goes toward Away Camp at Echo Grove and the specialized staff required to assist the students throughout the marching and concert seasons. In addition, the marching fees help cover other costs of the marching season including, but not limited to, instrument maintenance above what the district is able to cover, show production (set pieces, music, drill), transportation of students and equipment to and from competitions, and food for the ensembles. In the end, the marching fees cover much, but not all the annual costs. To bridge the gaps, the Band Boosters raise funds via several different fundraisers.
- **I used a school instrument in middle school. Will I use the same instrument in high school?** L'Anse Creuse HS North will supply school owned instruments to students in need at Mini-Camp. These instruments will require a parent/student signed contract. Students requiring a school instrument should let the instrumental music Paraprofessional know at the Registration/Orientation meeting to ensure the instrument is ready for you at Mini-Camp. Please note, there is a limited number of common instruments (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone) available.
- **Are all marching band rehearsals and performances required?** Yes, with one notable exception. We do understand some families have already made summer vacation plans. Some allowances can be made in these cases. However, ALL students must attend the entire away camp August 10th through August 15th. If you have a pre-planned event, please be sure to complete the Band Event/Performance Absence form as soon as possible. The form can be found on the Marching Band page of the website.
- **Why do some events on the calendar have call times while others do not?** Some performance time will not be determined until the fall. Scholastic Invitationals and the MSBOA Marching Festival performance times typically do not get released until a couple weeks before the event. In addition, the MSBOA Marching Festival date, which traditionally takes place at LCN, may not be released until early September.
- **What will I need to bring with me to every rehearsal?** On the Marching Band page of the website titled "Student Rehearsal Needs List". New marchers will go over this list during their Registration/Orientation Night meeting.