



# Logan-Rogersville Band Handbook

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*Greatness Resides In Tenacity*

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2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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Dear LR Band Members,

Here is your LRHS Bands 2024-2025 Handbook! We are so excited about this year, and we can't wait to get started!

Read your handbook carefully and thoroughly because there are many changes. Notate all of the date commitments on your calendar and keep them clear. Every hole in the drill affects two other people, so please make an effort to be at all practices and performances. Always abide by the rules and guidelines of the band.



Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Sacco  
Director of Bands



MARCHING BAND

# Band Camp & Fall Rehearsals

**LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE BAND**

2024 MARCHING SEASON

## **AD ASTRA**

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

**COLORGUARD**  
**TECHNIQUE CAMP**

1:00pm-6:00pm  
6.3.24 - 6.5.24

**COLORGUARD**  
**COMMUNITY CAMP**

TIMES TBA  
6.6.24 - 6.8.24

**MUSIC & MARCHING CAMPS**

2:00pm-5:00pm

6.27.24

7.18.24

7.25.24

**COLORGUARD**  
**CHOREOGRAPHY CAMP**

8:00am-4:00pm  
7.29.24 - 8.2.24

**PERCUSSION**  
**CAMP**

8:00am-4:00pm  
7.29.24 - 8.2.24

**LEADERSHIP**  
**CAMP**

5:00pm-7:00pm  
7.29.24 - 8.2.24

**BAND CAMP**

2:00pm-9:00pm  
8.5.24 - 8.9.24

MARCHING BAND

# Band Camp Staff

Director of Bands:

*Chris Sacco*

Assistant Directors:

*Eric Dameron + Devin Hughes*

Guard Director:

*Apryll Barnes*

Guard Choreographer:

*John Sullivan*

Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, & Colorguard Techs:

*Eric Schrantz, Madilyn Irvin, Noah Higdon, Morgan Allen, + Reese Newell*

Percussion Instructors:

*Austin Weise (Student Teacher)*

Show Design, Music & Drill:

*John Paul Chapman + Jared Brockmeyer*

## MARCHING BAND

# Daily Rehearsals & Marching Rehearsals

### **Daily Rehearsals:**

This includes daily rehearsals, sectionals, and any other called rehearsals. The band will be set in warm up block by 7:00am every day during marching season unless notified. If you are not in your spot when the downbeat is dropped, you are considered tardy. If you need to ride the bus in for school or have a task that needs to be done before school please communicate with the directors. You will not be considered late if we know where you are. We are not interested in why you are late, you can tell us after rehearsal if you want. Everyone has been tardy at least once in his or her life, unless it's a chronic problem it's no big deal. Chronic problems will be handled according to the LRHS student's handbook.

As each member of a performing ensemble is crucial to the overall musical success of that ensemble, it is imperative that each member be present for all rehearsals. Each and every rehearsal is an integral part of show preparation. Any absence requires specific individual review. **Continued / Prolonged absences could result in removal from a performance or the marching show altogether.**

### **Marching Rehearsals - Outside of School Hours:**

The marching band rehearsals for this fall are listed on the calendar. All participating members are required to be at each rehearsal on time. The only excuse for absence/tardiness to these rehearsals is PERFORMANCE in another school activity. Work schedules must be arranged so that you can attend all rehearsals and performances. Please plan accordingly.



# Camp Tips

1

## Apparel

Wear comfortable clothes to rehearsals (shorts, T-shirts, etc...), but plan to protect yourself from the hot sun. Ball caps, visors, SUN SCREEN, and sunglasses are a must.

2

## Footwear

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOTWEAR OTHER THAN TENNIS SHOES, (NO high tops, boots or sandals!!!) will be allowed in rehearsals. All Shoes must have the ability to tie or fasten in some way. Socks are also mandatory. Blisters are no fun.

3

## Be ACTIVE

Arrive at camp ready to play! Make sure to practice before camp begins. Camp is a long day if your chops are done after a few minutes. If you have been a couch potato all summer be sure and get some sun so you won't burn to a crisp on day one. Marching band is an **athletic activity** so please make sure your body is in good physical shape for camp.

4

## Prepare

Bring all necessary items: reeds, mouthpiece, lyre, flip folder, neck strap, valve oil, drum sticks, mallets... a positive attitude, a desire to have fun while working hard, and the willingness to ask for help if you need it.

## MARCHING BAND

# Uniform Etiquette & Policy

Our uniforms are what identify us as the **LOGAN-ROGERSVILLE BAND**, therefore:

- While in uniform, each band member should be the epitome of professionalism. The uniform should instill a sense of pride and your actions should represent our school and community with the utmost respect.
- The uniform is either ON or OFF with no in between. Always wear the uniform complete with jacket properly zipped and in place. At times of higher heat the directors may allow you to unzip and remove jackets.
- Always hang the uniform up properly (trousers creased, jacket buttoned, etc.)
  - Long hair (men and women) must be “put up” in the uniform hat (if worn). We all want to look as close to “the same” as possible during performances. Hence the name uniform!
  - Jewelry must not be seen during a performance. Make sure you can take it off or hide it.





## MARCHING BAND

# Physicals & MSHSAA Annual Medical Documentation



Each student must have a physical to be eligible for band. Physicals are good for two years according to MSHSAA rules. It must have been acquired after **December 2022** to get you through the 2024 marching band season. Students must have their completed physical in BEFORE band camp (August 5th). Any student that does not have their physical in by August 5th will not be able to participate until it is complete. That said, you should plan to attend all band camp days regardless.

The MSHSAA Annual Medical Documentation must be filled out yearly and turned in before August 5th as well. This form does not require a doctor's visit. It is to be filled out by your parents.

## MARCHING BAND

# Financial Obligations

Items you will be responsible for are as follows:

- Band Fee Structure:
  - \$100 - Brass & Woodwind
  - \$120 - Percussion & Color Guard
  - DISCOUNTS (for families with more than one student in HS Band):
    - 1st Student - Normal Fee Structure
    - 2nd Student - \$25 off
    - 3rd Student - \$50 off
  - Due before the first football game on August 30th. All students who have not made other arrangements or payment plans will not be allowed to march after this date unless their band fee has been paid. Payments can be made via the [LR School Store](#).
  - **NOTE: All credit card fees are waived during the month of August!**
- Flip folders and Lyres can be purchased at [Palen Music Center](#). Please tell them you are from Logan-Rogersville so they provide you with the correct one. We use Bell Clamp On brass lyres. You must have a lyre by August 5th for the start of camp.
- Band Shoes:
  - \$40 - Drill Master Marching Band Shoes - Black
  - \$30 - Guard Shoes - Color dependent upon show uniform
  - \$10 - Rent shoes - All sections
  - (If you have shoes from last season that are in good condition, you will not need these)
  - We will order these during camp or the first week of school.
- Take good care of the items you buy at the beginning of the season because you will need them through the season as well as possible future years.
- If you need financial help, please talk to one of the Directors and we are happy to work something out with you. You and your parents must communicate with us if there is an issue and help is needed.

### **How do I pay for fees, trips, etc...?**

In an effort to simplify payment processes, all fees can be paid through the [LR School Store](#). The directors will work with the Central Office to ensure that all items are present in the store and available for payment/purchase.

- ***We will not be accepting cash of any kind.***
- ***NOTE: All credit card fees are waived during the month of August!***

## MARCHING BAND

# Leadership Team

This group is composed of all students who are interested in leadership. They will have additional training in the summer and will be utilized as a service group throughout the year. All students interested will need to make sure they communicate this with the directors.



## OTHER ENSEMBLES

# Concert Bands

### **Concert Bands:**

In the Fall semester, the band program transitions to concert band immediately following the marching season towards the end of October. We will either practice as one big ensemble or divide into smaller groups in order to work on our indoor Concert Band skills as well as put together music for our Winter Concert in December.

In the Spring semester, the group participates in the MSHSAA State Large Group Contest in April, and have at least one concert during the semester. The band may also participate in various other contests and concerts. Our performance attire consists of all black clothing. A more specific syllabus will be handed out to each class in January.

Concert Dress: ALL BLACK - Black pants, black shirt, black socks, black skirt, black dress, black shoes, etc. Students may wear a black coat and tie if they wish.

### **District/ State Concert Band Auditions:**

All-District Band auditions are held in early November each year. Students from approximately fifty-five schools in the South Central District of Missouri, audition for the All-District Band. Students who are selected for the All-District Honor Band or the first two seats from the All-District Concert Band are eligible to audition for All-State Band in early December in Columbia, MO. Students work on the audition packets for several months prior to the auditions. It is a great honor to be selected for any of these ensembles and participation in this event is strongly encouraged.

### **District/ State Solo Ensemble Contest:**

Solo / Ensemble contest is a voluntary contest that requires you to play music specifically listed on the MSHSAA Prescribed Music List (PML). We start organizing and picking music in November and December. In mid-March you will play for a rating given by a judge at the District level. If you receive an "Exemplary" rating at District contest, you will qualify to perform for a judge at the State level at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. This takes place in late April / early May.



## OTHER ENSEMBLES

# Jazz & Guard

### **Jazz Band**

#### **Description:**

Jazz Band is a performance-based course in the techniques used in jazz big band music and single or group improvisation. Topics include jazz history, listening skills, music theory, melodic concepts, and rhythmic exercises. You must also be a member of concert band to be a member of jazz band unless you are playing a rhythm section instrument that is not a part of regular concert band.

We encourage anyone interested in being in Jazz Band to contact Mr. Sacco to express interest. Instruments eligible for jazz band are: Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Bass Guitar, Guitar, Vibes, Drum Set. Students in Jazz Band will receive further details at the beginning of their class.

#### **District/ State Jazz Band Auditions:**

Jazz Band students are eligible to audition for District / State Jazz Band. All jazz members work on the music and those interested to audition will need to contact Mr. Sacco to be registered. All Jazz Band members are encouraged to audition. It is a wonderful learning opportunity.

### **Color Guard**

#### **Fall Color Guard:**

The LRHS Color Guard is a section of the Fall Marching Band. Students will audition for placement on the team in the spring of the previous school year. Guard members will enroll in the Fall 1st semester Marching Band Class. Students will receive a grade / credit for Marching Band/Color Guard. Spring semester they may continue on to a concert band or another LRHS elective class. The Color Guard will participate in all fall activities with the Marching Band including (but not limited to) band camp, football games, competitions, Christmas parade, and Christmas concert. The Color Guard will receive a detailed Guard handbook with specific Guard guidelines and expectations.

#### **Winter Guard:**

The LRHS Winter guard is an organization within the Band program. Auditions will take place in the Fall Winter of the current academic year. Practices for Winter Guard occur twice a week in the evening. The Winter Guard will participate in performances, competitions, and festivals in the months of January-April. The Winter Guard will receive a detailed Guard handbook with specific guidelines and expectations.

## OVERALL

# General Band Program Policies

### **Performances:**

Each performance is worth points. If you are in attendance and do all that is expected of you, then you will receive your points. If you have improper equipment or uniform you may not be able to perform. A student that misses a performance is required to do a makeup assignment to make up the points missed.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Showing up with a fun attitude, and a good work ethic are the main ingredients in any group performance class. The reason is because the work that is missed cannot be made up. But, what's worse is the fact that **a missed rehearsal or performance affects the entire group in a negative way**. A performance is an extension of the classroom and a culmination of a unit of study, much like a quarter exam. Good attendance is imperative if a music organization is to be successful.

If you become really ill, we NEED someone to contact us prior to the rehearsal or performance. Email works best. A lot of times we will call the people who have not shown up. If you email us when you are sick and have to miss this will keep us from bothering you with a call. Non-emergency medical or dental appointments, driver's license examinations, senior pictures, physical examinations and other arranged events are not acceptable excuses for absence for a practice or performance. Parents and students are urged to avoid scheduling such events during any practice or performance times. Any event that is a conflict needs to be cleared by the directors as soon as you know about the issue. We would like to have a minimum of a two weeks' notice on all absences besides events like illness and funerals. Absences can affect band opportunities, participation in performances depending on frequency of absences and what is missed in the rehearsal. This is at the discretion of the directors. All non-communicated absences fall under the unexcused category. We must hear from parents/guardians when students miss things.

Occasionally school events will be in conflict with one another. Your directors will always work to resolve these situations to minimize any negative effect on you or the ensemble. In the event of another school activity (performance or game only) there is no grade penalty, please provide the directors with at least one week of notice on a school event conflict. If there is any question that a game or performance in another activity may cause a conflict with band, contact us about it immediately.

## OVERALL

# Traveling with the LRHS Band

1. Absolutely no student driven cars on Band Trips.
2. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, we do not switch rooms or buses once lists are posted.
3. The band travels together and follows the same schedule and attends all planned events together.
4. Always remain seated on the bus; do not wander the aisles. NEVER GET OFF THE BUS UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO!!!
5. A polite and positive manner will be expected at all times. Be courteous and considerate to one another, to the staff, and to everyone we meet. Nothing is more effective to use against someone that's rude than kindness. Don't stoop to their level.
6. To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late! Always be on time and take care of your assignments.
7. Consideration for others, responsibility for yourself and for your belongings is a must.
8. It almost goes without saying, but... NO Tobacco, Alcohol, Vaping OR ANY ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE ALLOWED. If you are caught with any of the above items you will be visiting with administration and may be dismissed from the program for the remainder of your HS career.
9. No behavior unbecoming of an LRHS Band Member will be tolerated. To be a champion you have to act like one.

## OVERALL

# Remind & Band Apps

In addition to emails, we use the "Remind/Band App" texting/media system throughout the year to communicate with parents and students. It is our primary, quickest, and most effective way to get info to everyone. You can download the app or set it up as a text message or email. There is a parent version and a student version. Please sign up so you can be in the loop of band events and information. Click the logos below to download/access the apps, then use the remaining information to join the appropriate group.



### REMINd:

**PARENTS:** @7293KBK (HS BAND - PARENTS)  
**STUDENTS:** @CA6E9F (HS BAND - STUDENTS)

### BAND:

**PARENTS:**



**STUDENTS:**





## OVERALL

# Attitude

We want you to have good attitudes at all times. Please don't ever publicly question the directors. You need to understand that we have the good of the full group in mind and that does not always mean it's what's best for every individual. We love it when it works out to be both but that is not always the case. There are always a few new ideas and some different ways of doing things from year to year and what makes that easier is if you relax and go with the flow. If you have a question about something that we are doing, come to the office after rehearsal and we can talk about it. Our door is always open to students for any reason. We do not rehearse for rehearsal's sake, everything we do has a purpose. Ninety-nine percent of the time we will tell you what that purpose is, and when you execute it correctly we will move on.

In music, you must be able to take criticism from the instructors and staff. We are trying to make things better, not pick on you! If at any time you feel uncomfortable about something that was said in rehearsal please come let us know. Having a great attitude is very important for success! We are the type of people who can't stand negative attitudes; life is too short to be unhappy!

# How to Succeed in Band (and in general)

- **BE RESPONSIBLE!!!** Being in the LRHS Band requires a high level of commitment. Be responsible and clear your calendars so you can be at every rehearsal and performance!
- **Get to know everyone!!!** Especially if you are in a leadership position or would like one in the future. The more you know about your group, the better you will lead them.
- **Create Relationships!!!** In the most successful bands across the nation I have found a family-like quality about them. They help each other out, look out for one another, etc. Remember - we are all in this together and we all want to have fun and be successful!
- **Communication is key!!!** Talk to your instructors if you are having trouble. That's why we're here. We will be happy to help you! At the very least, we can direct you to the right place to find the help you need.
- **Mark your calendars!!!** Find some type of calendar or use your phone to keep track of scheduled exams, events, due dates for projects, and other dates important to you.
- **Don't procrastinate!!!** It's much easier to work a little each night for a week than to approach any assignment the night before it is due. Your quality of work will be better, you will learn more, and you will be a much happier person if you pace yourself and avoid "all-nighters."
- **Be a helpful person!!!** Don't just show up and do what you "have" to do. Be early and help out wherever you can - this is your band. See a need, fill a need!
- **ATTITUDE - ATTITUDE - ATTITUDE!!!**

# Summer/Fall Schedule

## 2024 Fall LRHS Marching Calendar

*This calendar is not 100% complete. Updates may be given to you periodically.*

Please contact your director with any conflicts.

### June Schedule

- ▶ 6/3 - 6/5: Guard Camp #1 (Guard Only)
- ▶ 6/6 - 6/8: Guard Open Gym (Guard & Community)
- ▶ 6/19 - 6/21: Parkview Drum Major Academy (DMs Only)
- ▶ 6/24 - 6/25: Bands Alive Guard Camp (Guard Only - Optional)
- 🍁 6/27: Mini Camp #1 (All Band Members)

### July & August Schedule

- ☠ 7/1 - 7/5: Dead Week
- 🍁 7/18: Mini Camp #2 (All Band Members)
- 🍁 7/25: Mini Camp #3 (All Band Members)
- ▶ 7/29 - 8/2: Guard Camp #2 (Guard Only)
- 🥁 7/29 - 8/2: Percussion Camp (Percussion Members Only)
- ▶ 7/31 - 8/2: Leadership Camp (Leaders Only)
- 🍁 8/5 - 8/9: BAND CAMP (All Band Members)
- 🍁 8/9: Parent Preview (All Band Members)
- 🏈 8/30: Home Football Game (Reeds Spring)

### September Schedule

- 🏈 9/13: Home Football Game (Central)
- 🍁 9/14: Carl Junction Marching Festival - Carl Junction HS (Prelims & Finals)
- 🏈 9/20: Home Football Game (Carl Junction)
- 🍁 9/28: Pride of the Ozarks Marching Festival - Ozark HS (Prelims & Finals)

### October Schedule

- 🍁 10/05: Ozarko Marching Festival - Missouri State University (Prelims & Finals)
- 🏈 10/11: Home Football Game (Marshfield)
- 🍁 10/12: Mountain Grove Marching Festival - Mountain Grove HS (Prelims Only)
- 🏈 10/17: Home Football Game (Branson)
- 🍁 10/19: Missouri State Marching Assoc. Festival (MSMA) - Blair Oaks HS (Prelims & Finals)
- 🍁 10/21 - 10/24: Winterguard Auditions (Optional)

### November Schedule

- 🍁 11/5: All District Band/Jazz Auditions - Parkview HS (Optional)

### December Schedule

- 🍁 12/7: All-State Band Auditions - Hickman HS (Optional)
- 🍁 12/? : Christmas Parade (All Band Members)
- 🍁 12/? : Winter Concert - LRHS Auditorium (All Band Members)

OVERALL

# Form & Acknowledgements

Please use the following QR code to access the Logan-Rogersville High School Band Information Form. The information collected through this form will help the directors, staff, and Band Booster organization better serve all band members, their families, and all those involved in our band family!!

**If you have more than 1 student involved in HS Band, please fill out ONE FORM PER STUDENT.**







Thank You



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR