

# DIRECTOR NOTES

## LAKEVIEW BAND

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“Charms Music” Software is now being used at both Lakeview Middle School and Park Hill South High School. Our band event calendar is located on Charms. To access the calendar and other valuable information regarding our band program please do the following: Go to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) place your cursor over the ENTER tab then select “parents/students/members”, you will be prompted to enter your school code which is (phsouthband) even though your student attends Lakeview. Next you will be prompted for your student’s password, enter your student’s school id number (found on report card). You may now access your students account in Charms. Please check your student’s personal information for accuracy; you may alter any information if needed. BE SURE TO CLICK ON THE “UPDATE INFORMATION” PROMPT AT THE TOP BEFORE YOU EXIT OR YOUR CHANGES WILL NOT BE SAVED! If you need assistance with your student’s id number, email Mr. Boyd or Dr. Miller.

**All District Band Auditions (8<sup>th</sup> grade students and qualified 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, optional)** will be held at Staley High School on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. (Dress code-slacks, collared shirts, school appropriate dresses or skirts) All District Band encompasses the entire Kansas City Metro area. Students audition individually before a judge and qualifying performers will become members of the All District Band. This is a great honor for any band student. Even those who do not qualify will gain from the experience of the audition process which is very similar to what they can expect when they enter the high school band program.

I would like to see many 8<sup>th</sup> grade students’ sign up for this event. Sign-ups begin next week. Individual audition times will not be released until the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Boyd will notify you of your students report time. There will be a Lakeview Information area inside Staley HS and a PIMB volunteer will assist you with directions to the warm-up area and audition room if needed. Your student may stay afterwards until results are posted, or leave immediately after the audition.

Students who are selected as members of the All District Band will rehearse and perform in concert with the All District Middle School Band on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Staley High

School. Parents are invited to attend the concert. There is no state level competition for Middle School. Please note that transportation to auditions and the performance is NOT provided by the school. **Directions to Staley High School:** North on I29 to 152 East. Exit on Maple Woods Parkway North to Shoal Creek Parkway, turn right, go ¼ mile to the school. 2800 NE Shoal Creek Parkway.

**Midwest Honor Band Festival and Symposium (8<sup>th</sup> grade students, optional).** January 13, 14, & 15 at UMKC Conservatory of Music. The Midwest Honor Band is made up of students from all over the KC area who have been nominated by their band director and accepted by a UMKC committee for participation. Nationally recognized guest conductors and UMKC faculty host a full schedule of concert, master classes, and professional clinics. The festival ends with a concert for friends and family at UMKC. You will be notified in November if your student has been nominated and accepted. Students are housed with supervision in a nearby hotel and bussed to the campus daily. Meals are provided. There is a fee for participation in this program and purchased tickets are needed to attend the concert. Parents are required to register with UMKC if they chose to send their student. More to follow as this event approaches.

**Percussion Concert (7<sup>th</sup> gr, 8<sup>th</sup> gr, & PHS percussion students)** Date TBA at Park Hill South High School. (Dress code-black on black) This event is an all percussion show that started two years ago and has received rave reviews! The percussion students at Park Hill South and Lakeview Middle School cut loose and show the community a variety of musical selections encompassing all aspects of percussion instruments. Parents: This concert is just plain fun! A small admission fee is charged and proceeds benefit percussion programs.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School Music Festival (required)** is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at Park Hill High School. This event encompasses all 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students from Lakeview and Congress. (Dress code-TBA) Students report in the morning and spend the day working with Directors and a special guest Clinician. They perform a concert in the late afternoon which parents are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided at Park Hill. *Parent volunteers will be needed for Music Festival and a sign-up opportunity will be sent at a later date.*

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Solo/Ensemble Music Contest (optional)** takes place at Lincoln Prep High School on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. (Dress code-slacks, collared shirts, school appropriate dresses or skirts) All Lakeview band students will have the opportunity to participate in this event and it is **strongly encouraged**. Mr. Boyd and Dr. Miller or Private Instructors will assist students in the selection of music and students perform in front of a judge. The setting is very relaxed and this is the only judged event in which parents and friends are welcome to observe the performances. Many students feel more at ease with this added support. The Solo/Ensemble judges offer critique to students in a very encouraging way that is sure to give them an increased sense of self confidence. This is a fun time for all! Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Lincoln Prep. *Parent volunteers may be needed to assist the directors. There will be an opportunity to sign-up at a later date.*

## **Concert Dates:**

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Park Hill South High School (7<sup>th</sup> gr, 8<sup>th</sup> gr, and all PHS Bands)

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Park Hill South High School (**Lakeview 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Bands only**)

**Concert Attire:** Black on Black (Black slacks, Black shirt, Black Belt, Black Shoes, Black dresses or skirts knee length. No strapless or spaghetti straps.)

**Extra Credit** may be earned by any band student for attending concerts outside of the Lakeview program. Turn in a concert program to Mr. Boyd!

Upcoming opportunities:

November 10, 11, & 12<sup>th</sup> Park Hill South Musical “*How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying.*”

November 21<sup>st</sup> -Cappuccino Night Jazz Concert at Park Hill South High School-free cappuccino, hot chocolate and dessert bar. **This is an absolute don't miss event!**

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This Directors Newsletter has been provided for you by the **Panther Instrumental Music Backers of Lakeview Middle School and Park Hill South High School.** “PIMB” is a non-profit organization made up of band parents who provide volunteer and financial assistance to our Band Directors and Band Programs.

To learn more about our organization, please feel free to attend our next meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the band room at Park Hill South High School.

The 2011-12 PIMB budget includes clinician fees for Lakeview 7<sup>th</sup> grade instrument demonstrations and spring clinicians for assistance with solo ensemble performances.

If you would like to become a member of our organization, simply turn in a check for our yearly dues of \$20 with your student's name on the memo line to the band office at Lakeview. Meeting reminders will be sent via email.

Advertising opportunities are available for business owners with a purchased business membership of \$50 prior to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Deb Ayers 853-3245.