



BIG BAD BEAR BAND

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IMPORTANT DATES

APS Medical Form

Due ASAP along with other required forms and \$200 (payable in Charms)

DRUM MAJOR LEADERSHIP CAMP

June 19 & 20 (Los Lunas)
July 12 (Rio Rancho)

PERCUSSION CAMP

July 10 - July 14

COLOR GUARD CAMP

July 10 - July 14

BAND CAMP PREP

(ALL LEADERSHIP)
July 12

FULL BAND CAMP

(MANDATORY)
July 17 - July 28

COMPETITIONS (3 in 2023)

Bands of America (BOA)

Flagstaff, AZ Regional
Saturday, October 7

Rio Rancho Marching Class

Rio Rancho HS
Saturday, October 21

Zia Marching Fiesta

University of NM:
Saturday, October 28

Summer 2023

Director's Letter

Hello 23-24 Big Bad Bear Band,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying your much needed time off. Let me first introduce myself, my name is Mr. Velasco or Mr. V and I couldn't be more excited to be the band director here at La Cueva moving forward. It is an honor and a privilege to be taking over after my good friend and mentor Mr. Converse. He is irreplaceable in his energy and knowledge, though I hope that we can find the same level of mutual respect that you all shared together. I come to you as a native New Mexican. I have been the band director at Cibola HS for the past 3 years, and before that I was at Moorpark, CA.

The 23-24 edition of the Big Bear Band will be similar in staff to those of the past few years. Most of the instruction staff has agreed to return. We will have a new look this year - the new uniforms have arrived and look fantastic!!! I am excited to see them on the field. With that being said, we will be going to 3 competitions this fall. The BOA Regional at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. The Rio Rancho Marching Class at RRHS. We will end the year at the ZIA Marching Fiesta at UNM. I'll let Mr. Parker share the show design in camp, but it sounds amazing!!!

With all of that said, camp will be here before we realize it. Make sure to be active and start drinking water now! Hydrate for tomorrow today. I will be at school every Thursday in June and almost every day in July. Feel free to stop by and check out an instrument if you would like to get to practicing. Or feel free to stop by to just say hi and meet me. We will have a mandatory color guard and percussion camp starting on July 10th. Band camp will start on July 17th and will be 2 weeks long.

With that being said, I am extremely excited to meet and get to know all of you! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out via email. Thank you .

Go Bears,

Gabriel Velasco

Welcome from the La Cueva Band Boosters!

The La Cueva Band Boosters welcomes everyone back and special welcome to incoming freshmen and other new students and parents. We are excited you have chosen to be a part of the Big Bad Bear Band. As a parent of a La Cueva Band student, you are automatically part of the Band Boosters.

The Band Boosters are a vital and active part of the La Cueva Band program, and there are many ways to become involved. We need parent volunteers to help with chaperoning, fundraising, uniform fitting and distribution, craft shows and many other fun activities. Volunteering is a great way to keep up with the many activities your students will be involved in this year. Please plan on volunteering early and often!

We use Charms—an online application—to manage band student and parent communications, financial information, forms, and the band calendar. You will find instructions for registering with Charms as well as a link to the band calendar on the website www.bigbadbearband.com. Please monitor the calendar for important dates and for the schedule of the Band Booster meetings, which will start at the beginning of the school year. I know we just all went through a very unusual and challenging school year and year in general going through a pandemic, so we are ready to get back to another successful year of music at La Cueva!

We have a new board and will need all your support and grace during this year. If you have any questions, please contact me!

James Maddox, President, LaCuevaBandBoosters@gmail.com

Contact Info: 2023-24 Booster Board & Band Leadership

| Director of Bands | Assistant Director of Bands & Color Guard Director |
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How We Communicate

NOTE: The band does not produce newsletters beyond this summer edition. Please ensure that your family is signed up for one or more of the communication channels listed here. Thank you!

Mr. Velasco and the Booster Board communicate through the following channels:

- **Remind** (app) texts. To join:
 - ◆ **Jazz Bands** text @lchs jazz23 to 81010
 - ◆ **Woodwinds** text @lchs ww23 to 81010
 - ◆ **Brass** text @lchs brass23 to 81010
 - ◆ **Percussion** text @lchs perc23 to 81010
 - ◆ **Color Guard** @lchs cg23 text to 81010
- **Facebook**
 - ◆ Visit La Cueva Band Program 2023-2024 and request to join the group.
- **ParentVue /StudentVue** Email
- **Our website:** www.bigbadbearband.com
- **Monthly Band Booster Meetings**
- **Mr. Velasco in-class white board.**
- **Charms Office Email**, which appears in your inbox from “La Cueva High School Band - Charms

BAND CAMP

Band Camp kicks off Monday, Jul 17th and is required for all members. On Friday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m., there will be a performance for parents, followed by a **MANDATORY** parent meeting. Please plan to attend, as this meeting provides lots of important information for the coming season.

You must register your student before Band Camp. Required forms are included in this newsletter and will be posted in **Charms**, on our website, and in the Facebook group. **Students will NOT be allowed to participate without a completed medical form and the required fees paid.**

Uniform Fittings: Hat, glove, concert tuxedo shirt, and band t-shirt measuring will take place on Saturday July 22nd from 10 am to 4pm.

Seniors are 10 am - 11:30am; Juniors are 11:30 am - 1 pm; Sophomores are 1pm - 2:30 pm; Freshman are 2:30 pm - 4 pm.

For Band Camp, please make sure students dress cool and comfortably. Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, tennis shoes, and water are essential. Water will be provided during water breaks, but students should bring their own water (and snacks) as well. Students are responsible for their own lunches, except on Friday, July 21st, when a pizza lunch will be provided. Students may leave campus during lunch breaks or stay at school.

BAND CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Water Coordinator

Phone:

Email:

Uniform Coordinator

Phone:

Email:

APS Volunteer Background Check REQUIRED!

Payment Schedule

The full assessment/trip fee of \$900* may be paid in full prior to the payment deadlines OR according to the following schedule:

- **\$350** initial payment due **ASAP**
- **\$350** payment due **August 18**
- **\$200** final payment due **September 15** before BOA trip (**required before trip**)

Band fees may be paid through Charms or with a check. If you pay by check, please be sure to enter your student's name and student id in the memo line. Cash will not be accepted unless given directly to the treasurer by a parent.

BAND CAMP

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|--|---|--|
| Tuesday, June 20 - June 23 | 9 am - Noon | Instrument Check Out |
| Tuesday, June 20 | 10 am - 2 pm | Percussion Camp |
| Monday, June 26 - June 30 | 9 am - Noon | Instrument Check Out |
| Tuesday, June 27 | 10 am - 2 pm | Percussion Camp |
| Monday, July 10 - July 14 | 8 am - 6 pm | Percussion Camp |
| Monday, July 10 - July 14 | 8 am - 6 pm | Color Guard Camp |
| Wednesday, July 12 | 8 am - Noon | Band Room Organization & Band Camp Prep (ALL LEADERSHIP) |
| Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21 | 8 am – Noon Noon – 1:30 pm 2 pm – 6 pm | Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) Lunch Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Friday, July 21 | 8 am – Noon Noon – 1:30 pm 2 pm – 6 pm | Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) Lunch: Pizza lunch provided by LCBB (All students stay at school) Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Saturday, July 22 | 10 am – 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1 pm 1 pm - 2:30 pm 2:30 pm - 4 pm | Seniors Uniform Fitting Juniors Uniform Fitting Sophomore Uniform Fitting Freshman Uniform Fitting |
| Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28 | 8 am – Noon Noon – 1:30 pm 2 pm – 6 pm | Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) Lunch Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Friday, July 28th | 6 p.m. | Performance & MANDATORY Parent Meeting |

Did We Mention that We Need Volunteers?

As you might imagine, we need parent volunteers. You're going to hear us say that. A lot. The Big Bad Bear Band is truly a family, and we need everyone's participation and support. It also happens to be great fun to watch the students and staff prepare and present fantastic musical programs throughout the school year. Here are a few things you need to know about volunteering:



ALL volunteers MUST complete the APS Volunteer Background Clearance Application. Your clearance will be good for 2 years from the date of completion and is accepted by all APS schools. There is a nominal application fee. Please visit <https://www.aps.edu/community/volunteer-with-aps> for more information and instructions. When your background check is complete, please send a copy to Sharon Kindel at sharonkindel@gmail.com.

- We need Band Camp volunteers immediately to help keep our students hydrated and safe. Volunteers are need all year for chaperoning, fundraising, equipment crew, providing water for students at rehearsals, and more (see the registration form for more opportunities).
- How to volunteer: Calls for volunteers will typically come through our various communication channels. To view the latest volunteer needs/schedules and to sign up:
 - Go to www.charmsoffice.com.
 - Click on the Parents/Students/Members tab, enter bearband for the school code, and click Enter Parent Area.
 - Enter the password for your student's account.
 - Once you are logged in, click on the Volunteer icon.
 - Use the dropdown menu to see the dates and times and then click Show Volunteer Needs.

Color Guard Needs You!

The La Cueva High School Color Guard would like you and your friends to consider joining our award-winning team.

The Color Guard is the most important visual aspect of any marching program. After marching season, most of the Color Guard students also participate in the Winter Guard. The Winter Guard rehearses and performs a separate show on the basketball court, which they will take to competitions, both locally and out of town.

Many Color Guard students also play their band instrument during concert season. Color Guard members frequently perform in All-State ensembles and the LCHS Wind Symphony.



Contact Mr. Velasco or Mr. Parker if you or a friend are interested!

Fall 2023 La Cueva Big Bad Bear Band Schedule of Events

Times and dates are subject to change, there will be some events added in the Spring

Stadium Rehearsal dates are not released until August

NOTE: Juniors and Seniors should note any date conflicts with college testing dates (SAT/ACT) as those dates become available from the LCHS Counseling Office.

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Tues, June 20 | 10 am - 2 pm | Percussion Camp |
| Tues, June 27 | 10 am - 2 pm | Percussion Camp |
| Mon, July 10 - 14 | 8 am – 6 pm | Percussion Camp and Color Guard Camp |
| Thurs, July 13 Fri, July 14 | 10 am – 6 pm | Band Room Organization & Band Camp Prep (ALL LEADERSHIP) |
| Mon, July 17 - 21 | 8 am – Noon & 2 pm – 6 pm | Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Sat, July 22 | 10 am - 4 pm | Uniform Fitting Day (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Mon, July 24 - 28 | 8 am – Noon & 2 pm – 6 pm | Band Camp (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Fri, July 28 | 6 pm | Performance & MANDATORY Parent Meeting |
| Mon, July 31 | All Day | CUB Day (Freshman) |
| Wed, August 3 | 0 Hour Starts @ 7:30 am | First Day of First Semester |
| Tues, August 8 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Tues, August 15 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Thurs, August 17 | 5 pm – 7 pm | Homecoming Pep Rally |
| Fri., August 18 | 5:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Kickoff @ Wilson Stadium | Football Game v. Rio Rancho HS (Halftime Performance) |
| Tues, August 22 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Sat, August 26 | 8 am – 4 pm | All Day Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Tues, August 29 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Mon, September 4 | All Day (No Classes) | Labor Day |
| Tues, September 5 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Tues, September 12 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Fri, September 15 | 5:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Kickoff @ Wilson Stadium | Football Game v. Los Lunas HS (Halftime Performance) |
| Sat, September 16 | 9 am – Noon & 2 pm – 6 pm | All Day Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Tues, September 19 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Thurs, September 21 | 5:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Kickoff @ Wilson Stadium | Football Game v. Albuquerque HS (Halftime Performance) |
| Sat, September 23 | 8 am – 4 pm | All Day Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) Parent Performance |

Fall 2023 La Cueva Big Bad Bear Band Schedule Continued

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Tues, September 26 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Fri, September 29 | 5:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Kickoff @ Wilson Stadium | Football Game Eldorado v. LCHS |
| Tues, October 3 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Fri, October 6 - Sat, October 7 | All Day (Schedule will be provided later) | Bands of America Flagstaff, AZ (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Mon, October 9 | All Day (No Classes) | Indigenous Peoples Day |
| Tues, October 10 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Fri, October 13 | All Day (No Classes) | Fall Break |
| Tues, October 17 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Thurs, October 19 | 6:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Performance in PAC | Fall Jazz Concert (Jazz Bands 1 and 2) |
| Fri, October 20 | All Day (No Classes) | Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Students) |
| Fri, October 20 | 5:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Kickoff @ Wilson Stadium | Football Game v. Sandia HS (Halftime Performance) |
| Sat, October 21 | All Day (Schedule will be provided later) | Rio Rancho Marching Classic Rio Rancho HS (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Tues, October 24 | 5 pm – 8 pm | After School Rehearsal , Football Field (All Students) |
| Sat, October 28 | All Day (Schedule will be provided later) | ZIA Marching Band University of NM (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Mon, November 1 - Tues, November 2 | Schedule will be provided later | NMMEA All State Auditions (All Auditioning for Concert and Jazz All State) |
| Tues, November 7 | All Day (No Classes) | Election Day |
| Thurs, November __ - Fri, November __ | 0 Hour and 1st Period | Concert Band Auditions (ALL STUDENTS) |
| Sun, November 19 | Schedule will be provided later | District VII NMMEA High School Honor Band Volcano Vista HS (All who are selected to Honor Band) |
| Fri, November 10 | All Day (No Classes) | Veterans Day |
| Fri, November 20—24 | All Day (No Classes) | Thanksgiving Break |
| Tues., November 28 | 6 pm – 8 pm | Marching Band Uniform Turn In (All Students) |
| Fri, December 1 or Fri, December 8 | Schedule will be provided later | Middle School Tour |
| Sat., December 2 | 6 am – 6 pm | Winter Craft Show LCHS (All Students will work at least 1 shift) |
| Tues, December 5 | 6:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Performance in PAC | Winter Jazz Concert (Jazz Bands 1 and 2) |

Winter and Spring 2023 - 2024 La Cueva Big Bad Bear Band Schedule

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Thurs, December 7 | 6:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Performance in PAC | Winter Pajama and Dessert Concert (All Students) |
| Fri, December 22 - Tues, January 9 | All Day (No Classes) | Winter Break |
| Wed., January 10 | All Day | 1st Day of Second Semester |
| Wed., January 10 - Sat., January 13 | Schedule will be provided later | NMMEA All-State Convention University of New Mexico |
| Mon., January 15 | All Day (No Classes) | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Mon., February 19 | All Day (No Classes) | Presidents Day |
| Wed., January 19 - Sat., January 21 | Schedule will be provided later | NMMEA All-State Jazz Convention University of New Mexico |
| Tues, February 6 | 4:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 5 pm Performance in PAC | Pre - ABQ Jazz Festival Cluster Concert |
| Thurs, February 15 - Sat, February 17 | Schedule will be provided later | ABQ Jazz Festival Eldorado HS |
| Tues, February 20 | Schedule will be provided later Performance in PAC | Pre - ABQ Band Cluster Concert |
| TBD | Schedule will be provided later | Performing Arts / Career Day Assembly |
| Tues, March 12 - 14 | Schedule will be provided later | Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA) |
| Tues., March 26 - Fri., April 5 | All Day (No Classes) | Spring Break |
| April 13 | Schedule will be provided later | Band Solo and Ensemble Albuquerque HS |
| April 18 - 20 | Schedule will be provided later | NMAA State Band Contest Cleveland HS |
| Sat., May 4 | 8 am – 6 pm | Spring Craft Show LCHS (All Students will work at least 1 shift) |
| Tues, May 7 | 6:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Performance in PAC | Spring Jazz Concert (Jazz Bands 1 and 2) |
| Thurs, May 16 | 6:30 pm Report Time @ LCHS, 7 pm Performance in PAC | Finale Band Concert (All Students) |
| Fri., May ____ | 7 pm – 10 pm | Band Banquet , Location TBD (All Students) |
| May ____ | TBD | La Cueva High School Graduation |
| Mon., May 27 | All Day (No Classes) | Memorial Day |
| Tues., May 28 - Thurs., May 30 | All Day | Finals (9th, 10th and 11th grades) |
| Fri., May 31 | All Day | Last Day of School (9th, 10th and 11th grades) |

What happens in the Spring?

- The All-State Conferences (Band/Orchestra and Jazz) take place in January
- All students are either in the Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony
 - * On-campus concerts in February and May
 - * District MPA in March or April
 - * Solo and Ensemble Festival
 - * Wind Symphony competes at the State Contest in mid to late-April
- All students are placed into 3-4 basketball bands (depending on the overall population of the program) and play all home district games. Usually, the students end up playing 2-3 regular season games each. We also play some of the district and state tournament games if the teams qualify.
- Albuquerque Jazz Festival in February
- Spring trip
- Our Spring Craft Show is the 1st week of May, all students must work at least one shift
- Band Banquet in May to celebrate another successful school year
- Graduation

Band Student Accounts: Getting Started with Charms

Charms Office Assistant is the online system we use to manage all band student accounts. If you haven't already set up an account, please email the following information to bearbandsecretary@gmail.com. After the secretary receives your information, you will receive instructions on how to access your Charms account.

- ⇒ Put "Charms Access" in the subject line
- ⇒ Parents names (First and Last) and preferred email and phone number for each
- ⇒ Students name (First and Last) and preferred email and phone number
- ⇒ Home address
- ⇒ Last 4 digits of student's School ID



Band Student Accounts: Getting Started with Charms

The La Cueva High School Band Booster Club Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that supports our band organization in many ways. Our annual budget is funded mainly through band assessments and fundraising activities. The required parent portion is relatively modest compared to the overall student expenditures and other high school band programs.

IMPORTANT: Please note that we are coming out of nearly two years impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Costs have increased nationally, and we are still reviewing the budget for 2023-2024. If we need additional funding as the season progresses, we will need help securing sponsorships and other sources of income to alleviate the costs associated with a successful band program.

2023 - 2024 Assessment and Trip Fees

The current annual assessment for the LCHS Band and Color Guard is \$900.

The remaining costs *per student* are calculated based on the number of competitions and activities in which they participate and must be fulfilled through parent payments and fundraising activities. This underscores the need for parental assistance and FULL student participation in our fundraising efforts.

The freshman year typically costs more due to the band uniform accessories such as gloves, tuxedo shirt, and shoes. Once those are purchased, they usually last all four years unless the student grows or loses an item.

A Word About Uniforms

Band uniforms are expensive. Please help the kids take care of them by checking hems and getting them dry cleaned often when they are sweaty.

You are responsible for damages to any part of the uniform, including salt stains that appear in the uniform from not being dry cleaned frequently enough.

Ask the volunteers at your uniform distribution night for dry cleaner recommendations.

Uniform Distribution Nights

Uniform distribution nights will take place in late August (date TBA). A parent must be present to sign the uniform contract.

Band and Color Guard Assessment of \$900 - \$350 Initial Payment, \$350 due on August 18, and \$200 due September 15 - includes the following:

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| Marching/Concert Band & Color Guard Camp expenses | Marching/Concert Band & Color Guard Shows including music & drill |
| Additional Instructional Staff through the school year (marching, concert, jazz & color guard) | Individual entry competition fees such as All-State/ Solo & Ensemble |
| Visuals & Choreography | Marching Band Uniforms |
| One uniform t-shirt | MPA Festival/Contest Fees |
| Band Equipment Upkeep | Fall/Spring Guard Equipment |
| Band & Color Guard equipment transportation, fuel, trailer maintenance | Band & Color Guard student transportation to in-town events |
| Music/Licenses | Band Booster & Band Program mailings |
| Administrative Costs & Website Costs | Insurance, Tax & Audit Preparation |
| Food on all in-state trips | Student Awards/Plaques etc. |
| BOA trip is included in the assessment | |

2023 - 2024 Additional and Other Participatory Costs

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Fall Color Guard Warmups (1x expense) & Shoes;
Spring Winter Guard Uniform, Individual Equipment,
Travel \$500

Band Uniform Accessories - \$0 to \$100

Fundraiser T-Shirts for family members - \$20

Section-Specific T-Shirts - \$20

OTHER PARTICIPATORY COSTS

Instrument loan annually (requires contract)
1st Instrument - \$50; 2nd Instrument - \$35

Instrument repair other than normal wear & tear

Percussion - \$125

Jazz Band - \$75

Optional 2023 - 24 Spring Trip - \$2000+ (approx.)

Fundraising

Our fundraising activities raise money for both your student's individual account and for the band program's General Fund. These efforts may involve selling products to your neighbors, family, and friends, while others require that you complete a particular task. How you participate is based on your needs and your comfort zone. It is important to remember that funds that go to the General Fund also benefit your student's account by reducing the overall band fees.

- The Booster treasurer sets up an account for each student and keeps track of how much has been raised. This money goes toward trips. You will need to add to the account if the balance does not cover a trip cost.
- Fundraising activities are held throughout the school year. At a minimum, the band hosts two craft shows and two other fundraisers. Additional fundraising activities are identified at the beginning of the school year by the Student Officer Board and the Band Boosters.
- All students, marching and non-marching, are required to work a minimum of one shift at each of the two craft shows per year. One parent of marching and non-marching members is required to work a minimum of one shift per craft show.
- All students are required to work one shift at the student board car washes, etc.
- Parents will be required to volunteer to keep the costs down. This can be as simple as chaperoning a football game, joining the equipment crew, or distributing uniforms. The band needs volunteers throughout the year in many capacities.
- Parents who are unable to volunteer may instead make a one-time payment of \$750. Checks are payable to LCBB (La Cueva Band Boosters). Please note your child's name in the memo line. Committee chairs will keep track of the volunteers and checks received in lieu of volunteering.
- Students are required to participate in fundraising to offset the cost of the end-of-year banquet.

LA CUEVA HIGH
SCHOOL BAND
BOOSTERS

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Albuquerque, NM 87122

Financial Policy

Individual accounts are set up for each student. These accounts may be used by the student for band fees, instrument needs, uniform needs, and any travel-related expenses. The accounts are funded by payments into the account and/or money earned by the student by participating in fundraisers throughout the year. Each student's account is credited upon receipt for the total amount earned.

Once registered in Charms, you may view your student's account at any time.

Instrument Rentals and Insurance Policy

Students are expected to provide their own instruments, except for the larger or less common instruments such as percussion, tuba, baritones, bassoons, oboes, bass clarinets, etc. The Boosters charge students a \$50 per year rental fee for the use of a school instrument. A second instrument will incur an additional \$35 rental fee per year.

Students and parents are required to sign a liability form for the school instrument they have been assigned. Loss or damage of school property will be at the student's expense.

Parents, please make sure your homeowners insurance covers your student's musical instrument.

Unfortunately, with the large number of students involved in this type of activity, accidents can happen. Carrying insurance on your student's instrument may help if an accident occurs.

Financial Aid

Students that need financial assistance to help with the band fees must fill out a Financial Assistance Request Form and submit it to Mr. Velasco for approval. Students that receive financial assistance are required to do as many fundraisers as possible to help raise money for the band.



FAQ

1. **Is marching band required?** Answer: Yes, the marching band (through early-November) and the concert bands (early-November to the end of the year) both meet during 0 hour and 1st period and are a part of the same class. Participation in 0/1st is also a prerequisite to participation in the Jazz Program unless you play piano, bass, or guitar (these students must be enrolled in another music class or private lessons). Any extenuating circumstances that would prevent a student from doing marching band, but who wants to participate in Concert or Jazz, must be discussed with and approved by Mr. Converse. (FYI: "I don't want to do marching band" is not considered an extenuating circumstance.)
2. **What time is 0 hour?** Answer: 7:30AM
3. **Is every rehearsal/performance required?** Answer: Absolutely
4. **What if my student has to miss a rehearsal or performance?** Answer: Please plan accordingly to avoid this. Communication is key. If you know that you are going to miss a date right now, we need to know, right now, not the week of the event. If there is some sort of family/personal emergency, communicate with us ASAP. Work is not an excused absence for any band function during the school year.
5. **Is there an audition to participate?** Answer: no, we will not deny any student a chance to participate in music and every student will have an active role in the program. In a typical year, Jazz Bands 1 and 2 are audition-only groups, while Jazz Band 3 is open to everyone, including non-traditional jazz instrumentation. For 2021-2022, we will have two jazz bands: Jazz 1 (by audition) and a combined Jazz 2/3ensemble (non-auditioned). All students will be in the concert program but must audition to be in the Wind Symphony (the top concert ensemble). Students must also audition for All State in order to qualify to audition for Wind Symphony.
6. **Can my student participate in other activities/sports?** Answer: Yes! In fact, we encourage it. Students must participate in multiple activities; it is how many of them find their livelihoods and passions in life moving forward. We will work with your student to make this work to the best of our abilities, within reason. We typically have athletes and participants in other activities successfully navigate those commitments with band and academics. No student at La Cueva will have music taken away from them, simply because they have other interests/commitments.
7. **What is color guard?** Answer: The color guard is the most important visual aspect of any marching program. They are the group that spins flags, rifles, and sabers. We need a minimum of 12 people, up to as many as we can get in order to be successful from a competitive standpoint. After marching season, most of the color guard students will also participate in the Winter Guard. The Winter Guard rehearses and performs a separate show on the basketball court, which they will take to competitions, both locally and out of town.
8. **Can my student participate in color guard and still play their instrument?** Answer: Yes, many color guard students play their instrument during concert season. We frequently have color guard members in the All-State bands and orchestras as well as the Wind Symphony here at LCHS.
9. **How is Jazz Band scheduled?** Answer: Jazz Band is another elective in the regular school day.

FORMS

All required forms are included in this newsletter and are downloadable from www.charmsoffice.com.

Forms and Band Camp Registration, along with the first payment are due ASAP. Please return forms to:

La Cueva Band Boosters
Attn: Treasurer
7801 Wilshire Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

- _____ Band/Color Guard/Jazz Band Registration Form
- _____ Band Booster Cost Assessment Worksheet/Order Form
- _____ Uniform Measurement Form
- _____ Behavioral Form
- _____ APS Participation Consent Form
- _____ APS Code of Conduct
- _____ Consent to Treat Form
- _____ Emergency Contact
- _____ 1st Payment of Band Assessment of \$350 (may be paid online in Charms)

BAND/COLOR GUARD/JAZZ BAND REGISTRATION

Parents: Please fill out completely. One form for each child in Band - this includes Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands, and Color Guard). This information will be used by Board members and committee chairs for mailing lists, phone contacts, and email.

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Student ID (last 4)** _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____ **Student's Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Apt.:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Name (s) of Parent's/Guardian's

1. _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email Address: _____

2. _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email Address: _____

3. _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email Address: _____

Instrument Played During: **Marching:** _____ **Concert:** _____

Jazz: _____ **Color Guard (Check box):**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE INVALUABLE: If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know! (Please put 1, 2 or 3 next to each one you are interested in so we contact the correct parent)

___ **Drink Committee** (Taking water & soda to the band at games & practice)

___ **Loading/Unloading/Driving** (Getting the equipment truck to games & competitions)

___ **Field Striping** (Helping to stripe the practice field (July & Aug)

___ **Milne/Wilson Rehearsal Driving** (after school)

___ **Band Camp Chaperone**

___ **Rio Rancho Fall Festival** on Oct 21

___ **Craft Fair**

___ **Uniforms**

___ **Bear Wear**

___ **Chaperoning** (Football Games, Trips)

___ **Bands of America** on Oct 6 & 7

___ **ZIA** on Oct 28

___ **Fundraising (As Needed)**

___ **Contact as Needed**

Please mail, email, or hand deliver this form (in a sealed envelope) along with the signed Permission/Medical form, Behavioral form, Measurement form, Band order form, and 1st \$350 first payment of band assessment ASAP to:

**La Cueva Band Boosters
Attn: Treasurer
7801 Wilshire Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122**

Or by email to LCHSBBTreasurer@gmail.com (Note: DO NOT use this address for PayPal)

NEVER give forms and/or money to the Band Directors. Thank you! There is also a locked blue mailbox on a door in the Band Directors' office.

BOOSTER COST ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET/ORDER FORM

Registration Payment Due ASAP

Student's Name: _____ Grade (circle): **SR** **JR** **SOPH** **FRESH**

PARENTS: First payment of \$350 is due by start of band camp along with this form, the registration, permission/medical, Life of an Athlete, behavioral, and measurement forms. **The \$350 payment allows your student admission to band camp.** Of course, you may pay the entire \$900 at this time, or pay the next payment of \$350 **no later than August 18** and the final payment **no later than September 15.**

| COST DESCRIPTION | STUDENT COST | TOTAL DUE |
|--|---------------------------|-----------|
| Marching/Concert Band: All students enrolled in Marching Band/Concert Band pay this assessment. This is only for students playing an instrument. | \$900 | |
| Color Guard Assessment: Color Guard - Uniform and accessories – <i>there other costs as well, & Winter guard is estimated at \$500.</i> | \$900 | |
| Jazz Band Assessment: All students enrolled in Jazz I or II pay this amount. | \$75 | |
| Concert Band Only: Pre-arranged with the Director | | |
| Marching Shoes: Students who do not own a pair of marching shoes that fit must purchase a pair. Please indicate the size needed on the uniform sizing sheet. Marching shoes are also worn with the concert uniform. | \$30 | |
| Percussion Costs: Paid by front ensemble (pit) and battery (drumline) members. 100% of this payment goes to the percussion section. | \$125 | |
| Clarinet & Saxophone Costs: If you march with an instrument with a reed | \$5 | |
| Black Gloves: Percussion and Color Guard do NOT wear gloves. Everyone else who does not have long black gloves must purchase them. Gloves may be tried on the first Monday of band camp. Two pairs are strongly recommended. # of pairs _____ (2 recommended) (fitted at lunch on July __) | 1 Pair/\$4 2 Pair/\$8 | |
| Marching Band Show T-shirt: These run large. Sizes rechecked on July __. Please choose a size below. We Need to Know Your Size! S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ | 1 Per Student 2nd/\$20 | |
| Garment Bag: Only applies to Freshmen & new students. A garment bag other than the one issued with the uniform is mandatory for all band travel (games, competitions, etc.) Do not use the bag that comes with the uniform for travel. | \$18 | |
| Concert Tuxedo Shirt: Required for Concert Season. Any student needing one should get fitted at Band Camp on July __. | \$15 | |
| Loaner Instrument: Annual fee | 1st \$50 2nd \$35 | |
| Total Owed | | |
| Amount Paid Today | | |
| Balance Due On/Before Uniform Distribution Night | | |

www.charmsoffice.com: Login to student account. Charms will redirect to PayPal, where you can pay with a credit or debit card. Please make checks payable to: La Cueva Band Boosters (LCBB) and write your student's name and student id in the memo line.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please contact **Heather Sanchez** at LCHSBBTreasurer@gmail.com or any other Board member (listed on the LCBB website and newsletter). All assessments/costs may be paid with one payment if you wish. Please mail or deliver all registration, permission/medical, and measurement, Life of an Athlete, behavioral, and order forms as well as all payments to: **La Cueva Band Boosters, Attn: Treasurer, 7801 Wilshire Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122**

BAND UNIFORM MEASUREMENT SHEET

Some of this information is duplicated on other forms. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____ Student's Email: _____

Do you wear a drum harness under your uniform in Marching Band (Tenor/Snare)? (circle): **Yes** **No**

Marching Instrument: _____ Concert Band Instrument: _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____

PARENTS: Please provide the following measurements for your student. We will pre-select uniforms for fitting days based on these measurements.

Uniform fitting will be done Saturday July 22: Seniors 10 am - 11:30 am; Juniors 11:30 am - 1 pm; Sophomores 1 pm - 2:30 pm; Freshmen 2:30 pm - 4 pm.

Parents MUST be present for uniform fitting.

If we do not receive measurements for your student, or if your student does not show up with his/her class for fitting, we will fit your student after the rest of the fittings are complete. If your student will not be at band camp, **Contact** _____ (see info below) to make alternate arrangements.

Please provide the following information in pounds or inches as appropriate.

Weight: _____ **Height:** _____ **Chest** (Measure fullest part around the chest): _____

Waist (Natural waist just above navel): _____ **Hips** (Fullest part of seat): _____

In-Seam (From crotch to top of foot): _____ **In-Sleeve** (Center of armpit to wrist): _____

Marching Shoes (Only if needed): **Men's** _____ **Women's** _____ **Size & Width** _____

UNIFORM ACCESSORIES: You must purchase your own gloves, concert tux shirt, and marching shoes (if needed) on the Band Cost Assessment Worksheet. **On Saturday, July 22 ONLY**, glove and hat samples will be available to try-on, and measurements for concert tux shirts will be done at this time. Sizes will be determined and recorded for ordering. It is recommended that you purchase 2 pairs of gloves (not percussion).

- Uniform questions: _____@gmail.com, or 505-_____
- All band cost questions: Heather Sanchez at LCHSBBTreasurer@gmail.com.
- Other band questions: Should be directed to other Board members listed in this newsletter

This information will be filled in at Band Camp during the fitting process!

Marching Uniform #: _____ **Hat #:** _____

Concert Uniform: **Coat #:** _____ **Pants #:** _____

2023 - 2024 La Cueva High School Marching Band Behavioral Form

There are responsibilities and expectations that go along with being a member of the La Cueva High School Band Program. The members of these Bands are ambassadors of La Cueva High School and, as such, you are expected to demonstrate a high level of citizenship and musicianship at all times during the trip. In addition to the rules outlined in this behavior contract, all APS, La Cueva High School and Band Program rules are in effect.

The rules listed below will be enforced for the duration of the 2023 - 2024 La Cueva High School Band activities. It is important that you and your parents are aware of them:

1. Alcohol, tobacco products, and drugs will NOT be tolerated. Smoking and E-cigs will NOT be tolerated.
2. Profanity and lewd behavior (including overt public displays of affection) will NOT be tolerated.
3. Horseplay will NOT be tolerated.
4. You are responsible for replacing any item(s) you damage or lose. This especially applies to your hotel room while on band trips.
5. You will stay with the Band at all times and will go wherever the Band as a whole goes. At no time are you permitted to ride in private cars, subways, or cabs (even with friends, acquaintances, etc.). Exception: you may leave the group with your parent or another adult family member with the Director's approval. To obtain approval, your parent must submit a request (form on band website) in writing to the Director before departure and must have the principal's signature.
6. While on band trips, no boys will be allowed in girls' rooms and no girls in boys' rooms. This rule is in effect 24 hours a day!
7. While on band trips, a curfew will be announced, and all students must abide by it.
8. While on band trips, no phone calls are allowed after curfew. All calls using hotel telephones must be made collect.
9. You will treat your fellow students, your Director and chaperones, bus drivers, hotel staff, restaurant staff, music festival staff, waiters/waitresses, tour guides, etc. with respect and courtesy at all times.
10. You will keep your chaperones advised of your plans and whereabouts at all times and will obey all instructions given to you by the Director or chaperones. You are required to check in with your chaperones periodically either in person or by cell phone as instructed.
11. **YOU WILL AT ALL TIMES CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS FAVORABLY UPON YOU, YOUR FAMILY, THE BAND PROGRAM, AND LA CUEVA HIGH SCHOOL.**
12. You will respect all property. This includes, but is not limited to, instruments, buses, restaurants, hotels, concert halls, museums, theaters, etc.
13. You must be on time to all functions. You will be left behind with a chaperone in the event you are tardy. You (your parent) will be responsible for paying for alternate transportation for both you and your chaperone (i.e., cab, bus, subway), in order to catch up with the group. Except in cases where consequences are already in place (i.e., being sent home for drinking), it is up to the discretion of the Director to establish the consequences for not abiding by these set guidelines for appropriate tour behavior.

Parents, feel free to copy this form and keep it at home for your reference.

AGREEMENT: We the undersigned parent and student understand all of the rules listed above and agree to abide by them for the duration of the trip. It is understood that failure to abide by any of these rules could result in the student being sent home by commercial transportation at the parents' expense. Further, the student's continued participation in Bands at La Cueva High School could be jeopardized as a result of any violations, regardless of when those violations are revealed.

Print Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Financial Assistance Request Form

To request financial assistance with band fees, please complete this form and return it to Mr. Velasco. All information provided on this form is confidential and will not be shared.

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Student ID (last 4)** _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____ **Student's Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Apt.:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Name (s) of Parent's/Guardian's

1. _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email Address: _____

2. _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____

Email Address: _____

Please give complete and honest information. The La Cueva Band Boosters will do their best to accommodate your family situation. Please request only what is necessary, as we rely on student fees to provide transportation, meals, music, instructors, facilities, etc.

Extended Payment Plans should be the first choice. Half Grants allow for more families to be helped. Full Grants should only be requested in case of extreme hardship. You must re-apply each school year to request assistance.

Aid Requested:

___ **Extended Payment** ___ **Half Grant** ___ **Full Grant**

Requested Assistance with Which of the Following:

___ **Band Registration Fee** ___ **Color Guard Fee** ___ **Winter Guard Fee**

Please provide information for consideration of granting financial assistance:

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Band Director's Signature

Acknowledged: _____

Date: _____

Band Board Member

It is requested that the family participate in the individual fundraisers, if possible. Financial aid will be considered only for students in good standing in the band program and may be withdrawn if the student does not fulfill their band commitments or participate in fundraising.