



Dear LHSGB Family,

Over the past week, many new policies and safety measures have been established as we draw closer to the start of summer band and the school year. The district, the school, and we, as your directors, have been working hard to make sure everybody is safe, while still being able to create a rehearsal schedule that allows the LHSGB to move forward in this very unique situation. Please read this document carefully to become aware of the new schedule, as well as some answers to the questions we have been receiving concerning the school year.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support throughout all of this. As tough as this is, much of the success of this school year is about perspective. We will do our best to make the most of all of this and continue to uphold the commitment to excellence that is associated with the Liberty High School Grenadier Band.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Long, Director  
Allen Frank, Assistant Director

### **Summer Band**

To keep numbers to a minimum and create the safest environment, **summer band rehearsals will now be run in small sectionals only**. The **full band will NOT meet** on a daily basis. Because of this change, a new schedule has been created and can be found at the bottom of this document. Our goal is to establish a sense of community with our members, get our students back to playing their instruments, and to provide a focused practice routine before starting the school year. We encourage you to reach out to us if you have health concerns, schedule conflicts, or any other issues that would keep your child from attending these sectionals. All rehearsals will now be held at Liberty High School, outside on the campus grounds. Social distancing and all other safety procedures will be adhered to during all sectionals. (More logistical details will be announced prior to the start of rehearsals on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Can my child participate in music ensembles if we have chosen the BASD e-Classroom option?**

Yes! Dr. Roy has released a statement saying that the district has reversed its decision on this issue. Students enrolled in the e-Classroom option will still be able to participate in extra-curricular activities. Band, Orchestra, Choraliers, and Women's Ensemble are co-curricular courses that receive a grade and will continue to be part of the Hybrid and e-Classroom options. Ensembles such as First Company, Jazz Band, A cappella, and Women's Chorale are all part of our extra-curricular offering. Extra-curricular ensembles will be able to meet in-person, but virtual options will still be available for those students.

#### **Will the band be performing at football games and other events?**

At this time, the band's participation at sporting events is being evaluated as PIAA officials, as well as our administrators, continue to plan for the fall season. What we can say is that we are not planning for a field show at football games. With the delay of the season, there is a chance that a small pep band

could be utilized, but that option will be revisited at a later time. Please keep in mind that these decisions are based on the CDC, state, and district guidelines, and are for the protection and safety of everybody.

**Why should my child participate in Band if there will be no performances?**

While none of this creates the perfect scenario, we are determined to give your child a meaningful and productive music education. For many, music is an outlet, gives people an opportunity to tap into their creative side, relieves stress, and gives a sense of community and belonging. Though the performance calendar has more questions than answers at this time, it is our hope that your child will find purpose as part of the instrumental program at Liberty. The hybrid format will give the opportunity for more individualized instruction with smaller groups, allowing us to focus on instrumental performance, music theory, history, and other topics that will help to create a well-rounded musician. This, in turn, will help each student to maintain and grow their individual skillset as musicians, and support their endeavors as both students and performers.

Please know that all parties are trying their best to make this work for all students, families, and the community. The faculty and staff at each building in the district are filled with the same concerns, questions, and feelings that you are experiencing, as they have families and loved ones, as well. We are committed to your children and will do our best in each and every way to keep them safe, while continuing to provide the best education, whether in-person or virtual.

*Please scroll down for the updated schedule*

**LHSGB Summer Sectional Schedule  
August 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Majorettes & Bagpipers will meet at the discretion of the section leaders throughout the week, with director supervision.	<b>10</b> <b>8 - 9:15am:</b> Flutes & Clarinets  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Saxophones & Mellophones  <b>11:15am – 12:30pm:</b> Trumpets & Beginning Baritones/Tubas	<b>11</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Percussion Auditions  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Trombones & Baritones  <b>11:15 – 12:30:</b> Tubas & Colour Guard	<b>12</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Saxophones & Mellophones  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Trumpets & Beginning Baritones/Tubas  <b>11:15 – 12:30</b> Flutes & Clarinets	<b>13</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Trombones & Baritones  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Tubas & Colour Guard  <b>11:15 – 12:30:</b> Percussion	<b>14</b> <b>8 – 10am:</b> Freshmen and New Members  <b>10:30 – 12:00:</b> First Company	15
16 Majorettes & Bagpipers will meet at the discretion of the section leaders throughout the week, with director supervision.	<b>17</b> <b>8 - 9:15am:</b> Flutes & Clarinets  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Saxophones & Mellophones  <b>11:15am – 12:30pm:</b> Trumpets & Beginning Baritones/Tubas	<b>18</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Percussion  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Trombones & Baritones  <b>11:15 – 12:30:</b> Tubas & Colour Guard	<b>19</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Saxophones & Mellophones  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Trumpets & Beginning Baritones/Tubas  <b>11:15 – 12:30</b> Flutes & Clarinets	<b>20</b> <b>8 – 9:15am:</b> Trombones & Baritones  <b>9:30 – 11am:</b> Tubas & Colour Guard  <b>11:15 – 12:30:</b> Percussion	<b>21</b> <b>8 – 10am:</b> Freshmen and New Members  <b>10:30 – 12:00:</b> First Company	22
23	24 Zoom Sectionals and other activities will be announced throughout the week.	25	26	27	28	29
30	<b>31</b> First Day of School On-Line					