

L'Anse Creuse High School North



MARCHING CRUSADERS

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MARCHING CRUSADERS REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

Monday, May 20th 2024

6:00pm-8:00pm

All new & returning members are required to register on May 20th. Paperwork and first payment will be collected on this day.

New marchers in all grades will register beginning at 6:00pm and attend an orientation meeting with the director and select band booster officers.

Returning marchers will register between 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

Hello and welcome to the 2024 Marching Crusaders Season! This packet includes a registration document check list, fee break downs, frequently asked questions, and a season calendar.

It is highly recommended each family keeps a family calendar with all activities to help keep track of all events throughout the school year.

An LCN Bands Calendar can be found at www.lcnbands.com as well as in the BAND app students and parents will be signing up for during registration. For those parents wishing to keep up with events and happenings within the program, you can sign-up for the weekly booster update emails by emailing lcmbandboosters@gmail.com as well as joining L'Anse Creuse High School North Bands Facebook page.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENT CHECK-LIST

All documents listed below can be found at

www.lcnbands.com/marching-crusader-registration-documents

Digital Documents for Registration Night (May 20th, 2024):

- Marching Crusaders Student Registration & Commitment Form
- Over the Counter Medication Authorization
- Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization – this is the only registration night document we need printed and brought to the school May 20th. This document must be notarized (a notary will be available at registration)
- Parent Release & Authorization
- Band Event/Performance Absence
- Echo Grove Camp & Retreat Center Waiver/Release of Liability
- Echo Grove Special Diet Request

Summer Document due by first July rehearsal July 15th, 2024

- Sports Physical – this is a paper document available on the web site, in the band office, or in the LCN main office.

Pre-Camp Document – digital document to be completed online during Pre-Camp

- Student Daily & Prescription Medications – digital document to be completed online prior to August 9th, 2024. It is recommended you don't complete the document prior to August 4th, 2024 in case of medication changes.

FINANCIAL/PAYMENT BREAKDOWNS

2024 Marching Crusaders Dues

- All Marchers - \$600
- New Marchers – \$600 plus \$45 to cover marching shoes and gloves (total of \$645)
 - o The Marching Crusaders use a specific marching shoe. Students will be fitted for shoes during Mini-Camp in June with delivery before the first performance.
- Please note – the above amounts include \$100 in raffle tickets. An explanation of the raffle tickets can be found below.
- Returning marchers – if you need new marching shoes, pay at registration and be sure to be fitted at Mini-Camp.

2024 Payment Structure

- **Returning Marchers**
 - o May 20th, 2024 - \$200
 - o July 15th, 2024 - \$200
 - o August 5th, 2024 - \$200
 - o August 6th, 2024 – Deadline for raffle tickets. Completed raffle tickets can be turned into the lock box by the band office at any summer rehearsal between June 13th and August 6th.
- **New Marchers**
 - o May 20th, 2024 - \$245
 - o July 15th, 2024 - \$200
 - o August 5th, 2024 - \$200
 - o August 6th, 2024 – Deadline for raffle tickets. Completed raffle tickets can be turned into the lock box by the band office at any summer rehearsal between June 13th and August 6th.

2024 Payment Options

- Full payment vs payment plan – Families can pay according to the payment structure listed above or in full at the May 20th registration.
- Credit Card vs check/money order – The LCN Band Boosters currently accept credit card, cash, check or money order payments. Credit card payments will incur an additional \$5 fee per transaction.
- Summer Payment Locations – Summer payments may be made via the website (a link will be created on the “Payments” page for each payment), or in person with a check or money order. In person payments should be placed into the lock box next to the band office. Please be sure check/money orders are placed in an envelope with purpose of payment and student’s full name.

Marching Band Raffle

- Part of your marching band fee includes \$100 worth of raffle tickets. You have the choice of putting your own name on these tickets or selling them to friends and family for \$5 each (you will receive 20 tickets). You will not need to return the cash, as you have already paid for the tickets.
- Return the completed raffle tickets to the band room during a marching band summer rehearsal between June 13th and August 6th. All raffle tickets must be returned at a marching band rehearsal by August 6th.
- Each month, between October and May, the band boosters will select two random raffle tickets. Each ticket will be worth \$100, and winners will be posted on the LCN Band Boosters Facebook page.

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL NORTH BAND BOOSTERS

The LCN Band Boosters are a parent 503c group organized to support the LCN Instrumental Music Program and its students. The boosters raise funds to help with financials the district is unable to cover, and to assist the program director in the organization and running of activities. Any parent with a student in any LCN Band is considered a band booster. It absolutely requires a village to run a full instrumental music program. We hope you will consider supporting our students by volunteering your time and making donations!

VOLUNTEERS

Instrumental music, and marching band in particular, requires a significant amount of help from the community. There are many ways parents and family members can help throughout the school year. At the new marcher orientation, the current band booster executive board will explain some of the many ways you can help (and recruit you, as well). Please keep an eye out for the volunteer surveys posted by the booster in their weekly updates and on the L'Anse Creuse High School North Bands Facebook page.

DONATIONS

From time to time, the booster will ask our community to help out with events by donating goods. Examples of the events includes Band Camp, MSBOA Marching Band Festival, and both the Winter and Spring Craft Shows. Requests for donations will be publicized on the Facebook page, in the BAND App, and in Schoology.

MEETINGS

The LCN Bands Boosters meet with all it's members several times per year. At these meetings, the boosters, along with the program's director, discuss upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

AWAY CAMP

August 6th through 11th is the Marching Crusaders away camp at Echo Grove in Leonard, MI. Some details regarding away camp will be covered at the new marcher orientation on May 20th. Final details will be sent home regarding packing and donations prior to camp.

Chaperones – Several adults are needed to assist with student monitoring and many other camp activities. Chaperones stay at camp with the students. If you are interested, please reach out to the booster eboard as soon as possible. Especially all our dads & nurses out there!

FUNDRAISERS

The band boosters organize several fundraisers throughout the year to help financially support the LCN Instrumental Music Program. The four biggest fundraisers of the year are the winter and spring craft shows, the fall hosting the Fall MSBOA Marching Band Festival, and the Vertical Raise in **September**. For these events, many parent and student volunteers and donations will be needed to assist with their smooth operation.

In addition, there are many smaller fundraisers throughout the school year, including 2 bottle and can drives, 50/50 ticket sales at home footballs games, and several restaurant fundraisers.

COMMUNICATIONS

To keep up to date on all booster activities, consider the following sources of communications:

- Weekly-Ish Newsletter – Emailed newsletter with upcoming events. Requests to participate should be sent to lcbandboosters@gmail.com
- BAND App – Communication app that makes it easy to keep up on happenings and request information from booster executive board members. A new group will be created after the marching season to merge marching and non-marching student families.
- L'Anse Creuse High School North Bands Facebook page – primarily run by boosters
- Our bands website – www.lcnbands.com

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. Students participating in the jazz ensemble can receive credit and a grade for their participation
- **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 6th through August 11th. 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.

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**2024-2025 Marching Crusaders
Calendar of Events – as of 3/01/24**

DATE	ACTIVITY	REPORT TIME	EVENT TIME
MAY 20 (Mon)	Marching Crusader Registration & New Marcher Orientation	See event notice	6:00pm – 8:00pm
JUNE 13 (Thurs) 14 (Fri) 15 (Sat)	Mini-Camp Day 1 – New Marchers, Drum Line, Color Guard, and Student Leaders Only Mini-Camp Day 2 – All Marching Crusaders Mini-Camp Day 3 & Bottle & Can Drive #1 (BC1 8:30a-12:30p, MC3 1:30p-3:30p)		12:30pm – 3:30pm 8:30am – 3:30pm 8:30am – 3:30pm
JULY 15 (Mon) 17 (Wed) 22 (Mon) 24 (Wed) 29 (Mon) 31 (Wed)	MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal		5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm
AUGUST 05 (Mon) – 09 (Fri) 11 (Sun) – 16 (Fri) 19 (Mon) 21 (Wed) 26 (Mon) 28 (Wed) 29 (Thurs)	Pre-Camp @ LCN Band Camp (away) – Echo Grove Camp, Leonard, MI0 MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Home Football Game vs Lutheran North High School (Senior Recognition Night)	4:00pm	1:00pm – 8:00pm Away Camp 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:00pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 7:00pm
SEPTEMBER 03 (Tues) 04 (Wed) 07 (Sat) 09 (Mon) 11 (Wed) 13 (Fri) 14 (Sat) 16 (Mon) 18 (Wed) 21 (Sat) 23 (Mon) 25 (Wed) 27 (Fri) 30 (Mon)	MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Marching Crusader Bottle & Can Drive #2 MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Home Football Game vs L'Anse Creuse HS Super Saturday Rehearsal MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Trenton High School Scholastic Marching Band Competition MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Home Football Game vs Lakeview High School (Homecoming & Alumni Band) MB Rehearsal	4:00pm 4:00pm TBD 4:00pm	5:30pm – 8:30pm 5:30pm – 8:30pm 10:00am – 3:00pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 7:00pm 9:00am – 5:00pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm TBD 5:30pm – 9:10pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 7:00pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm
OCTOBER 02 (Wed) 05 (Sat) 07 (Mon) 09 (Wed) 11 (Fri) 14 (Mon) 15 or 16 (Tues or Wed) 19 (Sat) Week of 10/28-10/30	MB Rehearsal (during conferences) Troy Athens Scholastic Marching Bands Competition MB Rehearsal MB Rehearsal Home Football Game vs Utica High School (Middle School Band Game) MB Rehearsal MSBOA Marching Band Festival @ LCN Chippewa Valley Scholastic Marching Bands Competition Marching Crusader Spaghetti Dinner (official date still to come)	4:00pm 4:00pm TBD TBD TBD	5:30pm – 9:10pm TBD 5:30pm – 9:10pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm 7:00pm 5:30pm – 9:10pm TBD TBD 6:00pm – 9:00pm
NOVEMBER 23 (Sat)	Mt. Clemens Santa Parade	10:00am	11:00am – 12:00pm

Dates above are subject to change based on athletic schedule changes or Scholastic Invitational changes.
It is highly recommended marching band students and parents join the BAND app (link available at registration).

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