

Hello Mustang Bands - **Thanks for a great start to the year!** Three weeks are already in the books.

Classes continue Tuesday with day 2 of our Hybrid A schedule. ALL CLASSES will play and participate starting Tuesday. You will need to keep your instrument with you until your class but once you are there you will have a place to store it for the week - lockers will be assigned to those that need them. I do encourage and support transport of your instrument home every day for cleaning and sanitizing! We want to be as safe as possible.

Speaking of **SAFETY**, We will continue to wear masks all of the time in classes and times between blocks during Marching Band rehearsal. Our kids have done a great job of adhering to protocol and the fact that we are entering our 4th week is proof! PLEASE refer to the Best Practices for Band Instruments document that I shared with you a few weeks ago. A few important excerpts:

1. We will use instrument bell covers
2. I would like EVERYONE that plays a woodwind or brass instrument to have their own supply of thick-ply napkins in their backpack to be used to catch spit-valve drippings and to wipe any accumulation of moisture during the class.. At the end of each class they will be thrown away.
3. Mouthpiece spray and hand sanitizer will always be on hand. Having a sink in the classroom is a plus! We will stay clean and properly distanced so that we can make music!!

Please continue to check your Schoology weekly folders and your LRHS Bands Schoology portal often. All materials and classroom activities are posted there. It is important that you have those resources if you are absent or if for any reason we have to quarantine again.

I am very excited about the announcement of our 2020 home football schedule! We will rock the LRHS stadium 4 times this fall! Friday night lights are back! Home games are in blue:

Schedule

All Schedules | All Games ■ Home Games ■ Away Games ■ Team Event ■ Practices

S.No.	Date	Day	Time	Opponent/Title	Sport	Level	Facility	Contract Signed	View	Delete
1	09-17-2020	Thursday	07:00 pm	North Port	Football (11 man)	VR	North Port			
2	09-25-2020	Friday	07:00 pm-09:00 pm	Booker	Football (11 man)	VR	Lakewood Ranch			
3	10-02-2020	Friday	07:00 pm-09:00 pm	Manatee	Football (11 man)	VR	Lakewood Ranch			
4	10-09-2020	Friday	06:30 pm-09:30 pm	Gulf	Football (11 man)	VR	Gulf			
5	10-16-2020	Friday	07:30 pm-10:00 pm	Venice	Football (11 man)	VR	Venice			
6	10-23-2020	Friday	07:00 pm-09:30 pm	Hollins (St. Petersburg)	Football (11 man)	VR				
7	10-30-2020	Friday	07:00 pm-09:00 pm	Sarasota	Football (11 man)	VR				
8	11-06-2020	Friday	07:00 pm-09:00 pm	Seminole (Seminole)	Football (11 man)	VR				

Stay tuned for details regarding game night routine and dates for Special games such as Homecoming, Middle School Band Night and Senior Night - those have not been decided yet and will be determined based on COVID protocol. I promise to pass them along as soon as I can.

THE 2020 MUSTANG MARCHING BAND (MMB)

You showed TREMENDOUS growth and work ethic during the Spring Training FUNDamental and Summer Virtual camps. It is incredible to think how much you were able to accomplish given our quarantine! Attendance all spring and Summer was great. Now we get into our ROUTINE.....It is time to pursue greatness. Your attendance going forward is a huge part of our success.

Our rehearsals are very important; they set us up to perform the many things that performances require. **Members are expected to attend EVERY MMB rehearsal.** They are not "optional". Protocols in accordance with CDC guidelines are critical. Positive answers to the 3 Question screening sheet are necessary, please take care of yourself and stay home if you are sick. If there is an unavoidable conflict, PARENTS ONLY notify Mr. Lambert at lambertr@manateeschools.net, or call the band office 941-727-6100 x 2029.

SYSTEM + SPIRIT = SUCCESS!!

We want to be sure to have our SYSTEMS in place now. That involves how and when we do things. Everything from arriving early, signing in, wearing proper attire, rehearsal etiquette, attitude and preparation and paying attention make up the Mustang Marching Band (MMB) Systems. Your participation and SPIRIT are the ingredient that make it all FUN and worthwhile.

YOUR SAFETY IS A PRIORITY!

Prepare for the Florida climate. Wear light clothing and a hat! We might get a little wet so an extra tee shirt might be a good idea. HYDRATE! Begin your water intake the evening before so that you are ready for the elements. **Have your Coleman water jug with you at all times. Eat well before you arrive. Pack a nutritious meal for dinner, Eat when you leave.** You are athletes and you have to prepare to function at a peak level!

ALL Brass and WW players must have their Black hand towels for rehearsals. Your instrument should not lay on Concrete/Asphalt at any time. Let's build good habits from the beginning! Have your tuner and oils, greases and reeds as part of your daily rehearsal items.

100% compliance from 100% of the band on all policies is the formula for success!

LEADERSHIP:

You were selected for your Maturity, Charisma and Reliability. You have been SO helpful as we have begun our new year. **Thank You!** Be Prepared, Be On - We sail this ship together!

Officers & Section Leader Meetings will take place virtually, only when announced.

The sign-in process is lengthy and necessary. For the time being, I would like to have your help preparing the campus for rehearsal. **Once we move to a new phase of CDC safety, we can begin to meet on campus again.** When we do meet, come prepared to share ideas, problem solve, plan and BOND. The leadership council sets the tone for FUN and SUCCESS of ALL MMB members. This will be a great year!

Key LRHS Band Thoughts:

1. RESPECT yourself, RESPECT your teammates, RESPECT the Bandroom.
2. WORK hard, have FUN!
3. Mustang Band kids are AWESOME!
4. You CAN Do It!
5. You are NEVER ALONE. You have friends, staff and parents all around that CARE!

Parents!

I can't wait to welcome you to our campus and to our band room. It is almost time to mobilize the best parent volunteer group in all of Mantee county! We have had to stay quarantined for the safety of our students and faculty in accordance with Manatee County Schools direction. Our diligence has paid off and our routines and respect for protocol have shown that we are trustworthy and can move forward.

I have been given permission to have our great Lakewood Ranch Band Boosters Association and our World-Class band staff involved with the organization by the first football game on September 25, but only AFTER a rigorous screening process is completed. I will cover all of the details including needed paperwork at our next **LRBBA Virtual meeting**, next Monday September 14th:

LRBBA September Meeting

Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81047731764?pwd=MTVrWEpkQ3B6R0NhchY1RHlwb3E4Zz09>

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Weekly Schedule At A Glance

TUESDAY 6-8pm – Marching Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY 6-8pm – Marching Band Rehearsal



THE BANDS of LAKEWOOD RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

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