



Dear Band Families,

Summer is finally near! We have a lot to be proud of and a lot of student success to celebrate. First and foremost, I want to thank you for accepting all of the challenges that our band program brings each and every year as we are still restructuring and rebuilding our music department. We are very proud of our students for sticking to their passion and with that the outcomes of our program including skills in leadership, communication, flexibility, responsibility, accountability, discipline, and social emotional regulation.

I have personally witnessed some serious growth in each of the above listed attributes in each and every student throughout the year.

We have a lot of plans for the upcoming year that are in development, and we would be floored to continue our journey with you. We hope that you and your student will continue to participate and excel in our Symphonic band or Tidal Wave Jazz Band (or both!).

If however, your student is not planning on enrolling in any of our bands for the 2025/2026 school year, parent communication/confirmation is needed for the sake of planning and summer budgeting. Please let me know if this is the case so that we can avoid any fees to your students account. Band Boosters funds a majority of our summer events in advance, so **please let me know by May 20th** if you are going to withdraw from our program.

Sincerely,

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# ***Summer Performance/Events Schedule (HS Band)***

## **2025**

|            |                        |               |
|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| June 13th  | Band Slam Rehearsal    | 9 AM-11:00 AM |
| June 13th  | Bridgefest Parade!     | 4:45 PM       |
| July 4th   | Parade!                | 8:30 AM       |
| July 12th  | Strawberry Fest Parade | 9:00 AM       |
| August 1-3 | Band Camp              | 9:00 AM-4 PM  |

**\*Schedule is subject to change**, there may be additional required performances throughout the year or performances that are rescheduled. We will communicate any and all changes made to our performance schedule in a timely manner.

**All performances/rehearsals are mandatory**, unexcused absences will result in a significant penalty to your grade and charges to your student account. **Absences due to an avoidable conflict cannot be excused/made up from a make-up assignment.**

### **Examples of an inexcusable absence:**

- Drivers Ed.
- Work
- Out of Town (case-by-case)
- “Didn’t feel like it”

**If you need a letter for your employer to get the day off for a band rehearsal/event, please let me know before the end of the school year.**



Here is the outline for summer parades and rehearsals 2025:

### **Band Slam Rehearsal, Friday, June 13th:**

8:45 AM- Ready to go in the band room.

9:00 AM- Bus leaves with or without you to Hancock High School.

9:30 AM- Rehearse with HHS

11:00 AM- Load bus and return to LL after stopping for lunch in Houghton (students must pay for their own lunch).

### **Bridge Fest Parade, Friday, June 13th:**

4:30 PM- Be ready in band room

5:00 PM- Bus leaves with or without you.

6:00 PM- Arrive for parade line-up.

-Line up: Ohio Street (by Lahti insurance) between S. Lincoln and Quincy

-Parent drop off option: BHK parking lot

-6:30p start time

End at gas station at Franklin St. and College Ave. (Hancock will do parent pick up at this parking lot)

### **Fourth of July Parades on Friday, July 4:**

8:30 am - Students report to LLH band room to get equipment out and warm up.

9:30 am - Lake Linden Parade

When done, we load the bus (**all students travel on bus**) and go to the Hubbell/Tamarack City Parade.

10:30 am - Hubbell/Tamarack City Parade

When done, we load the bus (**all students travel on bus**) and go to the Dollar Bay Parade.

Water will be available at the end - PLEASE make sure that students also bring water bottles with them on the bus for between parades, and possibly snacks.

When done, return to Lake Linden.

### **Strawberry Festival Parade on Sat, July 12:**

9:00 am - Students report to the LLH band room to get equipment out and warm up and load bus.

9:15 am - Bus departs for Dollar Bay to pick up DB students (at approx. 9:30 am), continues to Chassell

10:00 am - Arrive in Chassell

10:15 am – Strawberry Shortcake for all band members. ☺

10:45 am – Line up for 11:00 Parade



11:40 am - Load bus and return DB students to Dollar Bay, then continue home to Lake Linden.

**Uniform:** We will be wearing full uniform for the 4th of July parade and strawberry festival parades. Wear shorts and a Lakes T-shirt underneath the uniform. A “Band Slam” T-shirt will be provided for Bridge Fest at the cost of \$15 per student, wear black shorts with the band slam Tee. No open toed shoes. Please wear tennis shoes for all parades (sunglasses are allowed).

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can reach me at [ericksonm@lakelinden.k12.mi.us](mailto:ericksonm@lakelinden.k12.mi.us)

**Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our community.**



**Summer Attendance Confirmation Form**  
**LLHS Music Department**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the boxes of the events your student **will be attending.**

Band Slam Rehearsal

June 13th

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Band Slam Parade

June 13th

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4th of July Parade

July 4th

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Strawberry Fest Parade

July 12th

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Band Camp

August 1-3

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Reasoning of absence:

By signing, you are accepting full responsibility (grade penalties and fees) for unexcused absences in any event.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_