

**LAKE NORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BANDS
MEMBER HANDBOOK
2011-2012**

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Dear Lake Norman Band Students and Band Boosters,

Welcome to the Lake Norman High School Band Family, and congratulations on your decision to be a part of one of the finest organizations in the area, state, and region! The Lake Norman Band provides a wide variety of musical opportunities that allows everyone a chance to reach their highest possible level of excellence and artistry. The beginning of the school year starts with band camp, and the opportunity to hone your playing skills as well as begin the process of learning the show for our outstanding marching band. Our performances in marching band will include home and away football games, as well as several competitions.

The Lake Norman Band Program features an emphasis on our concert organizations. These focus on a student's personal growth in developing their talents as an artist. Our ensembles have developed a reputation of musical excellence through concert and festival participation. In addition to ensemble success, members of the Lake Norman Band Program distinguish themselves through individual efforts in All-County, All-District, All-State, and other Honor Band activities. The Lake Norman Winter Guard program has begun training during the 2009-2010 school year, and will begin a competitive season next year. Our Winter Drumline, in its first year of existence took 1st place at all competitions and at championships. These activities are important to showcase the talents of our drumline and color guard members during the winter and spring months. These groups will compete and travel to local, regional, and national events.

Hard-working students, dedicated staff members, involved and active parents, and a supportive administration and community all combine to make it possible for the Lake Norman Band Program to offer an outstanding array of musical opportunities. Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and their program. The rewards of meeting those expectations are immeasurable in the development of our students as well-rounded human beings and artists. Members of the Lake Norman Band will develop musically, emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically during their time in the program.

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, administrators, staff, and directors as a convenient source of information regarding the varied aspects of the Lake Norman Band program. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. Students and parents must read this handbook carefully and sign and return the agreement forms located in the back of this handbook. These forms along with other necessary information must be turned in as soon as possible. Band members will be expected to understand and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this handbook. Remember, to have a great band, we must all maintain a strong commitment to excellence!

Sincerely,

Christopher Brown, Director

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Tradition and Philosophy

The Lake Norman Band has developed a proud tradition of excellence since the school opened in 2002. You, in becoming a member of this organization, assume the responsibility of continuing this proud tradition, which has been established by others like yourself through devotion and hard work. The Lake Norman High School Band Program is dedicated to provide educational and artistic opportunities for its students in the performing arts. All educational activities will take place in a professional atmosphere, which promotes social and artistic development of the students through creative and innovative programs, each based upon high quality instruction and leadership. In addition, it is our belief that “the process is just as important as the product.” This places the emphasis on the development and growth of each individual student, not on specific performances or placements.

“Success is a journey – not a destination”

Attitude

Those students who have a positive attitude, regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the Lake Norman High School Band. Regardless of your ability, if your attitude is not positive and you are not doing your personal best to make the group successful, you should not be a part of this organization. Almost all shortcomings can be overcome with the right attitude and perseverance.

Those who have pride in themselves will usually project a positive mental attitude. Characteristics of a positive mental attitude include a generally cheerful outlook towards rehearsals and performances, cooperation in the preparation and maintenance of equipment and facilities, and an eagerness to do whatever is necessary to be successful. The ideal band member is someone who will always give his or her best for the good of the organization.

Performing organizations

I. Marching Bands

Competition Band:

This group is auditioned in the spring, and is the band that performs both at football games, competitions, and parades. All members of the competition band are also members of the “Tradition” football band. Competition members practices begin with a 2 week camp in early August, and continue with Tuesday/Thursday rehearsals from 3:30-6:00 once school begins. Competition members are responsible for a \$150.00 membership fee.

“Tradition” Football Band:

Tradition membership is open to any band students who are interested. This ensemble was created for the 2011-2012 school year in order to offer a less rigorous participation setting for students with jobs, hectic schedules, or who are honing skills for future membership in the Competition Band. Tradition members rehearse on Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 once school begins, and perform for all football games as well as 2 parades in the fall. Tradition members are responsible for \$50.00 membership fee.

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Competitions take place on Saturdays from the third weekend in September to the first Saturday in November. A detailed competition schedule is included in this handbook. The band typically competes on three Saturdays in the fall, beginning in late September through late October and sometimes early November.

Students must attend all rehearsals and performances! When a member is out, it reflects negatively in the performance and in the judge's score. At rehearsals it is difficult to practice with "holes" in the show. Therefore, only in extreme cases should students miss (**PLEASE DO NOT PLAN VACATIONS DURING THE MARCHING SEASON**). If an absence is unavoidable, a written note **must** be given to Mr. Brown preferably prior to the absence. Since this is an extra-curricular activity, too many missed rehearsals and performances will result in the student being removed from Marching Band.

II. Concert Bands

To be a member of one of the three concert bands, the student must be enrolled in the proper band class. (Freshmen Band I, Sophomores Band II, Juniors Band III, and Seniors Band IV). Students must enroll in both semesters of band. If there are schedule conflicts, students must receive approval from Mr. Brown to take Spring semester only, and will participate in marching band, private lessons, or other approved maintenance program in order to return to band the following semester. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend all after-school rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. (Exceptions through advance director approval only). Each member must be in good standing within the band program.

III. Color Guard/Winter Guard

The Winter Guard is a select group with membership through audition only. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend all after-school rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. (Exceptions through advance director approval only). Each member must be in good standing within the band program.

IV. Winter Drumline

The Winter Drumline is a group open to all members of the band program interested in learning, exploring, and performing on drumline instruments. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend all after-school rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. (Exceptions through advance director approval only). Each member must be in good standing within the band program.

**** Any student who drops out of any of these organizations during the school year will be required to drop that specific class as soon as the administration deems possible. Any student who drops out will not be allowed to rejoin unless approved by the directors, and forfeits his/her spring trip privilege and all associated fees or materials.**

Individual Membership Requirements

The Iredell-Statesville Schools system provides very little financial support for this band program. The majority of the responsibility for meeting the financial needs of our band program rest on the shoulders of the band members and band boosters. Fundraising events are scheduled throughout the year to help each student offset these costs; those who need to make special arrangements will need to speak with the directors on an individual basis. **No one** will be denied participation because of financial hardship as long as steps are being taken to fulfill the obligations.

It takes an immense amount of parent support for our band program to be successful. We would like to see about 20 hours of service from each parent, many parents give MUCH more than that. To be successful it takes the talents of many parents helping our kids in every genre the Lake Norman Band Program offers. Without parent support we cannot do many of the things we do.

Parents are an important part of the Lake Norman Band program, and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of band parents, there would be no chance to reach the level of success that we aspire to. These are many things parents can do:

1. Attend quarterly booster meetings held in the band room.
2. Volunteer for parent committees. There are many different tasks with which we need your assistance; everyone can find a niche that suits their expertise: chaperones, uniforms, transportation, equipment, sewing, meals, and publicity are a few of the many possibilities.
3. Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:
 - a. Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
 - b. Notifying director if your child is to be absent or late for performances or rehearsals. This should be done in advance except in emergency situations.
 - c. Encouraging your child to practice at home and helping them find a quiet place to do so.
 - d. Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.
 - e. Discussing with directors and staff anything that will help them understand and better serve your child.
 - f. Arranging private lessons for your child.

Online behavior

With the advent of online social networking such as Facebook and MySpace and other online sources such as blogs, Twitter, and personal websites, it is important to note that all band members are expected to act appropriately online as well as in real life. You are to represent yourself and your organization with respect at all times. Posting inappropriate pictures, video and comments of any type is not acceptable and will result in disciplinary procedures up to and including removal from the band program.

Rehearsal Schedule

Marching Band

During Marching Season, the weekly schedule will be:

- Tuesdays/Thursdays: 3:30-6:00 pm – Full Band (1st rehearsal is Aug. 26th)
- Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30 pm – sectionals

*Drumline/colorguard instructors will set additional rehearsal schedules

Concert Season

There will be after school sectionals and rehearsals for the Concert Bands. These will be assigned as needed during the course of the school year. Your students will always be given at least two weeks notice of any after school rehearsals or change in rehearsals.

Indoor Drumline/Winter Guard Season

Rehearsals will be determined as the season approaches.

Rehearsal and Performance Attendance

Band practices and performances are mandatory. Any **request** for an exception must be submitted in writing and approved by the directors two weeks in advance of the conflicting date, except in emergencies. **Work is not an acceptable excuse for missing any band event.** Our schedule is always announced far enough in advance to avoid conflicts. Parents, please make every effort to schedule regular doctor's appointments around the band's schedule whenever possible. If a change of schedule is necessary, a minimum of two weeks notice will be given. Students are responsible for arriving at each rehearsal and performance **on time** and properly prepared (properly dressed, instrument ready, music ready). Parents are urged to see that their children take this responsibility seriously. If the excuse does not match the excusable absences below the student will lose the grade for that rehearsal/performance.

Excusable absences are:

- Sick from school
- Doctor's appt. (if this is a check-up, try to schedule around rehearsal)
- Death in the family
- Important family engagement (wedding, vacation/trip)
- Religious holiday

Non-Excusable absences are:

- Driving test
- Homework (you must learn to manage your time well)
- Attending a rock concert or pro-sporting event
- Birthday
- Work
- Trips that aren't given two weeks notice (for example, you know you are going to be at a wedding, and you don't tell us until the day before you leave)
- Didn't have a ride (your section leader can help you find a carpool within the band)

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Grading Policies

- Daily Participation – 40%
-This includes every after school rehearsal, every performance and trip, and every class. In large classes, many times 60 members or higher, behavior is directly tied to the success of the class. If you are not on task, you are not participating, and will therefore lose these points.
- Performances/tests – 40%
-This includes assigned playing tests, concerts, etc. Progress is shown through tone-quality, intonation, technique, phrasing, articulation, and music reading.
- Notebook/materials – 20%
-This includes all materials needed for class. Instrument, reeds, individual music, fingering charts, etc.

Band Costs

**Students who require the use of school owned instruments or equipment are responsible for a \$30.00 Rental Fee for each semester. These fees are extremely low when compared with band programs of similar performance level. Rental equipment includes school owned instruments (Percussion, Tubas, Baritones, Mellophones, Bass Clarinets, Bari or Tenor Saxes, French Horns, etc.) Due by September 23rd, 2011 for Fall and February 24, 2012 for Spring.

Instrument Care

School owned instruments and equipment become the responsibility of the student to who they are assigned. Any damage other than normal wear and tear will need to be repaired at the student's expense. Individual instruments must always be maintained in top playing condition. Always show the director your instrument before taking it in for repairs. Remember that horseplay can cause damage to instruments and equipment. Be careful with your own instrument, place it out of harm's way if it is necessary for you to put it down, and never play around with or play on anyone else's instrument. **INSTRUMENT CASES ARE TO BE CLOSED AND LATCHED when in a locker, and the locker should be locked.** Excessive failure to properly care for school-owned instruments may result in disciplinary action.

Indoor Drumline and Winter Guard

Winter Guard fees will be determined each year based on the amount of students participating and the shows entered.

Fundraising and Individuals Accounts

There will be more than adequate fund raising activities to allow each family the opportunity to raise the necessary funds to be a member of the LNHS band. Individual accounts will be established for each student. Money raised through fundraising efforts may be used to pay for band trips, band fees or any other items deemed appropriate by the director and band boosters. All remaining money left in each student's account at the end of the school year will automatically roll over into the next school year. Monies that were raised through fundraising are generated for the specific use of Lake Norman High School Band Program and can not be refunded or transferred upon graduation. There will be a need to do fundraising for our band general account.

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There are several Fundraisers that will be made available for you to participate in (both student and parent). These will be announced during band camp to allow families to begin building their band accounts and help the band program. The best thing you can possibly do as a band member is get involved in the fundraisers! It is possible to have all of your fees paid for completely by fundraisers; it just takes some effort on your part! Although fundraisers help to offset student expenses, we obviously cannot guarantee that everyone will raise ALL of the money he or she would like.

Due dates are not flexible. If you find yourself unable to make these dates for the band dues please contact Mr. Brown so an arrangement can be made. When member or trip fees are not paid on time, it endangers our ability to proceed with the program as planned, or go on the trip due to us having to pay for buses, etc.

Financial Assistance

Students and parents who have financial difficulties will need to speak to the director. Fundraisers and payment plans will be available to ensure that ALL STUDENTS who wish to participate in the Lake Norman Band program will be given the opportunity to do so. While we understand that some families will have a financial struggle we expect all students to participate in fundraisers to earn the money.

Band Office

The band office at Lake Norman High School is the business office of the LNHS Band director, band staff and band boosters. Students are not to be in the band office without permission of the directors. If there are any questions regarding the band program, please don't hesitate to call the band office at 704/799-8555 and leave a message on voice mail for Mr. Brown or any of the band staff. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. As an alternate means of communication, the band has a site on the internet. Our web address is www.lnhswildcatband.com, or e-mail Mr. Brown at chrisbrown@iss.k12.nc.us. Due to the nature of my job, email is the fastest way to get in touch with me.

Band Staff

Paid professionals, technical assistants, and guest artists are a vital part of the band program. Without their help the LNHS Band would not be able to achieve the standard to which we aspire. They must have the respect of all students and parents. Staff members are chosen by the directors and are directly responsible for them. Students should give these staff members the same respect they would give any member of the LNHS faculty.

Classroom Procedures

At the beginning of class:

- 1) BE ON TIME!
- 2) Set up your stand and chair
- 3) Take out your instrument and everything else you need. Cases larger than a clarinet case stay in the locker room
- 4) Be prepared so that you do not have to get up and get something during rehearsal. This includes bringing all mutes, extra reeds (at least one extra) and valve/slide oil to your seat EVERYDAY even if you think we will not be using it. (It may help to put all these materials in a small bag so that it is easy to find everyday.)
- 5) You will be ready for class to begin at **three minutes** after the bell sounds. At the end of class:
 - 1) Put your instrument away and lock your locker
 - 2) Chairs, stands and folders go in the appropriate places
 - 3) Make sure the room is left cleaner than when you found it.

Percussionists should each have all the necessary mallets, beaters and materials during concert band rehearsals. During marching band or percussion ensemble, make sure you have all of the required equipment needed to perform on your assigned instrument. Each student will have his/her individual music and his/her individual folder for class. No sharing.

Problems of an individual nature (music missing, instrument problems, etc.) should not take class time. These issues should be dealt with either before school, after school, or just before class as a last resort.

Talking is not acceptable during a rehearsal. Excessive talking will result in disciplinary action.

Locker Room Policy

Band lockers are issued as a privilege to students who are members of the band or guard. You will be assigned a locker at the beginning of the year. It is your responsibility to maintain this locker and keep it clean. You may not hang things on the wall or block the view of the inside of the locker. **DO NOT** leave anything valuable in your band locker as the band is not responsible for anything that is lost or stolen. You also may not have anything in your locker that does not relate to school. All lockers are property of Iredell-Statesville Schools and are subject to search at the discretion of an administrator.

For instruments that the school does not provide, students are required to provide their own. An instrument is an expensive and delicate item and can be damaged easily. By limiting use to their owners, problems with people breaking others instruments are kept to a minimum. **All student musicians are expected to keep their instruments in playable shape which requires regular maintenance on a yearly to bi-yearly basis.**

Mouthpieces:

Very important. Even if you have a brand new, professional instrument, a poor mouthpiece will cause even the best equipment to respond poorly. Most mouthpieces that come with a new instrument are not high quality. A good mouthpiece can, however, make even a beginner instrument sound and respond more like a professional piece of equipment.

Here are some suggestions: (prices may not be accurate- please check with your music dealer)

Clarinet:

Gigliotti P facing \$132.00

Vandoren B45 \$80.00

Vandoren 5RV lyre \$80.00

Bassoon/Oboe:

Loree reeds. BUT- handmade reeds from your private teacher will be much, much better.

Reeds (all clarinets) 3 minimum

Mitchell Lurie 3 1/2, or 4 \$12.00/box

Vandoren 3,3 1/2 or 4 \$12.00/box

Saxophone (no jazz mouthpieces!)

Alto- Selmer S90 C*facing \$114.00

Tenor- Selmer S90 C* \$139.99

Reeds (all saxes) 3 minimum

Vandoren 3 or 3 1/2

French Horn

Giardinelli C8 \$43.00

Trumpet all \$30-50.00

-Stork 2b, 3b,

-Schilke 19 / 20

-Bach 3c, 1c

Trombone/Euphonium (check whether you need large or small shank)

-Mouthpiece

-Bach 6 1/2 AL (small shank) \$50.00

-Bach 6 1/2 AL (large shank) \$54.99

Tuba (Mouthpieces)

-Conn Helleberg \$72.99

-Miraphone Rose Solo \$71.99

-Percussion (required)

-1 pair Mike Balter medium blue \$31.79
yarn (marimba/xylo/vibes)

-1 pair Vic Firth Sd1 general \$6.00

(snare)

-Stick bag (locking preferred) \$11.00-\$40.00

(optional)

-Timpani mallets, pitch pipe, assorted implements.

Uniform Information

The band boosters will issue marching band uniforms. The guard parents will handle guard uniforms and shoes. Uniform fitting will begin during the summer and at band camp starting with seniors and returning marchers. "Rolled heel" marching shoes will be ordered at Band Camp for all new marchers. The uniforms will be kept at school in the uniform closets.

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General Band Rules

1. Shoes and socks **MUST BE** worn at all rehearsals.
2. Chewing gum is **NOT PERMITTED** during any rehearsal.
3. **NO** food or drink is allowed inside the band room.
4. A band member must **RESPECT** his/her uniform at all times.
5. There will be **NO HAZING** of rookies allowed.
6. Be in your seat, warmed up, and ready to begin **ON TIME**.
7. Insubordination **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
8. **RESPECT** other peoples' property.
9. Public display of affection **IS NOT** allowed while on "band time." Remember, this is a band function – not a date!
10. A band member will wear no jewelry, fingernail polish, or excessive make-up while in uniform.
11. **NEVER** disrespect another band or its members, **EVER!**
12. Remember to always **CHEER** for other bands.
13. Show **RESPECT** to all directors, administrators, teachers, band staff, and parents at all times.
14. Keep your language **CLEAN!** You never know who might be listening.
15. Remember you are a **CLASS ACT**. Do not do anything that would have to be explained. Always conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen.

Travel

The Lake Norman Band travels frequently during the year, in county, out-of-county, out-of-state, and as of 2009- out of COUNTRY! Member fees and fundraising pay the cost of normal transportation. For large trips such as Disney or London, there is a separate cost for the trip. Individual students will be responsible for providing funds for their own meals. In the event of an overnight trip, an itinerary will be distributed to all students and parents. Remember that all county, school, and band rules are in effect for the duration of the trip. We are representing the Lake Norman Band, Lake Norman High School, the Town of Mooresville, Iredell County, and the State of North Carolina whenever we perform; we will all do our best to maintain these standards to the highest degree.

Band Traveling Rules

1. Possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or non-prescription drugs will not be tolerated. Administrative action will occur with the possibility of dismissal from the band program and suspension or expulsion from school.
2. Smoking, chewing or dipping of tobacco will not be tolerated.
3. Students are expected to behave at all times in the hotel. Anyone deemed guilty of gross misbehavior will be dealt with by the directors and may be sent home.
4. Band members are not permitted in any other rooms after hours on away trips. No unauthorized persons will be allowed to visit.
5. Parents and students will be held responsible for any property damage and lost room keys.
6. Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times.
7. Rooms are to be locked at all times.
8. Courtesy is expected in the dining facility. Other groups use these facilities as well; don't forget common courtesy.

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9. No food, glasses, dishes, or signs are to be taken from the dining facility.
10. Please refrain from the playing of instruments in the rooms.
11. All school rules must be strictly enforced. Any infraction of these rules will be dealt with by the band department and school administration.
12. No one is allowed to leave the hotel premises without permission from the Directors. Any student found doing so will be dealt with severely.
13. Profanity is not a part of the Lake Norman Band Program. Make sure that your language is never offensive while with the band.
14. Follow all instructions of Directors and Chaperones at all times. If you don't understand, ask.

REMEMBER: Young adults do not roughhouse or damage property. As LNHS Band members you reflect not only the values you learn from your parents and at LNHS, but those of your community as well. **BAND MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, WITH THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT--- READY TO GO!!!**

The band director reserves the right to dismiss and send home any student who disobeys the rules and whose general conduct and attitude towards the trip and its participants is determined to be detrimental to the rest of the group.

Football Game Procedures

1. Our home football games will be played at the Lake Norman High School stadium.
2. All games will begin at 7:30* with band report time posted for each game. (*Subject to change.)
3. Students will check website and e-mail reminders for uniform for each performance.
4. Woodwind cases and raincoats will be taken into the stadium when there is a threat of rain.
5. Plumes will be issued before a show and picked up after the performance.
6. Percussionists, color guard, tubas, and other large equipment need to be ready to load early for an away game.
7. All band instruments and equipment must be sparkling and "ready to go" for each performance.
8. No band member is permitted to leave the organization in advance of group dismissal at any time, unless excused by the directors. (A note from parents is needed.)
9. While seated in the stands, only band members are allowed in the ranks. Alumni who may return from time to time and are always welcome, but will not be allowed to sit in with the ranks of the band while in the stands.
10. While seated in the stands, the band will always sit in sections.
11. Attention should be given to the band directors or drum majors during the course of the game.
12. We will play only as a group while in the stands. Solo performance is strictly forbidden.
13. No inappropriate cheers are allowed.
14. In order to move in an organized fashion, we must be able to give instructions in a rapid manner. Everyone will listen to the band directors, band staff, and drum majors when instructions are being given.
15. The band will march to the stadium at all home games. We assemble in "twos" on the sidewalk outside the band room. Once in the stands, we will remain at attention until the entire band is given the "relax" or "at ease" command. Upon conclusion of the game, students will wait at attention for announcements and dismissal by the band directors.
16. All performances are mandatory. If you are unable to attend a performance, you must provide a written excuse in advance. Personal illness, death in the family, weddings, and religious

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holidays are usually the only legitimate excuses for missing rehearsals or performances.

17. Our LNHS Band boosters are wonderful! For each game, and any event that takes place at or around meal times, students may pre-order food from the boosters in order to maintain proper energy levels. Please be sure to turn these orders in by each deadline, and bring snacks if you forget.

Standards for Behavior on Buses

1. Reread the Band Rules and Band Traveling rules.
2. Chaperones should check over each bus before anything is loaded, and relay any problems or damage to the driver and band director.
3. Chaperones should load before students and spread out through the bus. The front seats on both sides of the aisle are reserved for directors and staff.
4. Students must ride the same bus in which you are assigned. DO NOT change buses!
5. Students are not to put anything on or under a bus until instructed to do so.
6. Buses will load by class.
7. Roll must be checked before the bus moves and after every stop at which everyone gets off.
8. The bus driver must be treated with respect. Different drivers have different standards; whatever they say goes.
9. Nothing is to ever protrude out of the bus windows (heads, arms, instruments, etc.) nor should any item ever be thrown or dropped out of a window.
10. Normal conversation is appropriate; shouting or screaming is not. Singing may or may not be OK depending on the driver, content, and musicality. Good singing may be acceptable; bad singing never is.
11. Chaperones may reassign seats if they deem it necessary; students may also be assigned to a different bus at any time at the directors' discretion.
12. All students are to keep the bus clean at all times. At the end of a trip, every student should check the area around which he/she was sitting, including the floor and overhead storage. The bus captain will remain on the bus to ensure that it is left in proper condition.
13. Public display of affection between students is not allowed on any bus at any time.
14. Be courteous and thank the drivers and chaperones when we return. "Here's to the bus driver!"
15. Students are not permitted to change out of uniform unless instructed to do so by the band directors. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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Competitions and Festivals

Contests, festivals, and other adjudicated activities are important features of the Lake Norman Band program. It is through these activities that we obtain valuable feedback about our progress as individuals and as a program. Although we never “live or die” by any one judge’s or panel’s opinion of our performance, it is important that we learn the value of giving maximum effort and standing by the results as our best possible effort of the day.

Competitive performances are packed with emotion. Because of the amount of time, work, and discipline required to produce award-winning performances, we develop great camaraderie within the organization. We share hardship, discomfort, fatigue, oppressive heat, cold, long bus rides, disappointment, tears, success, and joy. Along with these emotions goes a high level of tension, which often causes students to react immaturely.

We learn to avoid these normal pitfalls and to channel our energy and attention toward the goal of performance excellence and the ultimate success that will follow. The Lake Norman Band will stand with silent pride as scores are announced and graciously accept the results, regardless of outcome. We show our respect for others and appreciate their performance. We know “winning” is the state of every individual having endured the hardships, taken the chance of competing, and having done their personal best in their own “commitment to excellence.”

The band's image is based on each individual. Our public reputation is based upon our appearance, our actions, and our projection of pride. It is the responsibility of each band member to ensure that we present the best possible image at all times.

Honor Bands

Auditions are held each year for the Iredell-Statesville Schools Honor Band, Northwestern District North Carolina Honor Band, and North Carolina State Honor Band. Dates for these events will be released as soon as they have been provided by the appropriate “powers that be”.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are the key to developing an outstanding musical organization. Students who privately study with a professional tend to show rapid improvement in individual musicianship. As these students improve, their excitement towards practicing increases, and they become a stronger contributor to the overall success of the band. Mr. Brown will assist you, if needed, in selecting a private instructor. Private lessons are the key to excellence on your instrument, so start as soon as possible.

Student Leaders

Drum Majors/Horn Captains/Guard Captain/Percussion Captain/Section Leaders

The directors and staff select these leaders on the basis of musical/marching ability, service, dedication, loyalty, and leadership qualities. All leadership and leadership candidates are HIGHLY encouraged to attend a summer Leadership Training Workshop. These are held at most Universities throughout the country, as well as others that are provided by DCI corps and other private institutions. Please ask Mr. Brown or other band staff members for suggested workshops.

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The number of section leaders/captains will vary from section to section and year to year. All student leaders will carry out the policies of the band, band directors, school, and administration to the best of their abilities. Anytime you question or disagree with specific instructions from a student leader, please avoid confrontation and discuss the problem with the captains, drum majors, or ultimately the band directors at your earliest convenience. Student leaders cannot give you permission to miss a rehearsal or performance, be tardy, or leave early. Student leaders should be positive and work in the best interest of the Lake Norman Band at all times.

Band Letters and Awards

At the end of the year awards banquet, students are recognized for their contributions to the band. In addition to the band awards (Outstanding for each section, Most Improved Musician, etc.) students also receive personal awards for their participation in a full year of band. These awards can be put on the band jacket or displayed any way you see fit.

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Lake Norman High School Bands

Performance/event calendar 2011-2012

Fall

Date	Time	Event	Location
08/26/11	7:30-11:00 (call 5:30)	North Iredell (away)	NIHS
09/02/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	Statesville	LNHS
09/09/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	West Iredell	LNHS
09/16/11	7:00-11:00 (call 5:30)	North Meck (away)	NMHS
09/23/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	Mallard Creek	LNHS
09/24/11	9:00am-12:00am	Enka Competition	Asheville, NC
09/30/11	7:00-11:00 (call 5:30)	Hopewell (away)	HHS
10/07/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	Vance	LNHS
10/14/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	West Charlotte	LNHS
10/15/11	8:00am-10:00pm	Mt. Airy/West Stokes competitions	MAHS/WSHS
10/21/11	7:00-11:00 (call 5:30)	Hough (away)	HHS
10/22/11	12:00pm-11:00pm	Viking Invitational Competition	North Forsyth High School
10/28/11	7:30-10:00 (call 6:30)	Mooresville (away)	MHS
11/04/11	?	Possible playoff	?
11/11/11	?	Possible playoff	?
11/22/11	TBA	Mooresville Parade	Downtown Mooresville
12/11/11	TBA	Statesville Parade	Downtown Statesville
12/13/11	7:00-9:00 (call 6:30)	Christmas Concert	LNHS Auditorium

Important spring dates to add to your calendar:

January 21: All-District Band Auditions- Central Davidson High School

February 23: Pre-MPA concert- 7:00pm

February 24-26: District Honor Band Clinic- Appalachian State University

March 10: NC Honors Band Auditions: East Davidson High School

March 13-15 (1 of these days only): High School MPA (required)

April 18-22: DISNEY WORLD!!!

May 15: Spring concert

*Marching performances (games/competitions) and rehearsals are mandatory for members of the marching bands. Excessive absences (3 or more) from rehearsal and/or performances will be grounds for students being placed on alternate status, or removed from the ensemble.

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Certificate of Rental

Contract Agreement Between

Lake Norman High School Band and _____
(printed student's name)

(printed parent's name)

Description of rented item:

Terms of rental:

The above listed items that have been rented are the sole property of the Lake Norman High School Bands. It is expected that the renter will submit a repair/rental fee of \$30.00 by **September 23** for fall semester, and **February 24** for spring semester. It is expected that the borrower will return the item in good repair. This includes cleanliness, no new dents or excessive scratching, rips, bends, etc. **The item is to be returned no later than the last day of school.** Should the item fail to be returned or be returned with any damages not noted above, and beyond the scope of normal wear-and-tear, an invoice will be mailed from the Lake Norman High School Book-keeper for replacement or satisfactory repair of the instrument. Cost will be determined by the Lake Norman High School Director of Bands in conjunction with a music repair facility of his choosing. Should the renter fail to resolve charges, report cards, parking privileges, and graduation release are all subject to with-holding. Should situation still not be resolved, leading to legal action on behalf of the school system. Signing this agreement binds the signees to all said conditions stated above.

Christopher E. Brown Date
LNHS Director of Bands

Signature of renting party Date

(This form is needed ONLY if student uses a school-owned instrument.)

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LNHS Band Member Agreement

I, _____ have read and understand the 2011-2012 LNHS Band handbook. I understand that I am responsible for all policies, obligations, and requirements found within.

I understand these policies and realize that the success of the Lake Norman High School Band is dependent on my dedication and commitment to individual excellence. My attitude and ability will combine with the efforts of other members to create the Superior band that we all hope to strive for. I also agree to abide by all policies and expectations found within the Lake Norman High School Student handbook.

The return of this document by Monday, August 29 will be the first grade of the 2011-2012 school year. 10 points will be deducted each day after.

Band Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

****This agreement is due no later than Monday, August 29. Students and parents should also have added their e-mail addresses to the band website e-mail list. Please visit www.lnswildcatband.com and scroll to the bottom of the page to join!**

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