

Laing Band Program Calendar

Please Note: Not every event has a posted time, because they change or are unknown publication.

Make sure you are registered on our website, *laingmsbands.org* for our booster email communications and reminders.

Everyone should also download and register for the “BAND” app. Be sure to join the “**Laing Band Program**” master page, as well as your child’s individual ensemble page(s).

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Day & Date	Event	Location & Time	Information
AUGUST			
Friday, August 16	Parent/Student Information Form Due	Online submission	This form is the first grade in the gradebook.
Wednesday, August 21	6th Grade Instrument Rental Event	On Zoom at 7:00 PM	Run by Music and Arts. Zoom link and info
Friday, August 30	Jazz Band Audition Videos Due	Online submission	Open to all Band students who prepare the materials
SEPTEMBER			
Tuesday, September 3	First Steps Night/New Parent Meeting	Students- afterschool 3:30-6:00pm; Parent Meeting @ 5:15pm in Cafeteria	All 6th Grade Students/Parents
Wednesday, September 4	LLA Registration Due	Form: Paper; Payment: Check to Laing Lessons Academy turned in to Director	Students who wish to sign up for private lessons.
	Jazz Band Rehearsals Begin	Weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm	7th and 8th graders accepted by audition
Friday, September 6	FSA and School-Owned Instrument Fee Due	Website	All Band students
Monday, September 9	Laing Lessons Academy (LLA) Begins	Laing	LLA Students
Tuesday, September 10	Percussion Ensemble Rehearsals Begin	Weekly on Tuesdays from 7:15-8am	Open to all 7th or 8th grade percussionists
Thursday, September 19	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)

Tuesday, September 24	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Concert Band (7th Graders)
Thursday, September 26	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
Monday, September 30	Snap!Raise Fundraiser Begins	Band Room	All Band students (20 emails due in Canvas)
	Stage Band Rehearsals Begin	Weekly on Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm	Open to all 7th and 8th grade Band students
Saturday, September 28	LEAP: Lowcountry Marching Band Invitational (LCI)	Wando stadium (all day, Wando performance TBA)	8th Grade Band Students
OCTOBER			
Thursday, October 3	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
Friday, October 4	FSA Second Installment Due	Website	
Saturday, October 5	LEAP: Wando Band Community Performance	Wando Stadium Start Time 8:00 PM	8th Grade Band Students
Thursday, October 10	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Concert Band (7th Graders)
Tuesday, October 15	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
Thursday, October 24	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Concert Band (7th Graders)
	FALL CONCERT	7:00pm in the Laing Gym; 8th Grade Call Time- 5:30pm, 7th Grade Call Time- 6:15pm	All 7th and 8th Graders/Jazz Band
Saturday, October 26	LEAP: 8th Grade Wando Band Night/Trunk or Treat	Wando Band Room/stadium 6:30 pm	7th & 8th Grade Band Members
NOVEMBER			
Friday, November 1	Florida Trip Registration Form & Deposit Due		7th and 8th Graders
	FSA Third Installment Due	Website	All Families on Installment Plan
Thursday, November 14	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
Tuesday, November 12	LEAP: Region Audition Clinic	Wando Band Room 4:00-5:30	Open to all Students auditioning for Region Band
Thursday, November 21	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Concert Band (7th Graders)
DECEMBER			
Friday, December 6	Florida Trip Registration Form & Deposit Due		7th and 8th Graders

Thursday, December 5	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
Tuesday, December 10	7th Grade Concert Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Concert Band (7th Graders)
	7th/8th WINTER CONCERT	7:30pm in the Laing Gym; 8th Grade Call Time- 6:00pm, 7th Grade Call Time- 6:45pm	All 7th and 8th Graders
Wednesday, December 11	LEAP: Mt. Pleasant Holiday Parade Rehearsal	Wando Band Room 4:00 - 5:15 pm	
Sunday, December 15	LEAP: Mt. Pleasant Holiday Parade with Wando Band	Meet at Wando at 3:00PM (rehearsal Dec 11 at 4:00)	
Monday, December 16	6th Grade After-School Rehearsal	3:30-5:00pm	All 6th Grade Band Students
Tuesday, December 17	6th Grade WINTER CONCERT	7:30pm in the Laing Gym; Call Time- 6:45pm	All 6th Grade Band Students
Monday, December 16	LEAP: Kaleidoscope Rehearsal LEAP: Wando Kaleidoscope Performance	Wando, 4:00 - 5:00 pm	For any students participating in the LEAP Kaleidoscope concert
Wednesday, December 18	MOCK AUDITIONS	Laing - 3:30-7:00pm (assigned times)	All 7th and 8th Graders
JANUARY			
Wednesday, January 8 **NEW EVENT**	Wando Clinic/Audition Field Trip	7:30-1:00pm	All 7th and 8th Graders
Saturday, January 11 (inclement weather date: 1/18)	Region 4 Auditions	Location: TBA Audition Times	7th and 8th grade Region Band students
Friday, January 10	Florida Trip Second Payment Due		7th/8th grade students
	FSA Fourth Installment Due	Website	All Families on Installment Plan
Friday, January 24	School-Owned Instrument Fee Due	Online	
Saturday, January 25 (inclement weather date: 2/1)	All-State Auditions	Lexington High School	Qualifying Students
Thursday, January 30	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	7:15 AM Laing Band Room	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
FEBRUARY			
Tue/Th, February 4/6	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Tue/Th, February 11/13	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Saturday, February 15	Bands of Wando Foundation Charity Gala	Location and Time: TBA	Click here to purchase tickets

Friday, February 7	FSA Fifth/Final Installment /Orlando 3rd payment Due	Website	All Families on Installment Plan/FL Trip
Tue/Th, February 18/20	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Friday-Saturday, February 21-22	Region 4 Honor Band Clinic	Location: TBA	Region Band Members
Tue/Th, February 25/27	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Friday, February 28	Jazz Band Rehearsal	3:30-5pm	Jazz Band
MARCH			
Friday-Saturday, February 28-March 1 or March 7-8	Jazz Performance Assessment	Newberry College or Charleston Southern	Jazz Band
Friday, March 7	Florida Trip Final Payment Due		7th/8th grade students
Tue/Th, March 4/6	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Friday, March 7	Jazz Band Rehearsal	3:30-5pm	Jazz Band
Friday-Saturday, February 28-March 1 or March 7-8	Jazz Performance Assessment	Newberry College or Charleston Southern	Jazz Band
March 10/11	PRE-CPA CONCERT	Wando High School, Time TBA	All 7th and 8th Graders
Thursday, March 13	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
March 13-16 (March 13 Early Release)	All-State Band Clinic	Furman University - Depart @ 4 pm on March 13	All-State Band Members
Tue/Th, March 18/20	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Tuesday, March 25	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Thursday, March 27	CPA Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	7th/8th Graders TBA
Wednesday, March 19	Florida Trip Chaperone Meeting Student and Parent Meeting	TBD	Florida trip students must have a parent/guardian in attendance
APRIL			
March 26, 2025	CPA - Tentative Dates	Performance Date, Time, and Location - TBA	Concert and Symphonic Band (all 7th/8th graders)
Monday, March 31	LEAP: Wando Band Spring Training	Wando 5:00-7:30	8th Grade Band Members Optional for 7th Grade Band Members
Tuesday, April 1	LEAP: Wando Band Spring Training	Wando 5:00-7:30	8th Grade Band Members Optional for 7th Grade Band Members
Thursday, April 3	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
April 6-9	Orlando Trip	TBD	7th and 8th grade students attending the Florida Trip

Monday, April 28	Wando Band Auditions	Laing Band Room	8th Graders
Tuesday, April 29	6th Grade Band Carowinds Afterschool Rehearsal	Laing Band Room 3:30-5pm	6th Graders attending Carowinds Trip
Wednesday, April 30	Recital Concert	Laing Cafeteria 6pm	All students participating in Solo/Ensemble Festival
	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
MAY			
Thursday, May 1	6th Grade Band Carowinds MORNING Rehearsal	Laing Band Room 7:00am	6th Graders attending Carowinds Trip
Friday, May 2, 2024	Carowinds Trip	Fort Mill, NC; Times TBA	6th Grade Beginning Band
Saturday, May 3	Solo & Ensemble	TBD	Participating Students Schedule HERE (when available)
Monday, May 5	LEAP: Wando Band Spring Training	5:00 - 7:30	8th Grade Band Members Optional for 7th Grade Band Members
Tuesday, May 6	LEAP: Wando Band Spring Training	5:00 - 7:30	8th Grade Band Members Optional for 7th Grade Band Members
	Wando Band Parent Orientation and Signing Day	6:00 - 7:30	7th and 8th Grade Students planning to join Wando Band
Thursday, May 8	Symphonic Band AM Rehearsal	Band Room 7:15am	Symphonic Band (8th Graders)
	Instrument Fitting	Band Room 4 – 6:00 pm	5th Grade Students
Saturday, May 10	SCBDA State Concert Festival	Lexington High School, Time TBA	Symphonic Band
Thursday, May 15	Jazz/Percussion Concert	Laing Cafeteria, 6:00pm	Jazz Band, Stage Band, and Percussion Ensemble
Saturday, May 17	Wando Jazz Festival	Time: 1 - 4:00 pm Location: Dodds-Durst House	Jazz Band
Monday, May 19	Honor Medal Applications Due	Band Room	
Thursday, May 22	SPRING CONCERT	Laing Campus, 6:30pm	All Band Members
JUNE			
June 2-5	Wando Band June Camp	8:00am - 12/1:30-5:30 pm	Wando Band Members

REQUIRED DATES

6th Grade:

- **Rehearsals are mandatory.**
 - Tuesday, September 3rd, 3:30-5pm (First Steps Night)
 - Monday, December 16th, 3:30-5pm
 - Tuesday, April 29, 3:30-5pm
 - Thursday, May 1, 7:00am
- **Concerts are mandatory.**
 - Tuesday, December 17, 7:00pm
 - Thursday, May 22 at 6:30pm

****Please note that 7th and 8th Grade morning rehearsals are subject to change based on the needs of the group(s) at the time. Communication of schedule alterations will be given well in advance.***

7th Grade Concert Band:

- Thursday morning **Mandatory Rehearsals** 7:15am:
 9/24, 10/10, 10/24, 11/21, 12/10
 (CPA REHEARSALS: 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/25, 3/27)

8th Grade/Symphonic Band:

- Thursday morning **Mandatory Rehearsals** 7:15am:
 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 12/5, 1/30
 (CPA REHEARSALS: 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/25, 3/27)
 4/3, 5/1, 5/8

Both Concert & Symphonic:

- **Concerts/Clinics are mandatory.**
 - Thursday, October 24, 7:00pm (Fall Concert)
 - Tuesday, December 10, 7:00pm (Winter Concert)
 - Wednesday, December 18, (Mock Auditions)
 - Friday, February 7, 9am-noon Clinic @ Wando (Symphonic ONLY)
 - March 10-11, TBD @ Wando (Pre-CPA Concert)
 - March 31-April 3, TBD (CPA Performance/Trip)
 - Saturday, May 10 TBD (State Concert Festival - **pending qualification*)
 - Thursday, May 22nd, 6:30pm (Spring Concert)