



# Summer Newsletter for the Lake Mary Marching Rams

Lake Mary, Florida

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## Hello All Marching Rams — both Returning and New Members!

### By Mike Mitchell, Director of Bands

I hope that all of you are having a great summer and getting ready for the camps that are looming in the not too distant future. Please continue to check out the web site for updates and times of all our events and rehearsals.

Our first meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> in the band room from 6 -8 pm. Bring your instrument and we will supply the music that evening. All of the returning students should have the show music and all new members will receive theirs that evening.

Our show this year is Rock and Roll Music of the 80's (that is 1980's) and will feature Joan Jett's "I Love Rock and Roll", Queen's "Somebody to Love" and Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Bad Name!" (Go to the homepage and check out the midi files of the music). The music is challenging and should be crowd pleasing as well as energizing for the band! Once you have the music, it is

**each band student's responsibility to have the music memorized as quickly as possible so we may begin to work on moving to the music. Our new Rams will learn this quickly and should be ready to go by band camp!**

Rookie Camp is July 26 -29 from 8 am - 4 pm. Bring your lunch - and lots of water for hydration. You MUST bring some sort of cooler or water container so you will have water outside when we are on break. Also, begin hydrating the week before, drinking lots of liquid. That is good for you in the sun! Wear a red shirt each day. One thing that makes us unique is we all wear red shirts at each rehearsal. This makes us look and perform as a team and a family. Not every school does this ~ but we do because it makes us bond together as one! So remember- **RED!**

Full Band Camp is August 1—5 from 8 am-5pm (bring your lunch and lots of water).

You MUST bring some sort of cooler or water container so you will have water outside when we are on break. Water is not provided on the field. Camelbaks are fine. Sun screen is required. Hats and sunglasses are not required, but are highly recommended!

Also, YOU MUST WEAR TENNIS SHOES...No sandals, flip flops or bedroom slippers will be allowed. If you wear something other than tennis shoes, you will be sent home to retrieve a pair before you are allowed to return. This is a safety issue as well as a comfort issue for marching outdoors.

I am very excited about the 2011 marching season and am looking forward to July 12<sup>th</sup> as we begin our music making for the marching arts together!

Have a great rest of the summer—see you soon!

Welcome, Mighty Marching Rams!  
By Julie Ward, Band Booster President:

As the school year begins, we welcome back the returning students and extend a warm greeting to all the incoming freshmen! The 2011-2012 year will be filled with exciting opportunities for everyone! There will be parades, concerts, football games, pep rallies, concerts, competitions and more!

**But most importantly...there will be LOTS of fun!**

Prior to the first day of school (August 15), please note these upcoming dates:

- **Band Orientation Meeting** – July 21 – Mandatory for all band students
- **Leadership Camp** – July 25
- **Rookie Band Camp** – July 26 - 29
- **Full Band Camp** – August 1- 5

Additional information is always available on our

comprehensive web site: [www.marchingrams.org](http://www.marchingrams.org). It is an excellent resource and includes the calendar, contact information, fundraising opportunities, photos, videos and other exciting features. It is updated regularly, so check back often.

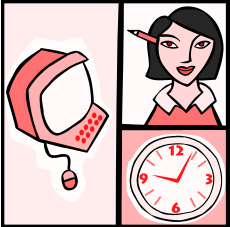
Parents: We need you! The Band, Marionettes and Color Guard are in need of volunteers! There are a variety of duties and opportunities to support your child and the band. Any amount of volunteer time is greatly appreciated and always welcomed. Please feel free to contact Barbara Davenport or Jeff Strange (Chaperone Chairpersons) for further details.

Please feel free to contact any Band Booster member with questions or concerns and we look forward to another great season for the mighty Marching Rams!

Go, Rams!

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Letter from the Editor  
by Dr. Sonia Bhatia

Greetings families and students,  
I hope this issue of the Ram's Horn finds you taking full advantage of summer vacation, while I continue the adventure of hanging out with the Marching Rams for a new year.....

This issue gets us ready for summer rehearsals, band

camp and marching season. There is information geared towards Freshmen families and reminders for our returning vets. Something for everyone!

We are going to wow the audience with this year's catchy music. All Marching Rams have rehearsals in July. Check the band calendar for dates. Please attend if you are in town, and let's get going! I'm looking forward to updating the website several times a week, and taking lots of photos and videos of the Marching Rams.

Until next time,  
Sonia



Helping our students pay their Fair Share  
by Gayle Anderson, Vice-President and Chair of Fundraising

Welcome Back, Marching Rams! We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

My name is Gayle Anderson and I am your Vice President. My primary job is fundraising. We have some terrific fundraisers planned for this year, to help students earn money to pay uniform fees, instrument rental, etc. Our fundraisers also contribute to the costs associated with running our band program.

We will kick off the season with Entertainment Books, followed by cheesecakes, pumpkin rolls and other

yummy foods to pop in your freezer in preparation for the holidays. In October, we will have our Apple Sale, followed by fresh holiday trees, wreaths & poinsettias. We will also be wrapping holiday gifts and finish 2011 with a Silent Auction.

I would love for you to join me in assisting this fabulous group of students by helping out with any and all fundraisers. Feel free to contact me at [ganderson@marchingrams.org](mailto:ganderson@marchingrams.org) or (407) 484-2770.

Go Rams!

Become a Sponsor of the Marching Rams!  
By Barbara Davenport, Chair of Sponsorships

Hello incoming and returning marching RAMS! We have some new and exciting ideas one of which is **procuring sponsors for the Marching RAMS**. Most of you have probably seen our beautiful brochure so you know there are some wonderful perks to becoming a sponsor. If you have not, brochures will be available in the band room as well as on the website.

Perks include:

All levels:

- Recognition in concert program
- Business link on website
- Complimentary Marching Rams show T-shirt
- Company logo on banner
- Recognition at special events
- Concert tickets

Drum Major (in addition to above):

- Wall or desk plaque

Director (in addition to above):

- Tickets to all home football games

Maestro (in addition to above)

- Preferred seating at home football games

Different levels of monetary donation provide several honorary band positions. This is a fun way to motivate parents and businesses to become sponsors.

Commitment levels are as followed:

Section Leader	\$100.00
Drum Major	\$250.00
Director	\$500.00
Maestro	\$1000.00
Honorary Marching Ram	Product/services or partial sponsorship less than \$100.00

Sponsorship donations can be in the form of money, gift cards or even goods and/or services. The proceeds will contribute to maintenance as well as purchase and maintenance of uniforms, travel, band camp, competitions, special events and even scholarships!

**Lake Mary Marching Rams Band Boosters is a non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.**

For more information concerning our sponsorship please feel free to contact: Barb Davenport at: [bwdavenport@cfl.rr.com](mailto:bwdavenport@cfl.rr.com) or 407-321-5666 (home)

We Welcome your Involvement  
by Jeff Strange, Co-Chaperone Coordinator

As we start a new Marching Rams year, I would like to introduce myself as one of the two chaperone coordinators. Barbara Davenport and I will be making sure that every event held by the band will be properly supervised to ensure safety and wellness for all. Many of the returning parents are already familiar with the duties of a chaperone and the responsibility of watching over our kids at various functions.

For all of the new parents to our band program, I personally welcome you to the Lake Mary Marching Rams and I look forward to the many exciting events in the coming year. We have many positions that will need to be filled starting with rookie band camp (last week of July) and regular band camp (1st week of August.) We will have 2 - 4 hour shifts each day of band camp with at least 4 parents per shift.

We will be giving a brief summary of the duties and expectations of chaperones at the Band Parent meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, so make sure you are present. Please contact Barb or me if you have any questions. Our contact information is on the band website <http://marchingrams.org/>.

I want to remind all parents that anyone wishing to chaperone this year must register with the dividends program again, even if you registered last year. Please take a few minutes to do so [here](#).

I am ecstatic to be working with the band booster program. Being a former Marching Ram and seeing my kids go through the same, makes me very proud to call Lake Mary home.

**Essential supplies for marching practice:**

- Sunscreen: Broad Spectrum UV-A & UV-B, SPF 45 or higher. Apply 20 minutes before sun exposure, morning and evening. Remember nose, ears and back of neck.
- Camelbak or large insulated water container.
- Broad rimmed hat.
- Tennis shoes and socks. No sandals or flip flops.
- For instrumentalists: red T-shirt of your choice. No tanks or spaghetti straps — cover your shoulders from the sun.
- Shorts for women must meet LMHS dress code requirements.

**Essential preparation for marching practice:**

- The night before, drink all the water you can handle until you are practically sloshing to combat dehydration the next day.
- Each morning, eat a substantial breakfast before you arrive. You will need the nutrition to tolerate the heat.

One-stop shopping for information on the  
Marching Rams

[www.marchingrams.org](http://www.marchingrams.org)

Your source for all the dates (Calendar page)  
the latest updates (Home page)  
and necessary forms (Forms/Documents).  
The Multimedia page is updated with photos  
frequently.

**Contact information:**

Mike Mitchell, Director of Bands:

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Stephanie Kersten- Wright, Instructor for Marionettes:

[marionettecoach@yahoo.com](mailto:marionettecoach@yahoo.com)

Laura Donikowski: Instructor for Colorguard:

[flags@marchingrams.org](mailto:flags@marchingrams.org)

Lots of ways to get involved!

- ◆ Rookie Camp & Band Camp:  
3-4 chaperones at all times.  
2 to 4 hr shifts available. Pick the days and shifts that work for you, we need all the help we can get! Sign up at July 21 Orientation
- ◆ Help with fitting and alterations of marching uniforms
- ◆ Help with Fundraisers
- ◆ Marching Season: General Chaperones, Concessions, Hospitality.



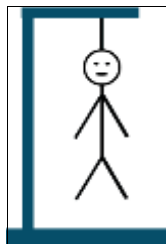
Lake Mary High School, 655 Longwood-Lake Mary Rd.  
Lake Mary, FL 32746-3701, 407-320-9560

<http://www.lakemaryhs.scps.k12.fl.us>

Freshman Orientation Thursday August 4 2011  
Everyone else: Monday August 8 2011

A cartoon is worth a thousand words

From: The Treasurer



Pay your dues

That's basically it.

(Long version on next page)

### To-Do List for Parents

- ♥ Put all these dates into my calendar and hope I don't forget anything.
- ♥ Sign up for the Marching Rams e-mail list on the Marching Rams website.
- ♥ Sign up to be a Dividend with SCPS. Annual ritual. They need me and I will have a lot of fun with these crazy band parents.
- ♥ Buy sunscreen — Broad spectrum, UV-A & UV-B, SPF 45 or higher
- ♥ Make sure my Ram has a broad-rimmed hat and camelbak or large water container
- ♥ Get enough red shirts for my instrumentalist for all marching practices. Prints OK. No tank tops or spaghetti straps.

### Dates for July 2011

- Today: Sign up to be a Dividend with SCPS in order to chaperone our students. Yearly registration required. Register [here](#). Thank you!
- Tuesday Night Summer Music Rehearsals: July 12 & 19. 6 pm – 8 pm in the Band Room. Please attend if you are in town, bring your instrument. Wear a red shirt.
- Marching Rams Orientation: July 21, 6:00pm, Auditorium. **Mandatory for all students and parents**. Bring your completed registration packet, and check book/credit card/cash. Notaries will be available to notarize the Permission to Travel form.
- Chaperone training for all Marching Rams chaperones: July 21 after the orientation.
- \* Leadership Camp: July 25, 8 am - 4 pm. Band Room.
- \* Rookie Camp: July 26 – 29, 8:00am - 4:00pm. Band Room. Bring instrument, lunch, snacks, sunscreen, at least 1/2 gallon of water, hat. Wear a red shirt and tennis shoes with socks.
- \* Full Band Camp: August 1 – 5, 8:00am - 5:00pm, Band Room. Bring supply list above.
- Premiere Showcase Performance and Family Barbecue: Friday August 5, 6 pm.
- Tuesday/Thursday Rehearsals: Tues/Thurs August 9 & 11. 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

\*For these events be prepared to spend long periods of time outside in the heat.

Stay involved with your child's education in high school AND make new friends. Volunteer with the band!

Contact Chaperone Coordinators

Jeff Strange

[jstrange@marchingrams.org](mailto:jstrange@marchingrams.org)

Barbara Davenport

[bdavenport@marchingrams.org](mailto:bdavenport@marchingrams.org)

## Fees for Marching Season by Robbin Kostewicz, Treasurer

Hello Ram Students and Parents,

Welcome to all incoming Freshmen and welcome back to our returning Rams. I am very excited to be your treasurer for a second year. I hope you all are enjoying your summer. Band camp is just around the corner.

The Band Program has many ways that the band dues are spent throughout the year, here are just a few:

- Buying rights to the music that we play for marching and concert seasons
- Having guest clinicians during band camp & throughout the school year
- BBQ at the end of Band Camp
- Purchasing water for marching season
- Renting a moving van & buses for each away game
- Senior Night festivities
- Entry fees to festivals
- Dry cleaning all marching & concert uniforms several times a year
- Maintaining school-owned instruments
- Renting a hall for Band Banquet

I want to extend a big Thank You to all of you that have paid your first or complete band dues payments. If you have not made a payment yet, you can do so at the summer band practices, July 12th or 19th. **Your payment should be put in the "Black Box" hanging on the wall next to Mr. Mitchell's office. There are envelopes available for you to put your band dues payments in. On the envelope, please follow the stamped outline. Please be sure to be on time with your payment, it is so critical to running your band.**

### Information for the Payment Envelope

Please include the following information on the front of envelope:

1. Date of payment
2. Student's name
3. What section they are in (instrumentalist, Marionettes, color guard)
4. What you are paying (band fees, accessories, instrument rentals, etc.)
5. The amount enclosed
6. Whether you are paying by cash, check, and check number, or credit card.

**NEW THIS YEAR: WE ARE ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS!!! VISA~M/C~DISCOVER~AM EX.** You can send me your information on the coupon in your registration packet or pay on the Band website under the "Band Dues" tab.

If paying by check, please make checks payable to [LMHS Band Boosters](#), with your phone no. and students name on it. **All returned checks will be assessed an additional \$25.00 to cover bank fees. Then ALL future payments will only be accepted in either cash or money order.**

If you have any questions regarding your students account, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for supporting your Rams!

GO RAMS!!!

For more information please contact Robbin Kostewicz at [rkostewicz@marchingrams.org](mailto:rkostewicz@marchingrams.org)

407-765-5990

### Marching Band Fees

Due on the 21st of the month

#### Color Guard/Marionettes \$195

May 21	\$55 due
July 21	\$55 due
August 21	\$50 due
September 21	\$35 due

#### Instrumentalists \$210

May 21	\$55 due
July 21	\$55 due
August 21	\$50 due
September 21	\$50 due

Payment coupons are on band website under Band Dues. Pay by credit card, cash or check.

## Did you know? Band Parents run a Concession Stand at Football Games!

By Bill and Roberta Burns, Co-Chairs of Concessions

During the Lake Mary High School Marching Season, the band parents operate a small concession stand in the grassy area next to where the band sits. The band receives part of the profit from the sales we make at our concession stand.

We provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and snacks for band members and the general public to purchase. We do not cook anything — hot foods are cooked at the main concession stand and provided to us. We are responsible for setting up our stand and selling the food and

drinks.

Our students benefit by having a concession stand nearby so they do not waste all of their third-quarter break standing in line at the main concession stand. They get their food quickly and then are able to socialize with their friends and members of the visiting band.

Our students also benefit from **the profits we make**, which go toward general band expenses. Not only is the concession stand a plus for our students, but PARENTS — you will benefit as well. You will help our band and **make new friends!!!**

When the sign-up sheet comes around for volunteers, please consider helping out during football season working at the **CONCESSION STAND**. It only requires a few hours of your time on a Friday evening, no cooking is required, and we are usually finished by the beginning of the fourth quarter of the game.

So, come out and help the band, and meet some terrific band parents! We hope to see you soon!

## Student Leadership 2011-2012

Drum Majors - Rachel Read  
April Thomas  
Emily Edwards

Band Captain - Sameer Bhatia

Woodwind Captain - Justin White  
Brass Captain - Edwin Narvaez  
Percussion Captain - Michael  
Weitermann

Colorguard Captain- Emily Baker  
Co-Captain- Heidi Franzen  
Junior Officer- Kari-Ann Stein

Marionette Senior Officers:  
August Folda  
Tiffany Searle  
Meaghan Kula  
Anna Langman

Marionette Junior Officers:  
Kelly Signer  
Ivy Henderson  
Lauren Hutt  
Mariah Kanlaya

Sergeants:  
Ava Sigman  
Lauren Anderson  
Andriena Munoz  
Iain Hillenberg  
Trevor Jean-Louis  
Leyla Rad  
Austin Thomas  
Garrett Drango  
Allison Kula  
Daniel Anderson  
Carlos Vassell

Flute Section Leader  
Justin White

Clarinet Section Leader  
April Thomas

Saxophone Section Leader  
Will Harrington

Trumpet Section Leader  
Edwin Narvaez

French Horn Section Leader  
Austin Thomas

Tuba Section Leader  
Tyler Gersbach

### From Jacque King, Uniform Coordinator



Welcome all returning band members and incoming freshmen to a fantastic fun-filled world of BAND!!! As the uniform coordinator, I will be making sure you look great for all band events, including marching season and **concert season. We have been blessed to receive new marching uniforms this year and can't wait to show them off on the field. All of last year's band members have been fitted and assigned their new marching uniforms. As** we get closer to the season, we will double check that they are still fitting properly. Incoming band members will be fitted for the marching uniform during band camp. On the days of fittings, I ask that you wear gym shorts or something of a thinner material so that we can get a good idea for the size of uniform that is needed.

As we get started, I encourage each parent to get involved in the Lake Mary Band Booster program. We can use everyone! As I found out my first year volunteering, my skills were used in various forms, sewing flags, stuffing bags, organizing and doing things I enjoyed. And now this year will be my first year coordinating uniforms. If you wish to help, several e-mails will be sent out throughout the year asking for various things. Some of the things I will ask parents for are uniform fittings. Yes dads, this includes you! I will need your help in the restrooms **fitting the guys. Hemming and repairing buttons.....can you say "sewing circles" ladies? We might actually have** some fun sharing band experiences during this time. Any way you can contribute to this wonderful band organization is happily welcomed.

I look forward to working with all of you this year and thank you for the opportunity to fill some pretty big shoes of Mrs. Garcia who preceded me as your uniform coordinator.

