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La Porte High School 2011/2012 Music Department Events Schedule

November

- 1- LPMB Awards Night
- 11 - Wind Ensemble & Mixed Chorale
for Veteran's Day at Civic
Auditorium
- 12-13 - IBA All District Honor Band at
North Judson HS
- 14- Music Booster Meeting—LPHS
Orchestra Room—7:00 pm
- 19 & 20 - IBA All Region Honor Band
at Kankakee Valley HS
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December

- 4- LPHS/BMS/KMS Holiday Jazz
Concert—Auditorium 3pm
- 7 & 8- LPHS Choir Concert
Auditorium 7pm
- 12- LPHS Wind Ensemble & KMS
Band Concert—Auditorium 7:30pm
- 14- LPHS Symphonic Band & BMS
Band Concert—Auditorium 7:30pm
- 15- LPHS Orchestra Concert
Auditorium— 7:30pm
- 25- MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



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Greetings from the President.....

Fall is upon us and the weather is slowly transitioning, reminding us of the approaching winter months. It's been a great fall season. Congratulations to our Marching Band for another successful season! Your hard work and dedication paid off with your recent return to Semi-State. Many thanks to the Directors and staff for their many hours spent working with the band and putting together a great show.


Many thanks to the volunteers and especially to the stand managers who have helped man the concessions this fall. Your dedication to the music program helps insure that our students are provided the proper resources. I hope you found that it was a lot of fun as well. A big thank you to Kathy Anderson (Orchestra) and Cheri Anderson (Band) for stepping up and taking the role of concession callers. These ladies will be reaching out to our parents at times to help man the stands. It is everyone's responsibility to work a minimum of one event. It's also a great way to meet parents and friends!

We are once again partnering with Jimmy John's in LaPorte to hold two Give-Back Day's. This is an easy way to support the music, while getting great food at a reasonable price. The Boosters earn 20% from all proceeds. Mark your calendars!

Let's all make sure to encourage our music students to do their best. Also, let's be sure to attend the upcoming Holiday concerts to not only support our students but the directors educating them as well! I look forward to seeing you all throughout this exciting school year.

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Carson's Days in Michigan City November 11 & 12

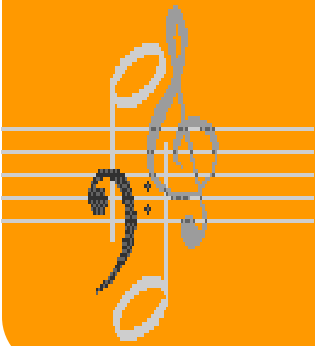
Purchase Coupon Books for \$5.00
from the LPHS Music Office & get  Carson Pirie Scott
a coupon book worth \$200.00!
Coupon book sale ends Nov. 4!



**“Music is the
universal language
of mankind”**

- Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Marching Band

As of this writing the LPMB is headed to the ISSMA Semi-State Contest at Ben Davis High School on October 22nd after receiving a Gold Division Rating and placing in the top 10 at the ISSMA Regional Contest. This is our 2nd year in a row to advance to Semi-State where the top 20 Class A bands in the state will compete in hopes of being among the top 10 who advance to the State Finals on October 29 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The band has shown steady improvement all season but has really stepped it up over the past two weeks. We hope to see many parents, family and friends in the stands at our upcoming contests cheering us on!

The annual Awards Night will be held Tuesday, November 1, in the LPHS Cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. More info will be sent to all LPMB families regarding what will be provided and what you will need to bring.

IBA All District and All Region Band

Several of our students have been selected as members of the following Indiana Bandmasters Association Honor Bands. Congratulations to the following students!

Performing with the All Region Band are the following members of Concert Band: Matthew Steck, Adrianna LeDonne and Jackson Kubaszyk. They will perform at Kankakee Valley High School on November 13.

Performing with the All District Band are the following members of Wind Ensemble: Caitlin Caum, Si Si Chen, Rachel Edlen, Olivia Rauschenbach, LeeAnn Sager, Olivia Jongkind, Cassandra Hite, Whitney Hart, Hailey Sprouse, Kayla Thompson, Dan Sager and Nate Passafume. They will perform at North Judson San Pierre High School on November 20.

Concert Bands

Wind Ensemble and Mixed Chorale will perform at the LaPorte Community Veterans Day Program to be held November 11 in the Civic Auditorium at 9:30 AM. If you are able please plan to attend this free public program.

The Wind Ensemble and Kesling Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Bands will perform on December 12 at 7:30 PM in the LPHS Auditorium. The Symphonic Band and Boston Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Bands will perform a concert on December 14 at 7:30 PM in the LPHS Auditorium. We look forward to welcoming the middle school band students, directors and parents to LPHS for these performances!

Jazz Bands and Pep Band

Auditions and selection of the Jazz, Lab, and Pep Bands is beginning. Jazz auditions will be held November 1 and 2. Pep Band sign-up will be in late October and members will be selected prior to mandatory rehearsals on November 8 and 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

On December 4 at 3:00 PM the LPHS Jazz Band and Lab Band as well as both Boston and Kesling Jazz Bands will perform at our annual Holiday Jazz Concert. A mix of holiday music and traditional jazz will be performed. Admission will be a donated item for the Food Pantry of Greater LaPorte. Items always needed include peanut butter, jelly, and soup.

Solo & Ensemble

The registration deadline for solo & ensemble contest is Wednesday, November 16. Solos entries are \$12.00 and ensemble entries are \$6.00 per member. Registration forms and fees must be submitted to Mr. Stisher by November 16. District contest is at Valparaiso High School on February 11 and State Contest for Group I events will be at North Central High School in Indianapolis on February 25.

Winter Guard

Auditions for the LaPorte Winter Guard are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. The guard will have another busy season schedule that will end in April at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships. We will again be hosting the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships here at LPHS on March 31 and April 1! Audition info will be available soon. The guard looks forward to another great season!



Choir Notes

Mr. Tom Coe, Choir Director

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Greetings to all from the choir world! Your students are doing some remarkable work this fall! The Choirs did a remarkable job on their first performance and they are working on music in preparation for the Winter Concert which will be here before we know it. (More about that later!)

ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest will be here soon. Students may choose to perform a solo or be part of an ensemble. The deadline for ISSMA forms and fee money is November 1. Solos are \$12.00 each and ensembles are \$6.00 per member. The contest is on Saturday, January 28 this year at Valparaiso HS. The required Solo/Ensemble Night (dress rehearsal) is on Wednesday, January 25 (at LPHS). I hope to see a lot of our talent showcased at Solo/Ensemble Contest. Students also earn choir award points for their involvement in contest!

Show Choir will begin Monday and Wednesday evening rehearsals (7 to 9 pm) on October 17 (until second trimester when we move to fifth hour) – they will be preparing for a busy Holiday season of performing that kicks off on Friday, Dec. 2. You can see Show Choir's Christmas show (along with the other choirs) at the Winter Choral Concert performances in December.

The schedule for the week of the Winter Choral Concert is as follows:

Mon. Dec. 5 - Combined Rehearsal – 3:00 to 5:30 PM

Tue. Dec. 6 - Dress Rehearsal - 6 :00 to 9:00 PM (report time 5:30)

Wed. Dec. 7 - Winter Choral Concert - 7:00 PM (report time between 5:30 and 6:00, depending on the choir)

Thur. Dec. 8 - Winter Choral Concert - 7:00 PM (report time between 5:30 and 6:00, depending on the choir)

We will be decorating the stage with beautiful RED POINSETTIAS from Bernacchi greenhouses again this year. You can purchase one (or more) to take home after the concert. Your students will have order forms by Thanksgiving. Watch for them and order yours right away! It's a great way to help decorate both the stage for the concert and your home (or a friend's home) for the holidays!

Our Music Club is sponsoring a Carson's Community Days fundraiser. Coupon books are \$5 and include a \$10 coupon (plus several others) that can be used at Carson's on November 11-12. Coupon books can be purchased through me until November 4. This is a FANTASTIC deal that benefits our department AND you in your holiday shopping!

That covers the choir activities for November and December. Busy, busy, busy!!! Thanks to all of the parents who are helping with choir projects already this year! I hope to see some new faces join in the efforts to put on more great performances as the year continues!



Strings & Things

Mr. Pete Collins, Orchestra Director

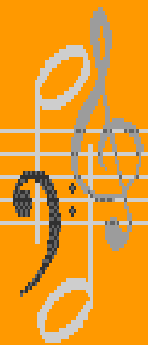
Thank you to those parents who attended our last Booster meeting on 10/10/11. It was great to see you there and good to hear you voice your input. Our next parent meeting is Monday, November 14th at 7:00 PM in the Orchestra Room. Please join us!!

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Kathy Anderson, who has agreed to serve as our new "Orchestra Caller" for concessions!. I'm sure she will be in touch soon to ask for your help and assistance. A **REALLY BIG, SUPER-DUPER THANK YOU** goes to Brenda Caum for serving as our caller for the past 2 years!! We can't do it without volunteers like Brenda and Kathy!!!

The Solo & Ensemble registration deadline is coming up on Friday, November 18th. Quite a few students have already expressed an interest. Solos are \$12.00 and ensembles are \$6.00 per member. Kids need to see Mr. Collins to sign up. ISSMA District S & E is Saturday, February 11th at Valparaiso High School.n Thursday, December 15th, we will have our annual LPHS Orchestra Holiday Concert. The program will be at 7:30 PM in the LPHS Auditorium. Please join us to celebrate the season!!

**"Music's the
medicine of the
mind"**

- John a Logan





Concession Bites Mark and Carol

Fall sports are now completed and we can't thank all who helped enough. We had a great time at the events and appreciate the help of everyone who helped man the stands. Concessions is our biggest fundraiser and it takes all of us to make it a success.

Thank you to Cheri Anderson and Kathy Anderson who have volunteered to be concession callers. We appreciate their willingness to take on this role and hope that when they call you, you are willing to work. The concessions calendar is attached and you will find multiple opportunities where we need to manage the stands. During the winter months, we utilize the stands within the high school. It's a great time and an even greater opportunity to meet other parents and friends

We want to extend a special thank you to Kent and Michele Sager who have volunteered to learn the role of the overall concession managers! Additional thanks to all our stand managers below for stepping up and helping lead our efforts during the winter sports season.

EVENT MANAGERS

- Boys Basketball Main - Jody Passafume
- Boys Basketball Visitor - Kathy Todd
- Girls Basketball - Chris Day
- Swimming - Mark & Carol
- Wrestling- Michele Sager & Marty/Lizette Spatt

...Mark & Carol Rauschenbach 324-2557 or markandcarol1985@yahoo.com

WHO CAN YOU CALL TO VOLUNTEER???????

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| Orchestra: | Kathy Anderson | 324-5863 |
| Band: | Cheri Anderson | 324-5863 |
| Choir: | Laura Ruskowsky | 379-7366 |



Ways and Means

Teri Stisher, Chairperson

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our fund raising programs are off and running. The butter braid orders have been turned in, thanks to all who participated. Just a reminder that they need to be picked up November 15th from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm from the Orchestra Room. **It is very important that orders are picked up during this time as they must remain frozen and we do not have**

space to keep them.

Are you looking for an easy way to provide assistance to the Music Department? Then join Treble-Clef Club. It is our financial support that provides these students with the necessary funds to make their programs successful with scholarships, individual achievement awards, professional clinicians, competition fees, equipment, concert uniforms, and many other areas where the school budget falls short. With your assistance we can keep the high level of excellence in our Music Department that we have to come to expect at LaPorte High School.



*Join the
"Treble-Clef Club"*

The music students who directly benefit from this membership program include the members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Lab Band, Marching Band, Winter Color Guard, Pep Band, Beginning Women's Chorus, Intermediate Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Treble Chorale, Mixed Chorale, Show Choir, Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra.

Thank you for your continued support.

Teri Stisher
Ways and Means Chairperson

GIVE BACK DAYS AT JIMMY JOHN'S

We have **TWO** opportunities to help support the music at LPHS with give back days on November 11th and again on December 16th. We earn 20%! Plan now to come support the music club and one of our more active sponsors!! Coupons are available online at www.laportemusic.org

