

BANDPARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

Educational Philosophy

Our students are capable of great things. The staff work to find a place for every student who wants to participate. In band, students not only improve their musicianship, but learn the value of self-discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and many other important life skills.

Three principles guide the band:

One, our students develop meaningful connections when they're part of something bigger than themselves. In this inclusive band program, students explore musical interests- and strive for individual and team excellence.

Two, there is no bench. Every student gets to be on the team- and they build character, leadership and teamwork skills along the way. The LHS band is recognized for its proven excellence in every area of the program with performances on local, regional and national stages.

And three, music has known positive impacts on social wellbeing, mental health, and student engagement. There's strong pride in the LHS Band among students, families, the community and the state.



Introduction

Being a new Lincoln High School band parent can feel overwhelming. The LHS Patriot Marching Band not only does halftime shows and the occasional parade, but competes on the field against bands from Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and many other states. Putting on top-quality performances requires time, travel, and effort from both students and parents. The hard work pays off, though. In recent years the band has gained national recognition, building on a tradition of excellence that has continued for over 45 years. This handbook is presented to guide you through events and opportunities for you and your child in the Lincoln Patriot Marching Band. After a statement of the band philosophy, the guide will first take you through the schedule of a typical marching band season. Once the season gets started events come up at a startling pace; the schedule will not only let you know what to expect, but will also help draw attention to important information for each event.



Band Parents Association

The Band Parents Association is a non-profit organization made up of the band directors and volunteering current band student's parents/guardians to provide logistic and additional financial support to the Lincoln High School fine arts program. The BPA serves in several capacities throughout the band year to assist in building props, chaperoning, fundraising logistics, distribution of products, spirit wear, spat camp supplies, communications, website, social media, and more.

Communication

Keeping yourself informed of everything band-related during the marching band season is incredibly important! There are several ways communication is sent to students and families. Please make yourself familiar with each of these outlets, so you always have the most current information.

1. Website: lincolnband.org This website is updated regularly with announcements, rehearsal and performance schedules, fundraising opportunities, volunteer opportunities, BPA board minutes and bylaws, show info, staff info, alumni updates, and contact info for all band chairpersons, board members, directors and staff. You can also make ISA payments or donate to the band online.
2. Emails: Directors, BPA presidents and board members send emails to students and parents. If you aren't getting emails, contact lincolnbandparents@gmail.com. Messages send from several tools/email addresses:
 - a. lincolnbandparents@pb06.wixemails.com
 - b. Director school email addresses via Infinite Campus
 - c. CharmsEmailSender@charmsmusic.com
3. Heja app: Parents and students should use the Heja app. To get the private join code, email lincolnbandparents@gmail.com. Download the app, enroll in our team and turn on app notifications. Heja features info and announcements from directors, chairpersons and BPA board members. You can also ask questions, comment on posts, or share anything related to marching band, like photos and band-related opportunities.



The Marching Band Season

The marching band season extends almost half a year from distribution of music in the Spring through the thick of competition season in the Fall. Every four years the band takes a major trip; past examples include the Hollywood Christmas Parade in Hollywood, California, the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, and coming in 2024, the band will once again be marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

Show Reveal/ All Member Meeting

In mid April, 8th grade and high school students and their families who are thinking about joining the band are invited to meet at Lincoln to learn about marching band. Returning, also known as veteran students and families also attend this meeting. The show concept and music are revealed at this time, as well as a brief overview of how marching band works, expectations and costs, and several ways for families to get involved.

The most important piece to come out of this meeting is the student contract. Students and parents should review the contract; if they are willing to join the band, the contract should be completed and signed electronically and returned to the directors by the set due date. When the student signs the contract, they commit to participate next season. Each student has a unique place in the year's upcoming show. A student who breaches their contract and drops out leaves a "hole" on the field, which negatively impacts the entire group. Lincoln is exceptional in the fact that there is no audition to participate in marching band. Everyone is included, as long as students are committed to put in the time and effort expected of them. In contrast, many of the schools against which Lincoln competes only take students who pass an audition.

New Student Meeting/ Ice Cream Social

In May and June, the band will hold a new member ice cream social and rehearsal with new students and families. Students will have the opportunity to play the marching band show music all together for the first time, meet their section leaders and leadership team, and be introduced to a few marching basics to get them started. Parents join their student at the end of rehearsal for a meeting that covers the numerous committees and volunteer opportunities that make the LHS band a success. Families are strongly encouraged sign up to volunteer on committees before and after the meeting, as representatives from each team will introduce themselves and what their committee's role is within the marching band organization. Often, the BPA also holds its annual meeting for election of board members at this time. The BPA president will make several important announcements, including upcoming fundraising opportunities, ISA dues amounts, important dates and schedules, and a reiteration of student expectations for the upcoming year. Lastly, students will be directed to complete an important order form (paper or online) for black band T-shirts and Drillmasters, integral parts of the band uniform.

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Pre Season Sectionals

Throughout the summer, wind-playing students meet once a week in their individual sections to work on marching band music and visual basics. The drumline and color guard meet more frequently. These schedules will have been sent to students via multiple routes of communication (email, Heja, website) so be sure to get these important dates on your calendars soon so as not to miss these rehearsals. During the visual rehearsal, led by the directors and leadership team, all students will learn and improve their marching basics either on the LHS football field or in the parking lot in front of the school. The music rehearsal (held on the same day) is a required, weekly sectional for students to take group lessons with section technicians (LHS staff music educators) and be coached on playing fundamentals and show music. Please know, music sectionals do not replace the daily, individual practice that is expected of all students. All show music, as well as four to five additional selections (ie. Star Spangled Banner) are to be completely memorized before the first day of SPAT camp (in late July.) Music memorization will be tested by section technicians, called "spot checks" throughout the summer, concluding before the first day of SPAT camp.

A Note on Dropping Off Students

Throughout the summer, band season students are to use either Door U (closest to the gym doors) or Door J (the Band Door) for practices and performances. Door J faces the practice field behind the high school on the east side. When using Door J, drop off and pick up your student in the east side parking lot between the school and the practice field. Please approach this lot from the south side of the school. For competitions, students will either load buses outside of Door J or in front of the gym. If parked while waiting for buses to return to school, park in the south parking lot so as not to get blocked in when the buses arrive.

What:

Spat camp marks the start of the official marching band season, when students learn the visual show that accompanies the music and colorguard choreography they have been learning over summer sectionals. New members have one day of practice dedicated to themselves to assist in feeling prepared for the coming weeks of camp.

When:

SPAT camp starts in late July. Consult the band schedule for dates, times and locations of camp. Spat camp sessions typically run all day (8:00am to 5:00pm) on weekdays and Saturdays.*

*Note that rehearsal times and locations for the hornline, drumline, and colorguard will be different, so be sure to consult your schedule.

Students should always arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Students may park at the rehearsal field or be dropped off and picked up. Please have arrangements made well ahead of time for getting to and from rehearsals.

SPAT Camp



What about the weather?

In the case of rain during SPAT camp, rehearsal will continue no matter what! If the directors decide rehearsal must pivot indoors, they will communicate the necessary information via Heja and emails. If your student does not have a vehicle at rehearsal, often times upperclassmen/leadership team members will assist with rides (in case of rehearsal location changes due to weather)

There will be 2-3 large tents on the sides of the practice field where you can get out of the sun, store your instruments, personal items, food, etc. Often, sections choose to sit together, or you can sit with friends wherever you'd like.

Continued Spot Checks

If your student was unable to complete their music memorization spot checks before the first day of SPAT camp, staff technicians will pull students from rehearsals to play for them during camp. Please strongly encourage your student to memorize music and ask their section music technicians if they need additional help.

SPAT Camp Snacks

It has been a long tradition of LHS band parents to supply an afternoon snack for the hard-working students. Keep a lookout (via email, Heja, or website) for a SignUp Genius to commit to supplying and/or handing out these well-anticipated snacks.

SPAT Camp Checklist:

What to Bring:

- lots of water; half-gallon jugs work best; freezing small, plastic containers to make large cubes of ice helps keep water cool longer.
- a bag or backpack- to keep all of your belongings organized in the tent.
- tennis shoes and socks are best; you must be able to have good roll-through form in your footwear selections; avoid footwear that creates blisters or soreness
- have a couple pair of clean, dry socks with you, as the field in the morning is often wet; bonus if you have a dry pair of shoes to change into as well... wet feet=uncomfortable (and stinky!) feet.
- a sweatshirt- mornings can be cool and dewey
- a raincoat- rehearsals do not get canceled- if it's raining without lightning, outdoor rehearsals will continue!
- sunscreen- don't be a burner... you'll be outside for literally months, so starting the season with a bad sunburn is not a good start.
- a hat; baseball cap, bucket hat, large-rimmed hat; and sunglasses
- chap stick- wind players' faces are part of their instruments... take care of them!
- snacks- you will get breaks and you will be hungry; bring healthy snacks, leave the caffeinated or energy snacks/drinks at home.
- lunch- you may choose to bring your own lunch to eat under the tents or leave the rehearsal space to get lunch offsite. Sometimes, friends/sections will have lunch together at a local restaurant or at someone's home. Always be cognizant of how much time you have for lunch (usually 1 1/2 hours) so you are not late getting back to the field
- a small cooler- for snacks and lunches
- your instrument and all necessary equipment; gloves (if you play an instrument that requires gloves)
- your music- you should have the music memorized, but music is necessary to refer to starting and stopping points in ensemble rehearsal (ie. measure numbers)
- your phone- drill pages (instructions on where you go on the field and how to get there) are via the app UDBapp Pro (more info will come from directors about app)

Dress Up Days

stay tuned for announcements from your leadership team (drum majors, field commanders, and section leaders) regarding dress up days and themes. This has become long-standing LHS competition among sections!

Optional:

- a battery phone charger, because you'll be using your phone for drill. If you don't have access to a phone, paper drill copies will be supplied, no worries!
- an outdoor chair to rest during breaks instead of on the ground.
- a towel for firetruck day. Directors will notify students when Firetruck Day will occur, sometime during the end of one rehearsal sometime during camp, It's a lot of fun, and very wet!



Uniform:

- Black LHS Band T-shirt (student purchase- consider owning 2 shirts)
- Long, plain black socks (student supplies)
- Bibber (“pants”) (part of fitted uniform)
- Jacket (part of fitted uniform)
- Black cotton gloves (student purchase- consider owning 3-4 glove sets)
- Hat (part of fitted uniform)
- Gauntlets (part of fitted uniform)
- Drillmasters (student purchase)
- Drops or other pieces of extra uniform/equipment that ties into show concept

Uniform Fitting and Distribution

On the first Saturday of SPAT camp, students will be fitted for uniforms. There will be a SignUp Genius sent via email and Heja, organized by class, with seniors signing up first. Seniors start the uniform process because the uniform they wore the previous year may very likely fit them their senior year. Juniors are next, Sophomores and then Freshman. The uniform fitting process takes approximately 45 minutes, so please be on time for the time you sign up for. At uniform distribution, students “check in” at the back band doors and will receive a list of uniform pieces which they will take to the various stations for fitting. Students should wear lightweight athletic shorts and a T-shirt for their fitting. If students come wearing jeans/jean shorts or cargo shorts, they will not be able to have their uniform fitted properly and will be sent home to put on appropriate attire. Students will take home the uniform that best fits them (as determined by the adult uniform volunteers) in the supplied garment bag, labeled with their name. They will also bring home a hat in hat box, gauntlets, and gloves. Gloves are available for purchase at \$3 a pair, and 3-4 pairs are recommended for the season. Please try to bring the exact amount of cash for gloves, or pay via Venmo. If you ordered marching shoes or black band t-shirt, they will be available for pick up during the uniform fitting process.

*Color guard members receive their uniforms separately, not at Uniform Distribution.

*Front ensemble, drumline, and tubas will have variations to uniform and will be directed by uniform volunteers as to how to obtain these uniform parts.

Student Purchased Uniform Parts

Be prepared to purchase Drillmasters (marching shoes), black band T-shirts, and black gloves. As early as New Member Day in May, you will receive an order form for Drillmaster Marching Shoes and two black band T-shirts. You will own these and can use them from season to season. Students also need long, plain black socks, which students will provide.

Uniform Storage & Transportation

Students will keep only uniform pants and jacket in the garment bag (NO Drillmasters); Gauntlets, gloves, and the like will go in the hat box. Students will either wear their Drillmasters or carry them separately. For most competitions, uniforms will be loaded into uniform trailer for transport to and from competitions. For most halftime football game performances, parade, and in-town competitions, students are responsible for transporting their own uniforms.

Students may NOT eat or drink anything (except water) while in uniform.

Marching Band Events

Breakfast with the Band

After a couple of weeks of spat camp, family and friends are invited to gather on a Saturday morning (see schedule on lincolnband.org website for date, location and time) to hear the show music for the first time. The students will also be posing for a large, all member photograph this morning (typically wearing their black band t-shirt and tan shorts; color guard will be instructed what to wear) These photos will be for sale as a poster print later in the season. The Band Parent Association (BPA) will be selling doughnuts and coffee as a fundraiser. There will also be several tables set up to visit, including band merchandise sales, volunteer sign-ups for a wide variety of needs throughout the season, and fundraising opportunities for your student and the BPA. Be sure to attend this first glimpse of what your students have been working so hard on these past few weeks, grab a donut and coffee, and get to know your fellow bandparents! This event typically lasts 2-3 hours.



Breakfast with the Band



Preview Night

Preview Night (Parent/Family Night)

August concludes with the first nearly full performance of the season's show before family and friends. Learn about the inspiration for the show from the directors, watch the spectacle come together, and listen to Doctor Beat, the louder than life metronome that keeps the ensemble together! The Bandparents Association will arrange for food trucks to purchase dinner for the students and public prior to the performance. Students will start the evening with a short rehearsal, then eat from food trucks, (or bring their own supper) then proceed to put on uniforms/costumes for professional group and section photos. The evening continues with a performance from the Lincoln drumline, the season's competitive show, and stand still performance in horn arcs in the front of the field. Following these performances, the public are invited onto the field to attempt to march a portion of the show with a student! This is a great way to gain a unique perspective of what our student's experience on the field!

Parent Preview is a great opportunity to share what your student has been working on all summer, so invite family and friends to come eat and enjoy the show! This evening also provides many opportunities to sign up to for numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the season, pay ISA dues, purchase band merchandise, engage in fundraising activities, order professional photos, and get to know your band family!

The Competitive Season

Halftime Performances

The Marching Patriots serve as the pep band at Lincoln football games, as well as performing “competition dress rehearsals”...errr, football halftime shows. On game nights (consult schedule for dates) hornline, battery, and color guard students park (or are dropped off) in the north lot of HWF, from where they split off to warm up as sections. Front ensemble students meet early on the west side of the south parking lot to unload trailers and set up for warmup. Occasionally, students are bused to HWF from the high school. Consult each game’s emailed itinerary for details. Students should arrive at HWF dressed to wear their uniforms, already in long black socks, Drillmasters, and black band T-shirts. Parents can purchase tickets at the east side ticket booths to watch the halftime performance (and the game, too). The band will march to the stadium playing America The Beautiful and perform the Star Spangled Banner prior to kickoff. The band stays and plays the Lincoln School Song and small sections of the show as a pep band through at least the third quarter of the game, sitting in the bleachers in a designated section. Students stay in uniform the entire time they are at the game, and directors will communicate any uniform or schedule modifications (due to weather) as needed.

Presidents Bowl

The Lincoln Marching Band attends the Presidents Bowl in early September alongside bands from Washington, Roosevelt and Jefferson. Lincoln will either perform the National Anthem or will perform their competitive show, depending on whether or not Lincoln is the home team. The band will sit in the stands and play pep band, regardless of whether or not they perform the season show. The Bandparents Association receives a portion of the ticket proceeds from the Presidents Bowl, so invite family and friends to attend!

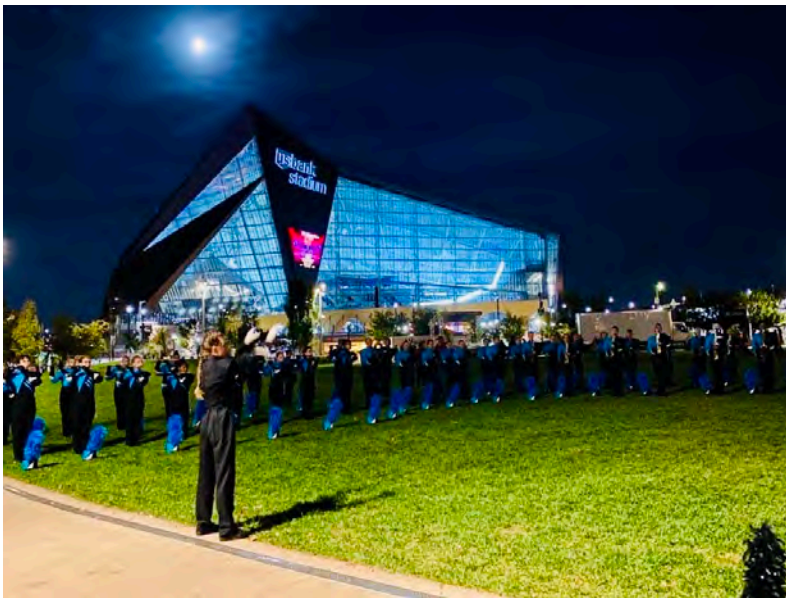
The Season

From early September through mid-October, the band will spend many Friday evenings (LHS halftime shows) and weekends (competitions) performing. Watch the band schedule carefully on the lincolnband.org website, Heja, and emails for itineraries packed full of important details. Weekday practices continue to be held throughout the season: please stay tuned to updates in the rehearsal schedule but checking the website, emails and Heja often. Generally, the band rehearsal Monday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday mornings before school, however this varies due to field availability and school district events. Practices are also held on many Saturday mornings during the season.

The Competitive Season

Competitions

The band travels to competitions in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana or Missouri throughout the season. Students are bused to competitions; departure times from Lincoln vary from early morning to mid-afternoon, depending on the travel time. Stay tuned to the emailed itineraries for all details. Although some venues have food for sale, students generally need to bring food for meals and snacks on these trips. Many students will pack a cooler with a variety of snacks, sandwiches and drinks for the day. Students must have full uniforms and instruments packed for these trips either in the trailers/trucks or on the busses. Students are responsible for having all parts of their uniform with them, including black band shirts, black socks and Drillmasters. Students can wear comfortable clothes on the bus for travel. Students can also bring comfort supplies, like blankets, pillows, sweatshirts, phones (and battery chargers) handheld video games, or other quest activities.



Hotel and Bussing Sign Ups:

Students will sign up for their buses and hotel rooms for the entire season. The LHS Band typically travels with six to seven buses total and sleeps two to four students to a room on overnight trips. Students

Cell Phones: Note that Sioux Falls School District policy prohibits cell phone use for taking photos, texting/messaging, and calling while on the bus, except when explicitly allowed by a chaperone. The district policy is something of a “moving target,” so other phone uses may or may not be allowed. The directors and chaperones will review cell phone policies with students on each bus trip.

Rides Home from

Competition: If you plan on bringing your student home in your own vehicle from a competition (rather than having them ride the bus back to Lincoln), you must physically check your student out personally with their bus’s lead chaperone, following the competition. Students may only ride with their own parents/guardians. Stay tuned to Heja and emails to learn the whereabouts of the busses, as they move locations throughout the day.

The Competitive Season

Festival of Bands

The three Sioux Falls public high schools and O’Gorman High School host the Festival of Bands competition the first Saturday in October. The day-long festival has two parts: a street parade in the morning and a field competition at Howard Wood Field in the afternoon (preliminary performances) and evening (finals).

The Lincoln Band traditionally marches near the end of the morning parade. In the morning, students meet at Lincoln and ride buses to the parade site, so parents can drop students off at the school (or students can drive themselves to Lincoln.)

As a host school, Lincoln does not compete in the field shows, but will do an exhibition performance either at the beginning of the evening finals competition or at the end. Parents can watch other area bands perform during the competition and can volunteer for one of the many “host school” jobs (e.g. ticket-taker, band Marshall, judges’ helper, water station worker just to name a few).

Send off Performance

A special send-off performance of the polished, finished show product will be held during the week prior to the band’s travels to BOA (either in St Louis or Indianapolis) in late October. This is a special opportunity for family, friends and community members to see the Lincoln band perform its show one last time in Sioux Falls. Please see the lincolnband.com website for dates and details, and be sure to invite family, friends, and and community!

Bands of America Super Regional

Since 2014, the Lincoln band has attended the Bands of America (BoA) Super Regional Competition either in St. Louis, Missouri or Indianapolis, Indiana. The band will travel from Thursday through Sunday at the end of October. This year (2023) the band will travel to the Indianapolis Super Regional to perform at Lucas Oil Stadium. If you can get away, attending this Super Regional competition is well worth it! Not only can you cheer on Lincoln in the biggest competition of the year, but you can see up to 80 fantastic bands from a broad swath of the central United States. You can get a sense of which bands in particular to catch by checking out the HornRank website (<http://www.hornrank.com>), which previews and ranks participating bands across the country. For these Super Regional trips, be sure to reserve hotels far in advance, as hotel availability becomes difficult. Tickets are available for purchase online in advance. Prelims are general seating. Finals are general seating or reserved seating. Tickets for prelims (held Friday morning through Saturday afternoon) are sold separately from tickets for finals on Saturday evening. In 2023, Lincoln HS band will be performing during the Saturday morning preliminaries block. Finalists are announced Saturday afternoon, where Lincoln will learn if they have been selected to perform one last time Saturday evening in Finals Competition.

Parent Tips for Competitions

- Although many competitions take place in late summer and early fall, keep in mind that Lincoln often performs at the end of the evening; temperatures in the stands of outdoor stadiums can get chilly (especially in Marshall, MN)
- You can get the best view of the shows between the 40-yard lines. The higher you sit, the more visual effect you will see (drill, bodywork, choreography) The lower you sit, the louder the band will be and you'll have more chances to see you own students' lovely face!
- You will need to get to the competition early, at least by the opening of the gates, to get seats as close to the 50 yard line. Many other band supporters have this same idea, so lines can be long.
- Some shows sell tickets at the gate (Marshall, Festival of Bands competition) and other shows presell tickets online (Festival of Bands [offers tickets both at the gate and presale via students,] BOA in DesMoines, Youth in Music in Minneapolis, and BOA in Indianapolis) Keep a look out for when presale ticket sales begin to get the best seats. Often, families will purchase tickets together so that Lincoln is able to sit somewhat together. Please feel free to coordinate ticket purchases with one another to create that "sea of red" at larger competitions.
- A day of marching band competitions can get long, so you may want to have a seat cushion/stadium chair along, in case the stadium has metal bench seats (like Howard Wood Field) Blankets, extra layers of clothing, and snacks are also nice items to bring (if allowed)
- Make sure to wear your RED spiritwear--especially show shirts--to create a "sea of red" in the stands with other Lincoln parents. The band's merchandise selection for sale includes Lincoln-branded items to show your school spirit, so shop early and be prepared!
- When Lincoln takes the field, it is a parent tradition NOT to shout out children's names. Instead, cheer loudly for your band!
- Of course, regular performance etiquette applies: do not enter or leave the stadium during a performance; do not talk during other bands' performances and applaud them heartily when they are done. Lincoln is known as a very supportive and encouraging band to all schools!
- Many bands feature solo performances during their shows; unlike a concert performance, the audience commonly applauds the soloists as they finish. Audience applause is also welcomed in between show tunes and after big moments in the visual and musical shows. Often times, the directors and staff will "lead" these cheers, so please feel free to follow their lead and show your support!
- Food and drink- most competitive venues offer some sort of concessions. Some venues allow your own food and drink, whereas other venues do not allow anything.

Show Shirts

Be sure to purchase the season's show shirts. These red shirts carry the design for the season's show. Band parents and supporters often wear these shirts at performances and marching band events, creating a "sea of red" in the audience. Show shirt sales begin in late July with on online sale (via Monarch Sales) and will be communicated via email and Heja. Be sure to keep a lookout for show shirt sale announcements and get yours ordered, as their will be limited chances to order during the season.

Show Photos

You may also purchase a Band Poster, photographed at the Breakfast with the Band event, as well as the section and group band photos in taken during Preview Night. Opportunities to purchase photos will be communicated via email and the Heja app throughout the marching season.

Post Competition Season

Indoor Show

The Indoor Show is a special recap show held in the LHS new gym. The band reprises the season's show, performs some additional entertaining pieces, and recaps the season. A highlight is the Skipping with the Seniors portion to the march "On the Mall." The LHS Marching Band has held its Indoor Show annually for over 40 years! Shows are held on two separate evenings in November. This is an event to invite family and friends!

Uniform Return

Once ALL performances of the season are done, students will return uniform pants, jackets, hats, and gauntlets. The Uniform Committee sets aside a specific day and time for students to return their uniforms. The Bandparents Association will have them drycleaned once students have returned them. Make sure that your student clears out all personal effects--including the season's black socks and gloves--from their hat box and uniform bag.

Chicken Dinner

The Chicken Dinner raises funds for both the Bandparents Association and ISA (Individual Student Accounts) accounts. Although the Bandparents Association caters in the food itself, bandparent volunteers actually set up, serve, and clean up after the dinner. Two to three thousand people attend the dinner and indoor show over two nights, so the band needs lots of hands to fill all the jobs. Pre-order ticket sales will be available online in September to assist in estimating food order quantities. Tickets will also be available at the LHS office and at the door. Look for information about Chicken Dinner on the website.

Silent Auction

The Bandparent Association holds its annual Silent Auction fundraiser on the same evenings as the Chicken Dinner/Indoor Show. This has been one of the BPA's largest fundraising events of the season. Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser successful, so please consider helping with securing donations and running the auction. Make sure to arrive a little early for the dinner to look over the items up for bid. More information on how the auction works will be communicated closer to the event via the website and email/Heja.



Awards Night

Awards Night closes the marching band season. Awards are given to sections for overall performance, improvement, or preparation. (for example, being the first section to have all spot checks passed) Seniors also perform a medley of pieces from their four years of shows.

FUNDRAISING

Student Fundraising for ISAs

From work shifts to grocery cards to raffles and auctions, there are many ways students and families raise funds (and get the community involved).

A variety of opportunities are available throughout the year to earn money towards student's ISA (Individual Student Account).

Visit the lincolnband.org website for information on all of these fundraising opportunities.

Why support our band

Did you know that the Band Parent Association (BPA) non-profit, our students and staff rely heavily on fundraising for all the great experiences and opportunities in the Lincoln Band program? Learn about our funding sources:

- Sioux Falls School District: 6%
- Student accounts: 40%
- Fundraising: 54%

We are grateful for all who support the Lincoln High School Band!

- Students and families who raise funds, sell tickets, work shifts and more
- Volunteers, board members and committee members who give an amazing amount of time (at various hours of the day) to keep our programs ticking and students safe
- Community members, alumni, fans of the band, businesses and more who donate generously to bridge the gap in funding

Work Shifts

Our marching band is proud to offer many work opportunities to help students and families earn money towards the ISA (individual student account) dues.

The Band Parents Association continues to support 100% of all earned monies from work shifts to go directly to the student's ISA. These work shifts are posted often on the lincolnband.org website as well as announced on Heja and emails when they become available.

Work shift venues vary by season and availability. Watch your email from the BPA to learn about new opportunities as they become available, and sign up online. Typical Work shift locations: Denny Sanford Premier Center Concessions, Pentagon Concessions, Canaries Concessions, Arena Concessions, Hyvee Car Raffle Ticket Sales Booths

Grocery Cards

Hy-Vee grocery gift cards can be bought or sold to help students and families fundraise and earn money for ISA account. Student ISA accounts earns 4% of the gift card total and the Band Parents Association earns 1% of the gift card total. Hy-Vee cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$200 amounts

Car Raffle

To help raise funds, the BPA has purchased the vehicle from Schulte Subaru of Sioux Falls, who is kindly sponsoring the sales tax and document fees to the winner of the vehicle. Total ticket sales cover the car's cost and should raise extra funds for the band and band member ISAs. Band members earn \$5 toward their individual student account (ISA) for every \$20 ticket sold

Raise Right Gift Cards

You can earn money toward an individual student account (ISA) as you shop for back to school, holiday shopping, birthdays, travel, everyday expenses, at any time of year! Use these gift cards toward purchases rather than using cash or credit for everyday items like groceries, gas, dining out, your morning coffee, back to school, holiday shopping and even travel. This is similar to the local grocery gift cards, but it's available through many more retailers. (Note: Local grocery cards are ordered through a different process.)

FUNDRAISING

Fans of the Band

Fans of the band show up in the audience and can support our students year round. Learn more about our updated program and how to get involved.

Business Sponsorships

Business sponsorships help the band in big ways. We need your help to give students meaningful experiences near and far.

Make a difference in the lives of young musicians who are making a positive impact on each other and our community. Join us in supporting the Lincoln High School Band's national and regional award-winning programs for marching band, jazz band and concert band. Learn about our sponsorship levels on the lincolnband.org website.

Band Merchandise Sales

The Band parents offer sale of many different products of Lincoln Band spirit wear. Products may include: blankets, water bottles, baseball caps (both low profile and mesh) bucket hats, pom poms, rain jackets, window sticker decals (small and large) cross-body bags, LHS band stickers, and more! Sales will occur at events throughout the marching band season, beginning at Breakfast with the Band and Preview Night.

Other Fundraising Opportunities

Presidents Bowl

The Lincoln High School Booster Club--the parents organization that raises funds for extracurricular activities--helps to host the Presidents Bowl (football games between the Sioux Falls high schools). By working at the Presidents Bowl, the Bandparents receive a portion of the ticket proceeds from the LHS Boosters.

Festival of Bands

As one of the hosting schools for the Festival of Bands, the Bandparents Association receives a portion of the gate receipts. The Lincoln Bandparents host the evening finals competition at Howard Wood Field, which requires dealing with the busiest crowds of the day. Not only do the Bandparents work with the spectators, but also provide support "backstage" for the visiting bands.

Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction

Chicken Dinner ticket sales and the proceeds from the Silent Auction make up one of the largest fundraisers for the Bandparents Association. The Chicken Dinner organizers always need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. The Silent Auction committee, likewise, can always use parents who can contribute items for the auction, or who know someone who can contribute. Proceeds from chicken dinner sales and auction profits go directly to the Band Parents Association.

Volunteer Opportunities

WE NEED YOU!!!

We cannot do this without the help of our band friends and families. We'd love to get you connected to a committee or event to get involved. Let us know any special skills or interests that you may have and we'll find a place for you!

Please go to the lincolnband.org website to learn more about these opportunities and sign up to help. Or, contact any of the Band Parent Association board members or committee chair persons directly. Contact information can be found at the end of this handbook and on the lincolnband.org website.

Chaperones

Chaperones are volunteers who accompany and assist in traveling for performances and competitions. Chaperones are required to have a background check completed through the school district. (Volunteer leaders - minimum of 2, chaperone volunteers - unlimited)

Roadies

Roadies are the volunteers who build, create, move, and transport props, uniforms, equipment, and so much more! (Volunteer leaders 2-4, Volunteers - unlimited)

Drivers

New committee! We are currently looking to purchase a semi trailer to utilize for the marching band season. Class A CDL and district background check is required. We also have budgeted to rent a tractor to pull the trailer. Other times, we may need to only move a trailer (would need access to a 3/4 ton truck). This committee would work closely with the Roadies to make sure travel dates are covered. (Volunteer leader - 1-2, Volunteers - unlimited)

Travel

The travel coordinator works with the chaperones, roadies & directors to coordinate overnight trips. This position oversees all the quotes, planning, logistics, etc. for hotel, food, and more. Typically on larger trips, this person works closely with travel agents. (Volunteer Leaders 1-2)

Shoes and Shirts

Shoes and uniform shirts are needed annually. This position would coordinate, organize, communicate and order these needs. Also, oversee volunteers at uniform check-out. (Volunteer leaders 1-2)

Uniforms

Uniforms include all parts of the required uniform for the marching season. The leader position(s) oversee stock, organization, ordering of needed items, uniform check-out, fittings, uniform check-in, volunteers, and more. (Volunteer Leaders - 2-3, Volunteers - unlimited)

Colorguard

Color Guard leads are volunteers who assist the color guard and instructors in duties as needed. They additionally act as chaperons when traveling for performances and competitions. Background checks are required completed through the school district. (Volunteer leaders - minimum of 2)

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SPAT Camp

At spat camp, snacks are supplied and equipment is watched over the lunch hour. This position would oversee the organization and communication to recruit volunteers to supply the snacks and watch equipment during the lunch break. (Volunteer leaders 1-2)

Special Events

Special events include but are not limited to Breakfast with the Band and Family Preview Night. This position plans and oversees these events, recruits needed volunteers, etc. (Volunteer Leaders 1-2)

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear includes stickers, pins, show shirts, hats, sweatshirts, etc. This committee coordinates with the directors and vendor to order, sell, and distribute spirit wear. (Volunteer Leaders 2-4)

Videography

New Committee! This position would include getting B-roll of rehearsals, spat camp, competitions and more in order to create videos for the season. If a volunteer has the skills to cut and edit, that would be a bonus! (Volunteer leader - 1, Volunteers - unlimited)

Photography

New committee! We'd love to build a team of people who can take pictures at spat camp, competitions, rehearsals, etc. These pictures would be used for the website design, social media, etc. (Volunteer Leader - 1, Volunteers - unlimited)

Festival of Bands LHS Reps

LHS partners with the other Sioux Falls High Schools annually to plan and execute the Festival of Bands Competition. FOB representatives sit on the festival committee to assist in planning the event and attend monthly meetings leading up to the event. They also are responsible to create sign-ups for LHS Band volunteers for the event, running logistics for assigned volunteers the day of the event and other assigned duties. (Minimum of 2 volunteers)

Social Media

The Band currently uses Facebook and Instagram as social media platforms. This position would oversee the posting from other committees, directors & BPA SM needs, work to make the platforms engaging and informational, etc. (Volunteer Leader - 1-2, Volunteers 4-5)

Website

The Band's website currently is hosted by Wix. This position would keep the website up to date as needed via the Volunteer leaders and directors. (Volunteer leaders - 1-2)

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Grocery Cars and Scrip Fundraising

Hy-Vee and Fareway grocery cards are bought or sold to help students and families fundraise and earn money for ISA account. Student ISA accounts earn 4% of the gift card total and the Band Parents Association earns 1% of the gift card total. The Volunteer leader is responsible for communications, logistics and execution of the process. (Volunteer leaders 1-2)

Work Shift Fundraising

LHS Band partners with several Sioux Falls venues who offer work opportunities to help students and families earn money towards the Individual Student Account (ISA) dues. This position would communicate with these venues, coordinate the opportunities, create and communicate work shift openings to the band members, and work with ISA Treasurer to ensure students ISA accounts are credited. (1-2 volunteers)

Product Sales Fundraising

LHS Band offers products sales as another opportunity for students to earn money towards their ISA. Product sales leads are needed to oversee the logistics of each fundraiser. Duties include, but may not be limited to, assisting BPA in deciding what fundraisers to use, organizing, communicating, executing and carryout fundraisers. In the past, several product fundraisers have happened during a marching season however, it is the BPA's goal to start concentrating on 2-3 fundraisers per year to simplify and capitalize on the earning opportunities for students. (Volunteer Leaders - 2-4)

Chicken Dinner

The indoor marching concert and chicken dinner is an annual fundraiser to close out the marching season. Volunteers would assist BPA in helping plan and execute the event with duties such as ticket sales, seating, serving food, set up, tear down, etc. (Volunteer leaders - minimum of 2, Volunteers - unlimited)

Silent Auction

The silent auction is part of the annual indoor marching concert and chicken dinner. Committee leads are responsible to recruit and collect auction items along with oversee volunteers at the event, set-up, tear down and execute logistics of the auction. (Volunteer leaders - minimum of 2, Volunteers - unlimited)

Glossary of Terms

Band Door: Door J, the busiest door at Lincoln High School (at least during marching band season).

Band Locker: individual cubby in the band room to hold instruments and music. Many students use their band lockers instead of their regular lockers to hold books and binders, since they spend so much time in the band room anyway.

Black Band T-shirt: a short- or long-sleeved t-shirt worn as part of the uniform, worn under the jacket in full uniform. The directors will occasionally call for students to wear their black band shirts for rehearsals as well.

Battery (aka drumline): the moving part of the percussion section that performs on the field; includes snares, quads, bass drums, and cymbals.

Bibber: the pants portion of the uniform
Black Socks: an often-overlooked but crucial part of the Lincoln uniform. Socks should be plain black and should reach to mid-shin, at least. Students will need several pairs, as they tend to disappear from one weekend to the next, only to reappear crusty and smelly when lockers are cleaned out.

BOA: Bands of America, a program of Music for All (<http://www.musicforall.org/>), which runs regional, super-regional, and national high school marching band competitions.

Body Work: extra movements performed by hornline and drumline, besides marching and playing.

Chaperones: adults who travel with the band.

Colorguard: the group on the field that spins lags, riles, and sabers (as well as dances) for added visual spectacle.

Drumline: the percussion section, divided into the battery and the front ensemble.

DCI: Drum Corps International (<http://www.dci.org/>). An organization of college-age musicians and colorguard that perform in many cities during the summer. A drum corps (or drum-and-bugle corps) includes only valved brass instruments such as trumpets, mellophones, and tubas, and percussion. Many Lincoln directors, designers, and technicians participated in DCI at some point, and “corps style” has a clear impact on Lincoln shows. Many Lincoln students (and parents) attend the live broadcast of the DCI World Championships in a local theater at the end of August.

Doctor Beat (aka “the met”): a highly amplified metronome, the sound of which is sure to raise students’ anxiety once spat camp is over

UDBapp Pro App: app downloaded onto student’s phone that each student uses to define their own individual movements and positions within the show, as well as noting any special movements or pauses.

Drill: the “choreography” of the show, defining the movements of the ensemble from one form to another

Drill Chart: a set of pages showing dot formations (each dot represents a single marcher) along key points in the show

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Drillmasters: black marching shoes that are part of the uniform. Drillmasters must be purchased at the start of marching band season, along with black band T-shirts. The good news is, unless the shoes become so worn that the seams tear, one pair should last a student all four years of marching band.

Drum Major: three student conductors of the band on the field. Lincoln drum majors stand on aluminum podiums in front of the band and in the backfield so that every marcher can see at least one. Drum Majors represent the highest level of student leadership in the marching band, setting the professional tone of the band for the rest of the students.

Field Commanders: six field commanders that teach and assist with marching basics and ballet warm ups, assist drum majors with their roles, and represent the next in command after drum major; serve as leaders and mentors to fellow students

Front Ensemble (aka pit): the stationary part of the percussion section that sets up in front of the field; includes mallet instruments (marimba, vibraphone, etc.), keyboards, tympani, gongs, and auxiliary percussion instruments. The pit does not normally march but has extra responsibilities loading and unloading their instruments.

Gauntlets: fancy wrist wear worn over the student's black gloves. Gauntlets come in left and right pairs, so students should take care to keep their gauntlets together.

Hole: a gap in the form because of a student absence.

Horn Line: the brass and woodwind sections

ISA: Individual Student Account. This is the money each student/family pays for participating in the band.

Plume: the "feather duster" thing on the band hats. Plumes are delicate, prone to bending and shedding, and generally unsuitable for teenage responsibilities. Chaperones hand out plumes right before the performance, and collect them immediately afterward.

Props: large "set" pieces on the field during performances.

Roadies: adults (and sometimes children) who help move the band and its equipment.

Section Leader: a junior or senior student who leads an instrument section (e.g. clarinet, trumpet, tuba, colorguard). Section leaders lead by example, help less experienced students learn the show, help enforce discipline, and encourage fun and participation.

Show Shirt: a specially designed shirt that captures the spirit of each year's show. Most parents and students choose to purchase one for each year in the band.

Spat Camp: the training period running from late July through August, during which time students learn the season's show.

Spot Checks: instructor checks of each student's music memorization, beginning the first day of Spat Camp. All music must be memorized before Spat Camp begins.

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Tear: when two parts of the band on either side of the field are not playing together in time.

Technician: an adult expert, besides the band directors themselves, who instructs students in music or marching.

Turf Turds: bits of black plastic from AstroTurf that students' shoes pick up and track home. No, you don't have mice.

YIM: Youth in Music, a competition in Minneapolis showcasing the best bands of the upper Midwest.

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