

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

January 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Informational Meeting:

- Director's Report – Andy Carr Thanks for coming out tonight and all of the support as always. We had the swing dance before break which was a lot of fun. Thanks to Mr. T for all of the work and all of the people who came to do set up and make things run. We're now hitting the ground running. Solo and Ensemble are working in their groups. They played for each other today and have a few more days to practice that. Schedules are almost set. Times are next Tues/Wed. Tuesday is percussion and brass. Wed is woodwinds. When we did OMEA kids would practice, play and leave. Doing it here the kids play for each other. They get to hear each other and get an audience for themselves. They get a recording of their performance and notes. This helps them grow as musicians, going through this process. That's been nice, we have judges coming in for that. This weekend is district honor band. We have over 80 kids involved. It will be a fun weekend for them. There are 3 bands. Winds I, Winds II and Freshman band. There are some great conductors working with the kids. Winds Symp I has about 105 kids. John Seton is teaching Winds Symp II. He's with an amazing school in Las Vegas. He is originally from the Dayton area. Great musician. Winds Symp I conductor is Richard Saucedo. He is in charge of all of the bands of America things. The kids know him because he writes a lot of music. He's also an incredible musician. They're going to have a great time. Tomorrow Winds symphonies start at 4 freshman at 6, Saturday is all day and then concerts start at 2 on Sunday. Concerts are free and open. The schedule for solo and ensemble performances are open to watch for parents as well. You can come to any or all of it. Each group has a 15 minute window. They will play and get some feedback and during the switch it is ok to come and go during this switch. You are welcome to take all of the photos and videos you want during our performances. Come and enjoy but please don't be a distraction.

Next thing coming up is all state at the beginning of Feb 6-8. It will be in Cleveland. Carr will be up there on OMEA business and will see the kids performed. We have 6 students going up for all state. If you 'd like to come and see those concerts you can. You are welcome to go but it is in Cleveland. The ballroom overlooks the Browns stadium if that's your jam. After solo and ensemble is done we will start working on OMEA contest music. We're going to OMEA instead of music for all so that we can take all 5 bands. We're excited to be able to take the Freshman and get them more experience. They will play either Friday night or Saturday morning depending on the band. We'll have info coming out with info for marching band sign ups next week around the same time as try band.

- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek – Week of 27th is try band. All 4 West elementary schools that feed to West will get a visit from us and Willis Music. They get a 3D printed mouthpiece that replicates a multitude of instruments. Thursday the 30th there are 2 open houses where they can come and try the instruments and tell their parents what they are thinking and get rental information. That will be a great opportunity. Mr. Carr will be doing all of the high school bands. Mr. Celek will be subbing at the Jr. high schools and going

over scheduling with the 8th graders. Waiting on prices back for travel ideas for next year. We're very excited about try band and Plains has agreed to reschedule their curriculum night to accommodate Try Band.

- Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl

Business Meeting:

- 1) Call to Order 6:56
- 2) New Member Welcome hope everyone had a good holiday system
- 3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approval: Rebecca/Jen
- 4) Finance Approval- Jenni K. Primary items of note for financial report is additional platinum sponsorship renewal from DHH. Marching Firebird messages were a nice surprise. Split the Pot met over \$1000 in part because no one claimed the St. X. pot. Swing Dance made more than budgeted. \$2700 vs \$2000. The calendar fundraiser for Winter Guard raised \$1000. Thanks to Kristin Marshall for heading up the annual audit in the fall.

Approval Bob/Amy

- 5) Swing Dance Updates-Laura
- 6) Solo and Ensemble-Rebecca Y We have all of the volunteers lined up already. Much fewer with the new format. Come out and have a listen to the kids
- 7) Taste for Music- Ali B. Have another fundraiser in February. This month was Wings and Rings. Mon Feb 10th-12th at Shake shack. We get 25% of meals purchased with the code/ flyer.
- 8) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W. No new updates
- 9) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y. Be diligent about the phishing emails.
- 10) Sponsorships – Michelle Hopefully will have some renewals coming up
- 11) Winter Guard Competition-Charity and Katie January 25th. The leads have been working hard getting everything ready to go. We will have some vendors, Cincy Traditions, a coffee truck, and Crochet Chicks. Custodians are secured. Concessions are being purchased this weekend. The signups are posted for food donations for the hospitality suites and for volunteers. They are different sign ups. Anyone who needs service hours can get them. We have double the number of groups this year. It's going to be a great event for us. It is at the Freshman building. Please sign up!
- 12) New Business
 - A. Jazz and Cakes-4/5/25 We've already had our first planning meeting. Next meeting is Feb 10th. If you'd like to be involved please come and join us. Bob can get an announcement on WLHS 89.8.
 - B. Try Band/Open House 1/30 Main Campus- We still need some volunteers for the open house. Thursday night we need volunteers to register people. We have flyers/posters that need to be dropped off at each elementary school. Time will be about 5:30-8:30.

Meeting Adjourned 7:22

Next Meeting – Thurs, February 20, 2025, 6:30PM, Main Campus Band Room