

2017 Student/Parent Handbook

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Welcome to the Marching Pride of Lawrence Township

This MPLT Handbook specifically addresses Marching Band and the areas where the Lawrence North and Lawrence Central programs come together. There are many points which will be addressed separately at each high school, and will be covered in the LC & LN Band Handbooks.

Please refer to those additional handbooks for clarification.

MPLT Mission Statement

MPLT is an organization compiled of focused, self-accountable, undeniable performers, driven by their desire to work hard and commit to a constant positive attitude.

Staff Listing

Lawrence Central Staff:

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Alison Goller	Performing Arts Assistant	964-7951	alisongoller@msdlt.k12.in.us

Contact Us and Stay Connected

All LCHS and Belzer MS students/parents will direct questions and payments to Lawrence Central.

All LNHS and Fall Creek Valley MS students/parents will direct questions and payments to Lawrence North.

Websites: For information about all performing arts activities and events, including performances and rehearsal schedules, itineraries, forms, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities go to: www.marchingpride.org
For school specific information: www.lcpaa.org or <a href=

E-Mail List serves: There is a link on each website to add your email address to the MPLT List Serve recipient list. During the marching season and the school year this is the primary method of communication that the Band utilizes to provide important time-sensitive information about upcoming events and activities. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS TO SIGN ON TO THE LIST SERVE.

Twitter: Follow us on Twitter for band program highlights. www.twitter.com

@MPLTBand @LNband @LCPAA

Instagram: mpltband

Facebook: Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Band (closed group, request to join)

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township (community page, click "Like")

Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Fan Club (closed group, request to join)

Contact us if you have questions:

Performing Arts Assistant: LC: Kimberly Corman <u>kimberlycorman@msdlt.k12.in.us</u> 317-964-7550

LN: Alison Goller <u>alisongoller@msdlt.k12.in.us</u> 317-964-7951

Our Schools: Lawrence Central High School, 7300 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Lawrence North High School, 7802 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256



Rehearsal start and end times are listed below. Students must be in place with their instruments ready at the posted start times. Students will be available for pick up approx. 20-25 minutes after rehearsal ends, once equipment is put away.

2017 Summer Calendar (Subject to change)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	Location	<u>Time</u>
M	5/15	MPLT Kick-off Show Reveal Meeting	LC	6:30pm-8:00pm
Th	5/25	Rookie Camp (all Rookie Marchers)	LN	4:30pm-8:30pm
	5/27-6/19	VACATION!		
Sa	6/17	LN Rummage Sale (LN only)	LN	7am-5pm
Tu-W	6/20-6/21	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
Th	6/22	Rehearsal	LN	10am-4pm
Th	6/22	Drum Corps Evening Field Trip	Lucas Oil	5pm-11pm
F	6/23	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
M-F	6/26-6/30	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
T	***6/27	MANDATORY PARENT MEETING	LN	7pm-9pm***
Sa	7/1	Tag Day		10am-4pm
M	7/3	Rehearsal	LN	2pm-9pm
T	7/4	Lawrence July 4 th Parade	LC	9am-12pm
	7/5-7/22	VACATION!		
Su	7/23	Band Camp Registration & Rehearsa	l LC	2pm-9:30pm
M-Sa	7/24-7/29	Band Camp	LC	7am-9:30pm
Sa	7/29	Parent Performance and Cookout	LC	5pm-8pm
M	7/31	Rehearsal	LC	7am-9:30pm
T	8/1	Rehearsal	LC	7am-9:30pm
W	8/2	No Rehearsal		
Th	8/3	First Day of School	LC	6:30pm-9:30pm
Fr	8/4	Begin Weekly Rehearsal Schedule (se	ee below)	

For the full season calendar, updates, and to sign up for the MPLT List Serve go to www.marchingpride.org

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule DAY TIME Monday 4:30pm-6:30pm Tuesday 4:30pm-6:30pm Wednesday (Before fall break) OFF (After Fall Break) 4:30pm-6:30pm Thursday 6:30pm-9:30pm Friday (Non-game days) 4:30pm-7:30pm 4:30pm-9:30pm (Game Days) Saturday (8/5 - 9/9/17) 10:00am - 5:00pm (except 8/26 2-9pm rehearsal & 9/2 OFF Labor Day) All Day/Contests TBA (except 10/7 OFF Fall Break) (9/16 - 11/11/17)

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Home Football Games *Subject to change				
DATE 9/1 9/22 9/29 10/6 10/13	Location	<u>Event</u>		
9/1	@LN	LN vs LC Game	4:30pm-9:30pm	
9/22	@LC	Homecoming	4:30pm-9:30pm	
9/29	@LN	Homecoming	4:30pm-9:30pm	
10/6	@LC	Senior Night	4:30pm-9:30pm	
10/13	@LN	Senior Night	4:30pm-9:30pm	

Competition/Performance Schedule				
DATE	LOCATION			
9/16	LC Invitational			
9/23	Avon Invitational			
9/30	Fishers Invitational			
10/7 Fall Break				
10/14	ISSMA Regional @ Center Grove			
10/20-10/21 BOA Indy Super Regional @ Lucas Oil Stadium				
10/28 ISSMA Semi State @ Ben Davis				
11/4				
11/9 - 11/11	•			

SAT/ACT S	SAT/ACT Schedule			
DATE 8/26/17 9/9/17 10/7/17 10/28/17	LOCATION SAT at LN or LC ACT at LC SAT at LN or LC ACT at LN or LC	OK to TAKE? Yes (Sat rehearsal will be 2pm-9pm) Yes Yes No (Semi-State)		
12/2/17 12/9/17	SAT at LN or LC ACT at LN or LC	Yes Yes		

The full MPLT calendar is posted at www.marchingpride.org
Please check regularly for updates and changes.

Competition itineraries will be available the week of the competition for students to pick-up, posted to the websites and emailed via the list serves.

Rules of Conduct and Member Responsibilities

Being a member of the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is an exciting opportunity as well as a privilege. The performance opportunities you will experience will be special and the benefits long term.

Attendance: Members will attend all rehearsals and performances unless excused in advance by a director.

- -Be prompt. In order to begin on time, all members should report 15 minutes before the designated starting time.
- -Members will bring water, sunscreen and be appropriately attired for all rehearsals and performances.
- -Permanent performance slots are based on attendance and work ethic. In instances where students miss significant rehearsal time it may result in them sharing a performance slot in the show with another student.

Code of Conduct: ALL MSD OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

- -Students in the Marching Pride will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times.
- -Show up for all rehearsals on time and work hard during rehearsal.
- -Maintain a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals) and an average to above average academic record.
- -Treat fellow band members, staff, parent volunteers, facilities and property with dignity and respect.
- -Students will react positively to staff instruction.
- -Students having trouble in any of these areas may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.

Financial Obligations: Parents and/or guardians and students will be held responsible for <u>all</u> financial obligations outlined in the MPLT handbook. Payments must be made ON TIME or financial arrangements must be made. (See page 9 for more details.) Fundraising activities are available and designed to assist with these expenses/fees.

Forms: All members must have the following information on file with your home school's PA Office by the start of Band Camp registration. July 23rd to be considered for a permanent spot in the show:

- Marching Band Performer Contract
- Student/Parent Certificate and Consent Form, and Medical Consent Form
- Physical Evaluation History and Examination Form signed by a physician.
- Information Verification Form (all forms are available online at www.marchingpride.org/forms-and-payments/)

Performance Readiness: Marching band is about working together to achieve a high level of excellence.

- -Work as a team at all times. Every student will give their best at every rehearsal.
- -Prepare music, movement/choreography, equipment work (color guard) and work hard during rehearsals.
- **Bus Rides and Transportation:** It is important that the group travels as a unit to all performances in order to focus and prepare mentally. The trip home is also a time of group unity and shared responsibility upon arrival to unload and put away all equipment.
 - -If a student <u>must</u> leave a performance site with a parent/guardian, a letter of authorization, signed by the parent/guardian, must be given to the band directors prior to departure from the school. <u>Before leaving</u> the performance site, the student <u>and</u> parent/guardian must check out with the director.
- What You Can Expect from the Staff: The marching band staff commit to giving students the best quality instruction and product possible. Every effort is made to design a highly competitive and enjoyable program.
- Extra/Co-Curricular Participation Conflicts: If a student wishes to participate in more than one school activity, it is the student's responsibility to compare both schedules carefully. The music and athletic departments have agreed that students will split overlapping practice time between the two activities when practices conflict; however, if too many conflicts exist, the student should not participate in the activities which take place during the same season. Refer to the Curricular Activities and Clubs section in the MSDLT student handbook.

Uniforms and Appearance

All members are expected to wear appropriate attire for all rehearsals and dress for the weather.

Suggestive or revealing attire is not acceptable. Color guard members: jeans or jean shorts are not acceptable.

Shoes: All members will wear tennis shoes and socks for <u>rehearsals</u>. A strong tennis shoe with good arch support is recommended. **Marching shoes must be purchased and worn for all performances.** Fees do not include marching band shoes. Shoes can be purchased from your home school, are fitted during rehearsals, and can be worn over multiple seasons. All first year marchers will need shoes. Cost is \$40.

Uniform for Marching Band and Color Guard: Fees include marching uniform rental (or color guard costume), uniform laundering, undergarments, show shirt, 1st pair of gloves and 1st pair of socks. Additional socks and gloves may be purchased as needed.

All parts of the band or guard uniform must be returned at the end of the season.

The cost of any missing items will be invoiced to the student's account.

Student Responsibility: It is the responsibility of each student to keep his/her uniform and accessories <u>clean, neatly hung up</u> <u>and properly stored</u>. Marching band uniforms are to be kept at Lawrence Central.

All school owned items are to be returned at the end of each season.

Loss of, or damage to the uniform is the student's financial responsibility.

Alterations: School owned uniforms will be altered, as needed, by the Uniform Committee.

Cleaning: Bulk cleaning for **school owned** items will be provided at the end of each season.

Show Shirt Orders: Marching band show shirts and spirit wear items are available for students and supporters to order online at https://marchingpride.itemorder.com/. Orders will be placed in mid-June, early August, and mid-September.

Letter Jackets: Wool athletic style coats with leather or wool sleeves may be purchased at Webster's Sporting Goods in Castleton. This jacket is <u>not</u> a uniform requirement.

Hair: Marching Band: Wear up under shako for performances; no bandanas or other forms of head wraps are permitted. All male students are to be clean shaven on all performance days.

-Color guard: Hair must be kept a natural color during the performance season. Braids or micro braids must be approved in advance prior to the performance season. Hair will be designed to coordinate with the costumes for the show and all must adhere to the overall look.

Makeup: Marching Band: Light makeup is allowed for performances.

-Color guard: All members are required to wear make-up for performances. MPLT will purchase makeup for color guard performers. *ALLERGIES*: if you have allergies due to sensitive skin, you are required to purchase your own specific makeup that matches the requirements of the show if it is a higher cost than that purchased by MPLT.

Jewelry/Nail Polish: No jewelry or nail polish is allowed for performances.

2017 Band Camp Information

Band Camp Registration: Sunday, July 23, 2017, 2pm-9:30pm at LC Band Camp: Monday, July 24 – Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at LC

For a student to attend camp, all the following details must be taken care of by parents and students:

Forms: All members must have the following information on file with your home school's PA Office <u>prior</u> to the beginning of Band Camp to be considered for a permanent spot in the show:

- Marching Band Performer Contract
- Student/Parent Certificate and Consent Form, and Medical Consent Form
- Physical Evaluation History and Examination Form signed by a physician.
- Information Verification Form
 (all forms are available online at https://marchingpride.org/forms-and-payments/)

Fees: All payments must be current and up to date, including any previous outstanding balances paid in full.

Handbook: Read the handbook fully.

Attend Mandatory Parent Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 7:00pm at Lawrence North HS.

What to Bring: Water jug, sack meals as directed, sunscreen, tennis shoes and socks, appropriate attire, a GREAT attitude!

Performance Day Reminders

- ALL MSD OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.
- Students in the *Marching Pride* will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times.
- Treat your uniform with respect and wear it with pride you are representing your school and your district!
- NO food or non-water drinks allowed while in uniform.
- Your uniform and your equipment is YOUR responsibility. Make sure you have everything you need and are prepared for performance.
- When preparing for performance, sections need to stay together so communication is possible at all times.
- Before and after performances, all members must wear their show shirt so the group can be easily identified.
- All male students are to be clean shaven on all performance days.
- All members are required to wear their hair up, off the back of the neck and under the shako; no bandanas or other forms of head wraps are permitted.
- Light makeup is allowed for performances, no jewelry or nail polish is permitted. (Color Guard members will wear performance makeup.)
- Pre and Post performance transits will be done in a uniform fashion. Be prepared to take instruction from directors and section leaders.
- After performing, stay together to receive instructions.
- After performances, uniforms must be properly hung up and returned to the uniform room or truck before anyone will be dismissed. All uniform parts must be fully accounted for and stored properly to ensure they are kept in good condition. If your uniform needs repair at any time, let a parent chaperone know!
- Your uniform is <u>your</u> responsibility.
- Pick up trash, even if it isn't yours.
- Students must stay with a group at all times.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM ALL PERFORMANCES.

Financial Information 2017

Running a National level competitive band program is very expensive. Each member must fulfill their financial responsibilities ON TIME or make arrangements in writing through LC or LN band office. We want to work with you to allow all students to participate fully in the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* program.

Marching Band & Guard Fees: Your financial obligation to participate in the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is \$700.00.

The Marching Band & Guard fee includes clinicians salaries, show design, uniform, one show shirt, uniform laundering, undergarments, 1st pair of gloves, 1st pair of socks, transportation, crayons, band camp, cases of water, meal plan (on competition days and before football games), bus snacks served during competition season, ticket to DCI event in June, and ticket to BOA prelims in November. (Additional gloves and socks may be purchased from your home school for an additional fee.)

All marchers MUST have marching band shoes (NOT included in fees). Shoes can be worn over multiple seasons, but may need to be replaced at the discretion of the uniform parents. All first year marchers will purchase shoes at a cost of \$40. Fittings will take place at band camp and the cost charged to your student account.

All payments will be made through your home school's booster organization:

Please include student's full name and reason for payment on the memo line.

Checks: LC Students: to "LCPAA" mailed to: LCHS, attn. Kimberly Corman, 7300 East 56th St, Indianapolis, IN 46226
LN Students: to "LN Band" mailed to: LNHS, attn. Alison Goller, 7802 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46256
Payments can also be turned in to the PA Office at each school.

Credit Card Payments: Visa, Mastercard and Discover payments can be made at:

LC: At http://www.lcpaa.org/online-payments/, or call the LC Performing Arts Office at 317 964-7550.

LN: At http://lnband.com/fees.php or call the LN Performing Arts Office at 317 964-7951.

Payment Schedule:

- All performers must have all previous years' fees PAID IN FULL to their home school as of May 25, 2017 (last day of school) in order to be eligible to participate in MPLT for the 2017 season.
- 2017 performers must pay a \$200 down payment toward 2017 fees by May 25, 2017 (last day of school).
- 2017 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by mandatory parent meeting in June in order to continue to participate in 2017 June Rehearsals.
- 2017 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by band camp check-in in order to participate in 2017 band camp.
- 2017 performers must pay \$100 on or by the last day each of August, September and October in order to continue participation in 2017 MPLT activities.
- Performers across all performing arts groups will not be able to participate in any 2017-18 performing arts ensemble, production and/or activities unless balances are paid in full by the end of the current school year.
- Marching Pride performers who have not made payments are welcome to attend practices, but may not actively participate until payments are up to date.
- If terms of prior payment plans were not followed or a balance is owed, no payment plan will be considered. **We can no longer extend credit to those who do not pay**. If performer is paid up to date by the end of the current school year and has faithfully followed all payment plans during prior years, a payment plan may be considered.
- If you have any questions or concerns about the above payment schedule, please share them with one of your directors.

Payment Plans & Financial Assistance: Payment plans may be arranged with the Band Director at your high school providing the first two bullet points above are completed. **However, all scheduled payments must be made on time as**

indicated above or as indicated by a payment plan if the student is to maintain their spot in the ensemble. In addition, fundraising and other financial assistance opportunities are offered at both LC and LN. Your directors will let you know the specifics. These opportunities are in place for students in need and could defer a portion of their marching band fees. All students and their parents will be expected to volunteer for events and participate in fundraisers, especially if requesting financial assistance. All students will be held financially responsible for their participation in MPLT.

- **Meal Plan:** A portion of the marching band fees is for a meal plan to ensure that ALL MPLT members have convenient, nourishing and reasonably priced meals while remaining at a rehearsal or performance site. Information will be given regarding which meals are provided and when students will need to bring meals.
- **Additional Fees:** Fees will be charged separately for concert band participation, color guard or instrument/equipment rentals as determined by your home school. Please refer to the Lawrence Central or Lawrence North Band Handbooks for further details.

School Owned Instrument/Equipment - Rental Fees & Responsibility

- **Use of school-owned Brass, Woodwind, Percussion or Guard equipment**: Fees and details will be determined by the home school. Please refer to the Lawrence Central or Lawrence North Band Handbooks for further details.
- Instruments & Equipment Care Student fees pay for routine repair from normal and proper usage of equipment, instruments, uniforms, etc. Students are responsible for any and all damage caused by improper usage and/or carelessness.

Student Accounts & Fundraising Opportunities

Student Accounts: Each band and color guard student is a member of, and has an account with, either the LN Band Boosters or LCPAA. All financial transactions through the band are recorded in your account. We provide many fundraising and service opportunities for families to participate in. Profits from these opportunities will be held in the student's account to be used to reduce current or future band fees and required band expenses.

Statements: Financial statements are <u>emailed</u> monthly and will show all changes to your student's account. Please help us keep you informed by providing correct email address and any changes to:

LC: kimberlycorman@msdlt.k12.in.us
LN: alisongoller@msdlt.k12.in.us

Student Account Management: Please pay fees according to your payment schedule or contact your band directors or PA secretary for alternate payment plans. Fees must be paid in full before participation will be permitted in future extra-curricular activities.

Fundraisers: Fundraising events will be offered separately through both high schools. Details will be made available through your home school's list serves, websites and newsletters. Be informed and sign up for your home school's list serves! Each band student and their family has the opportunity to participate in several fundraisers. All families are strongly encouraged to participate in General Fund service events as these are essential to minimizing student fees and pay for many long term projects necessary to assure the continued growth of <u>all</u> our Band Programs.

LC Performing Arts Association or LN Band Boosters: You are a Member!

LCPAA meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:45pm in the choir room at LC.

LN Band Booster meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the band room at LN.

Combined MPLT meetings will be held as needed and advance notice of these meetings will be communicated via list serve messages.

For school specific information and to sign up for List Serves, go to www.lcpaa.org or www.lnband.com

Boosters and Volunteer Group Chairs

<u>LCPAA</u> (Lawrence Central Performing Arts Association):				
President:	Bob Gardner	president@lcpaa.org		
Vice-President	Sue Felli	nresident-elect@lcnaa		

Vice-President:	Sue Felli	president-elect@lcpaa.org	(317) 694-7674
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	Amy Svendsen	treasurer@lcpaa.org	(317) 294-6559

Secretary: **Cassandra Thomas** secretary@lcpaa.org

Public Relations: Maria Reyes communication@lcpaa.org (317) 263-1530

Dawn Stout communication@lcpaa.org (317) 823-1370

(317) 417-0715

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> **Anne Williams** fundraiser@lcpaa.org (317) 823-5736 **Angela James-Harrington** scrip@lcpaa.org (317) 331-6853

Volunteer Coordinator: Sue Felli volunteer@lcpaa.org (317) 694-7674

> Jenn O'Neill volunteer@lcpaa.org (317) 374-7463 Tracy Thatcher volunteer@lcpaa.org (317) 504-1543

Brian & Judy Everly technology@lcpaa.org Technology (317) 506-7452

LN Band Boosters:

President:	Wendy Manubay	wendymanubay@gmail.com	(317)446-2859
VP- Fundraising:	Jennifer Jansen	jjbean3030@gmail.com	(317) 999-7706
VP- Student Support:	Courtney Clardy	courtclardy@gmail.com	(317) 757-6434
Treasurer:	Janelle Wilson	<u>janelle.wilson8971bp@comcast.net</u>	(317) 628-3859
Secretary:	Becky Webster	rjwebster@mac.com	(317) 213-3573

Volunteer Group Chairs:					
Meal Plan:	Kathy Gardner	rhjgardner@aol.com	(317) 294-5498		
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	Suzette Ogle-Salomon	suzetteos@yahoo.com	(317) 710-4966		
	Becky Webster	rjwebster@mac.com	(317) 213-3573		
Chaperones:	Kaye Schoenling	kschoenl@comcast.net	(317) 709-0039		
	Amy Svendsen	asvendsen8451@att.net	(317) 294-6559		
Road Crew/Props:	David Williams	david.williams@pentair.com	(317) 937-8523		
	Scott Sego	scott@bdmanagedservices.com	(317) 403-9986		

Band Uniforms:	Lara Ibey	webeib@comcast.net	(317) 432-2778
	Dawn Schuchman	dschuchman@sbcglobal.net	(317) 997-0497
Medical Staff:	Courtney Clardy	courtclardy@gmail.com	(317) 519-8928
Pride Fan Club:	Judy Everly	<u>judy@theeverlys.com</u>	(317) 258-3197
Color Guard Crew:	Jessica Moore	mooresweet33@gmail.com	(317) 531-9733
	Melissa Darwish	tetonmel@aol.com	(317) 435-6663
Band Camp:	Judy Everly	<u>judy@theeverlys.com</u>	(317) 258-3197
	Sue Felli	suzannefelli@yahoo.com	(317) 694-7674
	Amy Svendsen	asvendsen8451@att.net	(317) 294-6559
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Marching Pride Volunteer Opportunities

If you have a student in band, you are a band booster!

It takes all of us working together to create a positive experience for our kids. Our greatest asset is **YOU!** Without the tireless sacrifice and dedication of parents and family members each year, the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* will not succeed. Please take the time to review the following sampling of volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to contact the volunteer leaders with any questions you may have. The Marching Pride family welcomes all the unique skills and talents you will bring.

Volunteer Group	Description
Meal Plan	Prepare meals before football games and on competition days. Ensures ALL MPLT members have access to convenient, nourishing and reasonably priced meals while remaining at the rehearsal or performance site. Pride Bakers provide homemade desserts for meals.
Chaperones	Bus roll call, monitor behavior, prepare water coolers and distribute snacks for band trips. <i>Travel with the band!</i>
Crew/Props	Build show props, load/unload equipment, and assist moving instruments and props on and off the field. In the thick of the action!
Uniforms	Measure, fit and alter uniforms, organize, distribute and check-in uniforms after each performance. <i>No sewing experience required!</i>
Medical Staff	Triage and treat scrapes, sprains and other conditions, monitor student Rx at band camp and throughout the season.
Pride Fan Club	Decorations, Pride Wear, morale boosters and cheering. <i>Be the life of the party!</i>
Section Parents	A subgroup of Pride Fan Club - help organize section specific decorations, posters, or activities.
Color Guard	Costume washing, "Prep" crew (hair, make-up)
Band Camp	Serve meals, water breaks, medical staff, organize fun activities, end of camp cookout setup/teardown
Committee Chair/Co-Chair	We are always looking for volunteer leaders! Where do your talents lie?

Glossary of Terms & Abbreviations

BOA: Bands of America, a part of the national music education organization Music for All that holds high school marching band competitions across the country. This includes Regionals, Super-Regionals and Grand National competitions.

IHSCGA: Indiana High School Color Guard Association, state Color Guard circuit.

IMEA: Indiana Music Education Association

IPA: Indiana Percussion Association, organizational group for Winter Percussion competitions in Indiana.

ISSMA: Indiana State School Music Association. This group organizes music competition in Indiana Schools.

LCPAA: Lawrence Central Performing Arts Association.

MPLT: Marching Pride of Lawrence Township

PA: Performing Arts

WGI: Winter Guard International, national Color Guard and Winter Percussion circuit.

Competition Criteria

The Marching Pride of Lawrence Township will perform in a variety of competitions during the season.

Invitationals: Are contests hosted by local high schools and give the band great performance experience and critical feedback from judges.

ISSMA: Each competing band will perform at an ISSMA Regional Site. To advance they must receive a Division I rating and be one of the top ten performances at that site to qualify for Semi-State. At Semi-State, the top 10 of the 20 competing bands advance. ISSMA State Marching Band Finals are performed at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the top 10 bands in each of the four classes (A, B, C & D) compete for the state title. The *Marching Pride* performs in Class A.

Tickets to ISSMA Regional and Semi-State events are available at performance sites on the day of the event. Schools competing in ISSMA State Finals will have tickets for sale Monday – Friday (at noon) the week before finals.

BOA Grand Nationals: There are no qualifications for entering a BOA Regional or the Grand Nationals event. Both the Indy Regional and the Grand Nationals are held at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Grand Nationals weekend is in three parts: 1) Thursday and Friday are preliminary competitions. MPLT will perform on one of these days. 2) Semi-finals are held Saturday during the day. 3) Finals are held on Saturday night. There is no assurance that MPLT will perform in either the semifinals or finals round.

Tickets for BOA Regional can be purchased at the performance site the day of the event. Tickets for the preliminary rounds of BOA Grand Nationals can be purchased at Lucas Oil box office. BOA Grand Nationals Finals tickets will be pre ordered so that friends and family of MPLT can sit together in a Cheer Block.

Band Hierarchy, Chain of Command

- Band Directors
- Band and Color Guard Staff
- Leadership Council Officers*
- Section Leaders/Guard Captains
- Representatives
- Band Members

^{*}The Leadership Council is a group of students selected for their leadership abilities and seniority in the performance ensemble. Their responsibility is to assist the directors and they are expected to be exemplary role models for fellow members and demonstrate unquestionable commitment and dedication. Drum Majors, Captains and Section Leaders are selected by the directors through an application and interview process.