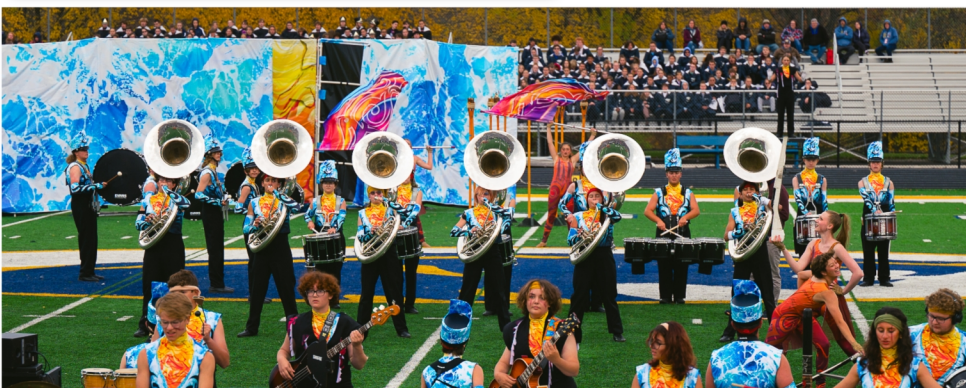


LAKE ORION MARCHING BAND



**2024
to
2025
Season**



Informational Packet



Your student has the opportunity to march with one of THE top marching bands in the State of Michigan

LOMB is a consistent top 10 finisher in the state of Michigan and is well known for its story-telling style and emotional programs.

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| 2023 - 3rd Place | 2020 - *Pandemic | 2015 - 5th Place | 2010 - 4th Place | 2005 - 8th Place |
| 2022 - 2nd Place | 2019 - 2nd Place | 2014 - 4th Place | 2009 - 3rd Place | 2004 - 6th Place |
| 2021 - 3rd Place | 2018 - 4th Place | 2013 - 2nd Place | 2008 - 2nd Place | 2003 - 10th Place |
| | 2017 - 3rd Place | 2012 - 2nd Place | 2007 - 2nd Place | 2002 - 9th Place |
| | 2016 - 8th Place | 2011 - 5th Place | 2006 - 3rd Place | 2001 - 10th Place |

Our students have the opportunity to work with top music directors and drill instructors in the state. It seems like a big commitment but this program will build character and confidence in your student. LOMB is nothing like any group, club or hobby they have ever experienced.

It takes effort and organization to guide 150+ students through an entire competition season. The directors can not accomplish this without parent support and assistance. The Lake Orion Band Booster organization provides both assistance and financial support for all LO Dragon Band programs.



YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS WE'VE GOT ANSWERS

MARCHING BAND IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS. IT IS NORMAL TO HAVE QUESTIONS. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL LOST OR IN THE DARK, HERE'S WHERE TO SEEK HELP:

Newsletters-

LOBB emails newsletters throughout the entire year. During marching season we add a marching focused newsletter. Newsletters are designed to condense important facts into bite sized nuggets, perfect to read from a mobile device. They are link intensive and often direct you to www.lodragonbands.org for printable materials. Be sure to click through so that you don't miss any details.

Facebook-

Look for "Lake Orion High School Bands" for LOHS specific band conversation. Mr. Steele posts here frequently and it's a great place to give encouragement and cheer on students.

Datelines -

Mr. Steele releases detailed time lines before every competition and most performances. Datelines list the itinerary, meals, and reminders. You will receive datelines via the e-mail system but they are also available on the Dateline page of the website.

E-Mail Blasts-

Are quick email notifications when events change.

LODragonbands.org-

Our website serves the entire LO Band program. Every school every group. Datelines, calendars, forms, and flyers can be found here.

BAND app -

Mr. Steele sends emergency messages and travel updates through an app service called BAND. For marching band reminders a join the 2024 BAND app using the following link:

For parents: <https://band.us/n/a7a703v8AbB6J>

For students (members): <https://band.us/n/a3a804vbA7Bc6>

Still in a Quandary- The LOBB

Communications Director serves as the band's digital telephone operator, fielding your questions and concerns. If she doesn't know the answer, she quickly forwards the question to the expert who does. Do not hesitate to contact her at Communications@lodragonbands.org



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 1-

1. Completed form packet to be turned in at forms@lodragonbands.org or PO Box 93 Lake Orion 4836

MAY 15-

1. \$200 non-refundable deposit
2. \$50 band camp chaperone fee (should you not be chosen to chaperone band camp your \$50 will be applied to your student's marching fees. Must include signed chaperone form (pg. 8 of Forms Packet)

JUNE 15-

1. \$180 non-refundable payment
2. Report your planned vacation(s) or missed rehearsal estimate(s) using the absence form found on the band website at www.lodragonbands.org

JULY 15-

1. \$180 payment due. Up to \$200 voucher points accepted
2. Apparel payment (pg. 4 of form packet) due. (applies to both instrumentalists and guard)
3. Payment for Flip Folio and Lyres if needed (pg. 3 of forms packet)

ONLY THOSE MARCHERS WHOSE ACCOUNTS ARE PAID UP TO DATE BY JUNE 1ST WILL BE GUARANTEED A SPOT IN THE SHOW OPENER. THIS INCLUDES ALL WINTER PROGRAM FEES AND THE MAY 1ST DEPOSIT.

**** NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER JULY 1, 2023 ****

AUGUST 15-

1. \$180 payment due. Up to \$200 voucher points accepted
2. Instrument Usage Fee - \$75 if applicable due. See pg. 3 of Forms Packet for further information

SEPTEMBER 15-

1. \$180 payment due. Up to \$200 voucher points accepted

OCTOBER 15-

1. Final \$180 payment due

All marching band payments must be received by the LOBB or postmarked no later than November 1st OR student(s) will be prohibited from participation in winter programs and prohibited from participating in the following year's marching band program.

Make payments out to LOBB. Send check to PO Box 93, Lake Orion, 48361 OR pay with a credit card with a 3% processing fee using your students CUT TIME account.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JUNE 10-14: Mini Camp. Full practices at LOHS. Time 1-8p. Students are responsible for their own meals. **MANDATORY**
JULY 15-19: Mini Camp. Full practices at LOHS. Time 1-8p. Students are responsible for their own meals. **MANDATORY**
AUGUST 12-16: Pre-Camp. Full practices at LOHS. Time 1-8p. Students are responsible for their own meals. **MANDATORY**
AUGUST 18-24: AWAY BAND CAMP. CAMP HENRY, NEWAYGO, MI **MANDATORY**
AUGUST 26-29: Post-Camp. Full practices at LOHS. Time 1-8. Students responsible for their own meals. **MANDATORY**



Please email illnesses, vacations, and planned absences to Alison Abraham at absent link found on the band website here:
www.lodragonbands.org

Send estimates by June 1st and update as necessary.

From Mr.Steele-

All students are expected to be on the field, rehearsing properly for the entirety of every rehearsal throughout the year.

Learning drill/work/choreography in a competitive marching band takes continued trial, error and adjustment.

No performer has ever been perfect but those who rehearse properly throughout the season are the ones who come the closest.

Drill and work is meant to be done in coordination with the entire ensemble. It is impossible for directors to properly assess or teach drill, work, and choreography with students missing.

Each performer needs to be there to learn and refine every part of the show.

Students who miss rehearsals greatly reduce the effectiveness of the entire band, not just for the missed rehearsal, but for the entire season.

ABSENCES:

The tentative season schedule is listed on page 8. We will finalize this schedule as soon as all competitions have been confirmed. Please look this over very carefully and mark all dates on your home calendar(s). Page #3 is the Performance & Rehearsal Attendance Contract where you make a promise to have your student attend the entire season of rehearsals and performances. We take this very seriously. Before you schedule a doctor appointment or your student takes a part time job, ask yourself if it violates your promise to the band.

SITTING OUT:

Students may sit out for up to 5 minutes during a rehearsal. Beyond that, a student must return to rehearsal or they will need to contact a parent to come and take them home. If students are well enough to be at school, they are well enough to rehearse. If a parent cannot come and take them home, the student must sit in the stands or go to the office. A student who misses rehearsal time during a week including sitting out, may be held from that week's performance(s) unless director's explicit approval is given. A student who misses more than 10% of rehearsal time in two weeks may have his/her spot closed for a portion of the show. An alternate performance situation will be devised (when possible) for students with closed spots.

PARTICIPATION IN PERFORMANCES:

All students are required to attend each performance, except in the case of family emergency or illness. Injured or ill students are expected to be on the sideline at performances if they are unable to march, but not sick enough to have to stay home.

VACATIONS:

We are not asking you to give up all summer vacations. We are asking you to be mindful of when your student is absent. The majority of marching band families (and all LOMB staff) schedule their vacations so as not to conflict with rehearsal dates. It can be done. Your student's absence hurts the entire band and it's unfair to those families who remain faithful to the schedule.

LEAVING REHEARSAL/LATE ARRIVALS:

All student early departures or late arrivals must be prearranged, having discussed the reason with Mr. Steele. Mr. Steele may grant an excused absence or not. Work will never be an excused reason to miss rehearsal. Students who miss rehearsal for unexcused reasons may be held from that week's performance.

DOT/DRILL BOOKS:

All students are required to have a completed dot/drill book at all rehearsals. The student may be asked to rehearse even without a completed dot/drill book, but they will only receive half credit for rehearsals until it is filled out. The book must be shown to Mr. Steele in order to reinstate full credit. Continued lack of a completed dot/drill book could result in the directors filling the student's spot with another student or the spot may be closed.

CLOSED OR FILLED HOLES/SPOTS:

If a student's hole/spot is closed or filled by another student, that student will still be a performer in the show, possibly in their original role but not for the entire show, or there will be an alternate performance role created.

"BEFORE SUMMER" REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

It takes a lot of work and commitment and practice to become one of the top marching bands in the state. With that being said, practices **WILL** start before the end of this current school year. If for some reason your student is in a spring sport and cannot make these practices, please know there is no penalty to your child should they have other school commitments but it is **STRONGLY** recommended that they attend these rehearsals. However, once the summer rehearsal season kicks off please know that **ALL CAMPS** are **MANDATORY**.

| DATE: | DAY(S): | GROUP: | TIME: | LOCATION: |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| May 13 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| May 15 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| May 20 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| May 22 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| May 29 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble/Percussion Auditions | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |

FULL ENSEMBLE
BRASS
WOODWINDS
COLOR GUARD
PERCUSSION



Full season schedule on following page

Mark Your CALENDAR



2024-2025
Season and
Performance Schedule **

Summer & Fall Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

| DATE: | DAY(S): | EVENT: | TIME: | LOCATION: |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|------------|--------------------------------|
| May 27 (2023 Marchers Only) | Monday | Memorial Day Parade | TBD | Village of LO |
| June 10-14 | M-F | Mini-Camp MANDATORY | 1-8p | LOHS |
| June 17 | Monday | Guard/ Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| June 19 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 1-8p | LOHS |
| June 24 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| June 26 | Wednesday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| July 1 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| July 3 | Wednesday | NO REHEARSAL | N/A | N/A |
| July 8 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| July 10 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 1-8p | LOHS |
| July 15-19 | M-F | Mini-Camp MANDATORY | 1-8p | LOHS |
| July 22 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| July 24 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 1-8p | LOHS |
| July 29 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| July 31 | Wednesday | Full Ensemble | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| Aug 5 | Monday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| Aug 7 | Wednesday | Guard/Percussion | 5:30-8:30p | LOHS |
| Aug 12-16 | M-F | Pre-Camp MANDATORY | 1-8p | LOHS |
| Aug 18-24 | Su-Sa | BAND CAMP MANDATORY | Full Day | Camp Henry, Newaygo MI |
| Aug 26-29 | M-W | Post Camp MANDATORY | 1-8p | LOHS |
| Sep 7 | Saturday | Rehearsal | 9a-9p | LOHS |
| Sep 13 | Friday | Home Football | 6p | LOHS |
| Sep 14 | Saturday | BOA Regional | TBA | Toledo, OHIO |
| Sep 21 | Saturday | Rehearsal | 9a-9p | LOHS |
| Sep 27 | Friday | Home Football | 6p | LOHS |
| Sep 28 | Saturday | MCBA DRAGON INVITATIONAL | ALL DAY | LOHS |
| Oct 5 | Saturday | Rehearsal | 9a-9p | LOHS |
| Oct 6 | Sunday | Homecoming Parade | TBA | Downtown LO |
| Oct 9 | Wednesday | Stadium Ele. Walk to School Day/Homecoming Rehearsal | 8a | Downtown LO |
| Oct 11 | Friday | Homecoming Football | 6p | LOHS |
| Oct 12 | Saturday | Rehearsal | 9a-noon | LOHS |
| Oct 19 | Saturday | MCBA Novi Fanfare Invitational | TBA | Novi MI |
| Oct 25 | Friday | Home Football | 6p | LOHS |
| Oct 26 | Saturday | MCBA Flight I Prelims | TBA | DeWitt HS Or Grand Ledge HS |
| Oct 30 | Wednesday | Dome Rehearsal (pending approval) | 1-5p | Oakland Yard, Waterford |
| Nov 1 | Friday | Possible Home Football or Rehearsal | TBA | TBA |
| Nov 2 | Saturday | MCBA State Finals Championships MANDATORY | TBA | Ford Field, Detroit |
| Nov 8 | Friday | Possible Playoff Football | TBA | TBA |
| Nov 15 | Friday | Possible Playoff Football | TBA | TBA |
| Nov 23 | Saturday | Possible State Semi Finals Football | TBA | TBA |
| Nov 30 | Saturday | Possible State Finals Football | TBA | Ford Field, Detroit |
| Dec 1 | Saturday | Possible State Finals Football | TBA | Ford Field, Detroit |
| Dec 7 | Saturday | LO Lighted Parade/LOMB Half Night Party | TBA | Downtown LO/Basketball America |
| Feb 13, 2025) | Thursday | 8th Grade Welcome Night MANDATORY | TBA | LOHS |
| May 26, 2025 | Monday | LO Memorial Day Parade MANDATORY | TBA | Downtown LO |

**** Dates and or times are subject to change throughout the season ****

**** All camps are MANDATORY ****

During the school year, rehearsals run Tue, Thu, from 1pm (beginning of class) until 4pm.
Fridays w/ football = rehearsal to 5pm. Fridays w/o football = to 6pm

LOMB tuition for the 2024-2025 season is **\$1100.00**

Tuition covers:

- MCBA competition entry fees
- 4 in-state competitions & 1 out of state competition, including travel costs
- Band camp- includes room, board, travel, and entertainment
- Show composition- music and drill customized to LOMB's size and instrumentation
- Music royalties and copyright fees
- Instructor salaries
- Uniforms
- Supply a portion of meals on competition days
- Supply a portion of halftime snacks for all home football games
- 2024 Show shirt / 2 white practice tees
1 section shirt / 1 parade tee
- Dot books and music binders
- Competition at Ford Field



The LOBB makes every effort to minimize costs throughout the entire season.

The more successful fundraisers we host, the easier it is to keep marching costs as low as possible.

To that end, we expect all families to donate time, respond to calls for food or supply donations, and participate in all fundraising activities.

"It takes a village"

Deposit- \$200.00 per student, required and non-refundable. We use this fee to hire show writers for the 2024 season with music and drill written specifically for your student based on their skill level. This fee is applied toward your total marching band cost and is due no later than May 15th 2024. This payment plus the required forms secures your student's spot in the 2024-25 LOMB program.

Payment Schedule- All marching band payments not received by the LOBB or postmarked later than Nov 1st will result in non participation in winter programs, prohibited to participate in following years of marching band.

- No refunds will be given after July 1, 2024
- All accounts are expected to be up to date by August 15, 2024 prior to attending band camp
- All accounts are expected to be up to date by September 15, 2024. Students whose accounts are not up to date at this time will not participate in any competition until account is up to date.
- All accounts are expected to be up to date by October 15, 2024 prior to attending State Finals Competition.



How To Cut The Cost To Participate:

- VOUCHERS
- RAISE RIGHT
- FUNDRAISERS
- SPONSORSHIPS
- DONATING

Multiple Child Policy-

If you have more than one student in the competitive program, LOMB discounts \$200 for every student beyond the first child. All students must be enrolled in the marching band for this to apply.

Voucher Points-

You may earn unlimited voucher points coming from concessions and/or charity poker events. All vouchers earned after the last payment (Oct 15 through Nov 2) must be turned in before November 30, 2024 in order to be credited toward 2024 LOMB fees. No vouchers will be accepted after this date.

Raise Right-

We have a knowledgeable team of volunteers ready to help you take advantage the Raise Right gift card program. Your immediate and extended family members can earn money to apply toward your marching fees by making your usual household purchases using Raise Right gift cards. Visit the band website www.lodragonbands.org or email [Tammy Peppers](mailto:Tammy%20Peppers@loderight.com) at raiseright@lodragonbands.org for more information

Fundraising-

The more participation from parents and families with fundraising, the more money can be saved for the following years fee.

Sponsorships- 25% of **GOLD** and/or **SILVER** sponsorship allocated to your students marching band fees.

Donating-

The LOBB also puts out periodic calls for donations of food or supplies. Food savings are important in helping to keep cost down.

Financial Aid-

No student will be deprived of participation due to financial difficulty. For those who qualify, financial assistance may be offered Contact [Alice Cruz](mailto:Alice%20Cruz@loderight.com):

Accounts@lodragonbands.org

Dragon Band Camp

August 18-24

Camp Henry
5575 Gordon Ave,
Newaygo, MI



Students will learn and perfect marching skills during this intense week of instruction. They will memorize both music and drill with the help of an expanded staff of specialized instructors. Because of the secluded environment, directors and instructors can provide individual attention to every student and students bond as a cohesive unit. A very small staff of parents attend as chaperones.

All members of the 2024 LOHS Dragon Marching Band are required to attend band camp. Please plan family vacations and summer jobs accordingly. **Attendance is MANDATORY** but it's the most fun your student will have all summer.

All accounts are expected to be paid to up to date by August 15th prior to attending band camp.

Although NOT encouraged you may pick up your child from band camp with prior written arrangements with Mr. Steele.

A Band Camp Information Meeting will be held later in the summer. The planning committee will outline procedures, changes, and will provide a packet of camp specific information.

Camp Chaperones-

We charge chaperones \$50 for the complete week of meals; this keeps season fees as low as possible.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please indicate this on page #3 along with your \$50 camp payment.

- Minimum of 6 chaperones ride bus to and from camp
- Keep students on schedule (wake-up, meal times, practices, lights-out)
- Monitor students to insure they eat and remain well hydrated
- Required to assist in day and evening activities, make evening patrols, run errands and perform various tasks for both band and camp staff

NOTICE: Chaperones who interfere with rehearsals or training will be asked to leave camp immediately