

# Lakota West Bands Update: April 29

## A communication of the Lakota West Band Directors and Upbeat Club:

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## Percussion Ensemble Concert 4/29, 7pm at West Main

Always an entertaining concert! Many individual and group hours of rehearsal go into this once a year event. Hope you'll join us!

## Sponsorship

The Lakota West would like to invite area businesses to participate in a new sponsorship program to support Lakota West Bands. Each and every donation directly impacts the program. For more information visit the [webpage](#) or email [sponsorship@lakotawestbands.org](mailto:sponsorship@lakotawestbands.org).

## **Color Guard Auditions 4/30 and 5/2**

Auditions are held over two dates: April 30 and May 2. Both sessions run 6-9pm and are at the Freshman School gym. No experience required, but dance experience a plus. Auditions are open to current 8th through 11th graders. Here is a flyer you can post at your schools or share with friends! – [link to flyer.](#)

## **Concert Band Uniform Turn-in 5/6**

We will be collecting the concert band uniforms immediately following the concert the night of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to remember to wear something underneath your uniform that evening to make for a fast and easy turn in process. Items that need to be ready for collection are the jackets, pants, garment bag with hangers. Any items not turned in will be charged to the students account. If you are a graduating student and wish to donate you tie and cummerbunds we are willing to take those that night as well as any winds dresses.

We are also in need of volunteers to help check in the uniforms after the concert. Here is a link to the signup genius: [Click HERE .](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katie at [concertuniforms@lakotawestbands.org](mailto:concertuniforms@lakotawestbands.org).

## **Final Spring Concert and Concert Competition 5/6 at 7pm**

Our last concert of the year is Monday May 6 starting at 7pm. All three main campus bands will perform: Concert and Symphonic Bands, and Symphonic Winds. Congratulations to the winners of the Concerto Competition: Joe Keller, trumpet and Emilee Warne, flute will each perform their solo, accompanied by Symphonic Winds. We may even have a special guest appearance by none other than Trevor and the Bresnahans!

## **Taste for Music 5/7, 5-9pm**

Join us at the Main Event on May 7 from 5-9pm! Games, Lazer-Tag, Bowling, and so much more! Submit your receipt to have 20% donated to Lakota West Bands!

## **Senior Awards 5/9 at 7:30pm**

On Thursday 5/9, the directors will acknowledge each senior, reflect on the year, and announce the winners of the Greg Snyder Coda Scholarship and the Weatherwax Scholarship. All are welcome to attend!

## **Rookie Assessment/New Parent Meetings 5/15 and 5/30**

Rookie Assessment Day/New Parent Meeting is Wednesday May 15 at 6:30pm at the High School in the band room. Lakota West Upbeat Club band parents will be on hand to talk about Mini-Camp (what to bring, how it works), uniform fitting time-frame and purchases, and explain the communication tools used for Marching and Concert Bands for grades 9-12 and what actions parents need to take in May. They will assist parents in getting student's accounts set up in CHARMS as well as other tools used by the West Band Program.

Rookie/New Parent Meeting is on Thursday May 30 at 7pm at the Freshman Theater. This is on the third day of the mini band camp that runs Tu 5/28-Th 5/30 at the Freshman Building. The Director will review many items such as schedule, communication, expectations and much more. It will be very helpful to attend this important meeting. The 2019 Marching Band Handbook will be distributed at this meeting as well.

## **Open Lead Positions/Board Nominations and Upbeat Meeting 5/16**

Congratulations to our new (not really) Lakota West Upbeat

Executive Board for the 2019-20 school-year. All five positions have been voted in to continue for another year! Thank you for providing another year of leadership and service! We appreciate all you do!

Great opportunities to get involved with the bands by considering one of the current open lead positions for next year. All open positions will be assisted by the board or by the current lead to ensure a smooth transition. [Please see link here to list of open positions.](#) Questions – contact [president@lakotawestbands.org](mailto:president@lakotawestbands.org).

Our next and last Upbeat meeting of the year will be on Thursday 5/16 at 6:30pm in the West band room. Upbeat Exec is available at 6pm for any questions. All vet and rookie parents are welcome!

## **Mini Band Camp 5/28-5/30, 1-9pm**

The Marching season begins with Mini-Camp for all rookies and veterans on May 28-30 from 1-9pm at the Freshman Building. Students on own for meals 5/28 and 5/29, pizza provided on 5/30. New Parent Meeting on Thursday 5/30 at 7-8pm in Freshman Theater. Camp preview performance for all is at 8:30pm on 5/30.

## **For the Calendar (2019-20 is now entered on calendar)**

- [Link to Calendar Here](#)
- Monday 4/29
  - 7pm – Percussion Ensemble Concert at West
- Tuesday 4/30 AND Thursday 5/02
  - 6-9pm – Color Guard Auditions at Freshman Gym
- Monday 5/6
  - 7pm – Concert for Concert, Symphonic and Symphonic Winds including Concerto Competition winners

- Tuesday 5/7
  - 5-9pm – Taste for Music at Main Event!!
- Wednesday 5/8
  - 6pm – Lakota Jazz concert at East High School
- Thursday 5/9
  - 6:30pm – Ridge Jr Spring Concert
  - 7:30pm – Band Awards (recognizing seniors but all invited to attend)
- Monday – 5/13
  - 3pm – Graduation Band Rehearsal at West (Concert and Symphonic bands combine to form the Graduation Band that plays at graduation at the Xavier Cintas Center on 5/24 at 8pm)
- Tuesday – 5/14
  - 3pm – Graduation Band Rehearsal at West
  - 7pm – Freshman Bands Concert
- Wednesday 5/15
  - 6:30pm – Rookie Assessment Day
  - 6:30pm – New Parent get connected meeting
- Thursday 5/16
  - 6:30pm – Plains Jr Spring Concert
  - 6:30pm – Upbeat Meeting
- Friday 5/24
  - 8pm – Xavier Cintas Center – Lakota West Graduation!
- Monday 5/27
  - Appx 8a-12 – Memorial Day parade
- Tuesday 5/28 through Thursday 5/30
  - 1-9pm – Mini Band Camp all days at Freshman School
- Thursday 5/30
  - 7pm – New Parent Meeting
  - 8:30pm – Preview show for parents