

Ram's Horn



The Official Marching Rams Newsletter

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A Note From the Director

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season in whatever way suits you best and that the new year finds you and your family in good health and good spirits.

Although a new calendar year begins, we are actually in the middle of our activities, with just a slight change of pace. The Marionettes and Color Guard will be practicing their indoor routines and competing in various weekend competitions. The band students will be working on individual solos and ensembles for the FBA District Festival in early February, and the bands will be working to refine their skills for their Concert Festival performances in early March. With a little school work thrown in, some fundraising activities, trip planning for next year, final banquet, final concert and graduation planning, it will be just as busy as ever. Your continued support, as always, is greatly needed and appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2007-2008 ALL-STATE

Larissa H. Nicole S.

2007-2008 ALL-COUNTY

Priya B.	Larissa H.
Nick B.	Corey M.
Adam C.	Regan S.
Rachel D.	Nicole S.
Elizabeth G.	Kara W.
	Molly H.

A Note From the Booster President

Happy New Year.

A week of band camp, ten football games, one parade, two concerts and four fundraisers... I think I need more time to rest, but unfortunately that is not going to happen. The New Year has begun and once again there is much to be done. Our students will barely be back at school before they will be taking their semester exams. As soon as they return after the long weekend we will begin the candy sale fundraiser. For this fundraiser, the students are usually able to sell to their friends.

The All-County band will be playing at Winter Springs High School on January 26 at 7:30 pm. This concert features the top student musicians throughout Seminole County. It is always a terrific program. Please take this opportunity to support our Lake Mary students who were selected to play with this band.

We will start off the month of February with Quarter Days on February 2nd and 3rd. For this fundraiser, our students solicit quarters (or more) from shoppers at local stores. All students are required to participate in this fundraiser. We will also need a number of parents to chaperone the students. Please find out which time and location your student signed up for and volunteer to chaperone for that time period.

The District Solo and Ensemble Festival is the following weekend, February 8 & 9. Your student may play a solo and may be part of several ensembles depending on which band

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Band Calendar 2007-2008

As of January 2008

All dates and times are subject to change and additions.

*Look for the **bold print** each month for these revisions and additions.*

Marching Rams Practices

**Percussion: Mondays: 2:30 – 4:30
(all year)**

JANUARY

7	Classes Resume	
10–12	All-State	
12	Marionettes compete at SHS	
15–17	Semester Exams	
17	CG Friends and Family Night	
18	No School – Teacher Work Day	
19	FFCG Premier @ Winter Springs HS	
19	Marionettes @ Amway Arena	
21	No School	
22	<i>Candy Delivery</i> – Begin 3 rd Nine Weeks	
22	England Trip Meeting	7:00 p.m.
24	All-County Rehearsal	6–9 p.m.
25	All-County Rehearsal	8 a.m.–4p.m.
26	All-County Rehearsal	8 a.m.–noon
26	All-County Concert	7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

<i>2 & 3</i>	<i>Quarter Days</i>	
<i>5</i>	<i>Candy Sale Collection</i>	
8–9	District Solo/Ensemble	
9	FFCG Contest @ Colonial HS	
16	FFCG Home Show @ LMHS	
18	No School	
28	Pre-Festival Concert	

MARCH

1	FFCG Contest @ University HS	
6-8	High School District Concert Festival at LMHS	
8	WGI Orlando Regional Championships	
15	FFCG Contest @ Freedom HS	
21	No School – Good Friday	
27	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	
28	No School – Teacher Work Day	
29–30	WFI South Power Regional Championships @ USF	
31	Spring Break Begins	

APRIL

6	FFCG Championships @ Silver Spur Arena	
7	School Resumes	
10–12	WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH	
10–13	Drama Spring Show	
17–19	Middle School District Concert Festival at LMHS	
18	Grad night	
26	Prom	

MAY

2	Marionette Review	
5	AP exams begin	
10 (Sat)	Final Concert & Reception	
23	Spring Dance Show	
24	Banquet	
26	No School – Memorial Day	
29	Last Day for Seniors	

JUNE

4	Graduation 4:00	
6	Last Day of School	

Marionettes Report

The Marionettes have been hard at work since marching season has ended. They had their Holiday Dance Show on December 7th, and it was a major success. The girls had a lot of fun and were able to impress the crowd with their routines filled with kick, jazz, lyrical, and hiphop. Now the girls are hard at work on their competition routines. This year, the girls are learning a lot of routines including Varsity Kick, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Pom and Junior Varsity Pom and Kick. They are really putting a lot of time and effort into these routines in hopes of a successful competition season. Please come out and support the Marionettes at our two January competitions - the 12th at Seminole High School and the 19th at the Amway Arena.

Gabi V., Marionette Captain

Booster Board Officers

President:	Lynda Monckton	407-332-6858
Vice President:	Miriam Rodriguez	407-333-8591
Recording Secretary:	Robyn Steiner	407-331-1771
Corresp. Secretary:	Jill Clark	407-332-8547
Treasurer:	Vicki Sorenson	407-333-8013
Ways and Means:	Miriam Rodriguez	407-333-8591
Co-chair:	Needed	
Chaperones:	Kris Ebert	321-689-4740
Historians:		
Video	Russ Monckton	407-332-6858
Photo/audio	Mickey Nowell	407-830-7346
Newsletter	Susan Flynn	407-767-0301
Uniforms	Lauren Grace	407-321-1129
Hospitality	Erin Rios	407-328-9554
Spirit	Tor & Beth Wigert	407-767-5313
Banquet	Julie Frame	407-321-3467
Webmaster	Kathy Gatch	407-333-9036
Color Guard	Sharon Hill	407-323-0712
Marionettes	Lyn Valone	407-323-4893

Working committees:

Concession:	Terrell Hendrix	
Friday drinks:	Susan Hendrix	
Entertainment Books:	Miriam Rodriguez	407-333-8591
Apple Sale:	Laurie Nossair	407-324-1538
Baked Goods Sale:	Needed	
Ham Coupon Sale:	Needed	
Silent Auction:	Needed	
Quarter Days:	Terri Muse	407-332-1728
	Gailann Bowden	407-529-9086
Candy Sale:	Needed	
Pizza/Snack Sale:	Needed	

Current Volunteer Needs

Many thanks to the volunteers listed on this page as Booster Board Officers and as working committee chairs and to our many other volunteers. Our current volunteer needs are as follows:

- ❖ Assistance with the candy sales
- ❖ Filling positions on the Board and Working Committees for next year
- ❖ Committee chair or co-chairs for working committees (see column at left)

**** ALERT ****

Half of our active parents filling officer and committee chair positions will not be returning next year as their students are graduating. Please make 08-09 the school year you get more involved with the LMHS Marching Rams.

Please contact Lynda Monckton to volunteer.

lmonckton@cfl.rr.com
lyndamonckton@marchingrams.org
407-332-6858 (home)
407-924-5975 (cell)

TRIP TIME!

It is official! Lake Mary Marching Rams have been officially invited and the school board has approved their trip to participate in the Jan. 1, 2009, London New Year's Day Parade. A trip of this size (and expense) needs lots of pre-planning, and so it begins. There will be a meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, at 7:00 p.m in the auditorium for all students, parents and friends interested in taking the trip. There is a February 15 registration and deposit deadline that we must meet. All information and forms will be available at the meeting as well as information and discussion about fundraising opportunities to help with the cost of the trip.

Ways and Means Report

Many thanks to the Silent Auction Committee, Daisy Colon, Shari Dunford, Leonora Ardito, Lynda Monckton and Miriam Rodriguez as well as all the parents that helped us during the concert to make the auction a success. Our next fund raisers will be the Candy Sale and the Quarter Days. The kids will be bringing candy home for sale beginning Tuesday, January 22. All money is due back on Tuesday, February 5th. If you are interested in volunteering to help on the candy sale, please contact Miriam Rodriguez at 407-333-8591.

Parents, please mark your calendars for the weekend of February 2 and 3 for Quarter Days. This is an annual event where students and parents are assigned to community locations to request donations from store patrons. Shifts are two hours long, and parents are assigned to chaperone at each location. This is a fund-raiser that allows the community to support the band's efforts. Parents and students have fun on this fund-raiser and the event is usually well received by the community. Last year we raised almost four thousand dollars!! We will be calling parents soon to volunteer to chaperone for this activity. If you have any questions on the quarter day, please feel free to contact Terri Muse at 407-332-1728 or TerriMuse@cfl.rr.com or Gailann Bowden at 407-529-9086 or RBowden1@cfl.rr.com

Miriam Rodriguez, Ways and Means Chair

Treasurer's Report

REMINDER! All accounts should be up to date. All Marionette and Color Guard members should have a minimum balance of \$195 and all band members should have a minimum balance of \$210. Check the list in the bandroom. A big THANK YOU to all students (and parents!) that have paid their band dues.

The Prism Concert ticket sales totaled \$1,589.00 and the Silent Auction totaled \$2,204.00 with the help of a generous donation.

Vicki Sorenson, Treasurer

Color Guard Report

The color guard has continued to prepare for our much-anticipated 2008 winter season. Our show, entitled "The Elusive Eight", centers around mystery, espionage, and suspense. We are pleased to invite all supporters of the Marching Rams to our Friends and Family Night on January 17th at 8:30pm in the LMHS Field House gym. There, we will debut the "rough draft" of our 2008 production. In addition, we will debut the show for the first time competitively that weekend at the FFCC Premier Contest at Winter Springs High School. Visit www.ffcc.org for more information.

We continue to seek volunteers to work shifts at our home show on February 16. Please contact Ben Schimmel at 407-320-5686 or benjamin_schimmel@scps.k12.fl.us if you can volunteer some time. In addition, if you are interested in placing an advertisement in the program for the home show, please contact Toni Stutes at toni.stutes@americredit.com. Finally, if you are interested in setting up a booth at the contest, please contact Lois Stutsman at stutman@embarqmail.com. With over 50 competing units, we expect at least 2500 spectators in addition to approximately 1000 percussion and color guard performers. This is a great opportunity to promote a business or if you have something you sell.

Thanks for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you at a competition some time this winter!

Ben Schimmel

CONGRATULATIONS!

Commended National Merit Scholars

LMHS's Commended National Merit Scholars include Band students Alison B., Adam C., Molly H., Alan L. and James N.

President's Note continued –

your student is a member in and what grade they are trying to achieve.

Also we will be looking for people willing to serve on the band board and chair committees for the band boosters next year. Please consider becoming an active member of the band organization. It is a great way to find out what is really going on (just in case you have one of those students that doesn't give you much information). There are a variety of positions to be filled.

Lynda Monckton, President

Quarter Days

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us: Terri Muse at 407-332-1728 or TerriMuse@cfl.rr.com and Gailann Bowden at 407-529-9086 or RBowden1@cfl.rr.com.

MARCHING RAMS AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED ROOKIE

Nicole T.
Emily S.

MOST IMPROVED VETERAN

Alex V.
Omar N.

OUTSTANDING ROOKIE

Carolyn F.
Janaye G.
Stephen W.

OUTSTANDING VETERAN

Molly H.

OUTSTANDING MARCHER

Alison B.

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

James N.

SECTION OF THE YEAR

Trumpets

MANY THANKS TO THE QUARTERMASTERS FOR ALL THEY DO

Neil L.
James M.
Kyle N.
Austin L.
Omar N.

CHAPERONES

On behalf of Ms. Pattishall and the Marching Rams, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and "Thank" each parent who helped in any capacity with chaperoning this year during the Marching Season. Moms and Dads alike pulled together as a team helping to support the Marching Rams with great willingness and pride. Your sincere dedication to our students contributed to their tremendous success!

Karen Arnon	Sharon Hill	
Laura Barnett	Greg Husmann	
R. Bowden	Lisa Husmann	Barb Plaggemars
Roberta Burns	Gloria Jones	Penny Rielly
Bill Burns	Marla Kerr	Erin Rios
Jill Clark	Steve Kerr	Miriam Rodriguez
Daisy Conlon	Gary Lanam	Carlos Rodriguez
Corinne Duncan	Cathy Lanam (Uniforms)	Sue Selsky
Liz Fernandez	Kim Langman	Annette Sergeant
JaNet Fishback	Mick Larro	Jacquelyn Shedden
Susan Flynn	Andrea Ledford	Ray Shedden
Julie Frame	Jodi Lindstrom	Peter Sheres
Diana Garcia	Paul Lindstrom	Suzanne Sheres
Leslie Garrett	Holly Manus	Andy Sorenson
Andre Garrett	Lynda Monckton	Vi cki Sorenson
Kathy Gatch	Russ Monckton (Historian)	Robyn Steiner
Maly Goldberg (Uniforms)	Terri Muse	Connie Swisher
Kim Goolsby	Hugette Nelson	Sam Swisher (Historian)
Lauren Grace (Uniforms)	Laurie Nossair	Brenda Szpakowski
Terrell Hendrix	Mickey Nowell (Historian)	Jac Szpakowski
Susan Hendrix	Silvia Pasnak	Lyn Valone
		Karen VonLersner
		Nicci Williams

Thank you once again!!
Kris Ebert, Chaperones

LONDON TRIP MEETING

For
Students,
Parents, and
Friends taking the trip

January 22, 2008

7:00

Auditorium





Senior Spotlight

On

Brittany W.

Emily P.

Kelly S.

Larissa H.

Erika S.

Nicole S.

KELLY S.

Kelly is a member of the flute section, but plays piano as well. Kelly is also an artist, taking AP Art this year. In addition to her band and school activities, Kelly plays piano for her church.

EMILY P.

Emily is a member of the trumpet section and head of the uniform crew. It is her job to be sure that the uniforms are organized and ready to be distributed on game nights. In addition to her band activities and school work, Emily also helps out in the attendance office and is a member of National Honor Society.

BRITNEY W.

Britney plays trombone and is currently the trombone/euphonium section leader and band captain. While trying to keep the student leaders organized and maintaining a rigorous academic schedule, Britney also keeps active with the peer counselor program at school and with dance, choir and youth activities at her church.

LARISSA H.

Larissa is a member of the flute section and was recently selected as a member of the All-State and All-County bands. Larissa spends most of her time playing the flute, but has also taken up the piano this year in piano class.

NICOLE S.

Nicole plays saxophone and is one of our drum majors this year. She was recently selected for both the All-State and All-County Bands. In addition to her band activities, Nicole is also active in Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, and her church praise band.

ERIKA S.

Erika is co-captain of the color guard this year. Her favorite classes are Film and Color Guard because she gets to "be a teacher". Marching Band, Winter Guard and school take up most of her time, but she does list "Planet Smoothie" as a hobby!