

Louisville High School Band Update

April 20, 2020

In light of today's announcement by Governor DeWine stating that Ohio schools will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year, I wanted to provide an update and share with you the plans that have been made for band during this time. ***Please know that I am heartbroken about this situation and I will do my best to respond to questions that you may have as they arise. There are many details that are still undecided at this time. For those items I will pass information along as they become clearer.*** See below for important information:

Thursday, April 23 **MANDATORY** uniform turn-in between 6-8pm. All uniform pieces must be turned in at this time. Uniform should be hung up in the garment bag, labeled with student name. Hats should be brought in the hat box labeled with student name. Please do not forget gauntlets and the sequin piece on the jacket. Do not turn in marching shoes or gloves. They are yours to keep.

Please enter the student parking lot off of Nickelplate Street. I will have coat racks available for you to hang the garment bag on. You will simply drive up, exit your vehicle, hang the uniform on the rack, and then exit the parking lot. I would ask that you please adhere to the times listed and try to move things along as efficiently as possible. I am not permitted to have help and I will be moving the racks and hats into the band room as they arrive. ***Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines that are in place!***

Saturday, May 4 Mattress Sale - CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 6 Spring Concert – CANCELLED

Thursday, May 14 Band Banquet – CANCELLED
Students will receive their band awards to be distributed at a later date.

Thursday, May 21 Graduation – POSTPONED...details TBA.

Fourth nine weeks band grades will be based on practice sheets via remote learning. There will be no levels this year. You will remain on your current level and seating will remain the same as when we left school in March. We will revisit this once the school year begins next year.

All things marching band for next season are TBA. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly what Summer and Fall will look like for Ohio schools. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) have decisions to make based on the state of the COVID-19 virus in the coming weeks and months. Information will be made available to you as soon as things become clearer. ***As of now, color guard camp is scheduled for July 13-17, 2020 with full band beginning on July 20, 2020. Band camp is scheduled for July 26-31. Please plan on these dates until informed otherwise.***

Flag, majorette, and drum major tryouts are currently on hold until further notice. I would encourage anyone who was trying out for flag or majorette to be sure that you are scheduled for band next year. Please contact the LHS guidance department if you are not currently scheduled.

Drumline/Front Ensemble positions will be determined at a later date. Equipment will be staying in the band room until further notice.

Please keep your music throughout our remaining extended closure time. Be sure to submit your practice sheets every Monday via Schoology. ***Most of you have done a great job submitting your work. Keep it up!***

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We want to be sure to stay that way! Your directors are very much looking forward to seeing you all as soon as possible and we are excited for next year. It may look a little different, but we will still be making music and creating memories together no matter what. Be sure to contact me via email with any questions you may have...or if you just want to say hello:)

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