

# Lake Nona High School Band Program

## 2019-20 Financial Information

### Sapphires/Lionettes (Colorguard & Majorettes) Edition

Congratulations on joining the Lake Nona High School Sapphires Colorguard team! The Sapphires are the elite visual ensemble for the Sound of the Lions Band Program at LNHS. This activity is considered “co-curricular” as the student members are in a class (Eurhythmics) that also has time required outside of the regular school day. For more information, please visit the band website listed at the bottom of this page.

The purpose of this handout is to give you detailed information about the financial requirements associated with membership in the colorguard at Lake Nona High School. This is a supplemental handout to the one provided for the entire band that give only the guard specific information. Please read this thoroughly (including the back page) and email Ms. Leimer if you have any questions (monica.leimer@ocps.net).

The Lake Nona High School Band Program will spend an estimated \$95,000 during the school year to provide students and parents with positive, life-changing experiences. The **good news** is that we do not assess our students the full amount. Our amazing Lake Nona High School Band Boosters help to raise the remaining funds necessary! Students are assessed financial obligations in specific areas described below:

**Band Fair Share Assessment - \$200**

This assessment helps cover the cost of instruction by our expert staff members/clinicians, transportation, competition/FBA fees, show design, t-shirts, and much more. This is paid annually by all band members (instrumentalists & guard/majorettes).

**Sapphires/Lionettes Pep Uniform Assessment - \$150**

The fall season uniform (pep uniform) and jacket are covered by this assessment. The uniform and jacket designs remain the same from year to year, so this is a one-time cost as long as the uniform and jacket are well maintained and still fit correctly. This fee is due by the end of band camp to ensure timely delivery of the uniforms and jackets.

**Sapphires/Lionettes Marching Band Costume Assessment - ~\$75-100**

The marching band costume is covered by this assessment. New this year – all auxiliary members will pay for and keep the halftime costumes. We are still looking at options and shopping for the best price, but the estimated cost of the costume will be between \$75-100. The costume changes each year with the show design.

**Other One-Time Purchases** (to be paid when ordered throughout the year)

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| Guard Gloves ~ \$20  | Extra Show Shirt ~ \$15 | Earrings ~ \$10 |
| Equipment Bag ~ \$30 | Rifle ~ \$40            | Poms ~ \$20     |
| Shoes ~ \$35         | Duffle Bag ~ \$30       |                 |

**Sapphires/Lionettes Payment Schedule\*:**

Date	Amount Due	Payment Item
May 31, 2019	\$150	Fall Uniform Assessment
August 2, 2019	\$200 \$variable	Band Fair Share (all members) Shoes, Bags, Gloves, Poms, etc. & other items ordered
Spring Semester	\$250-500	Indoor Season Assessment (payment schedule & info TBA)

**\*Early Pay Incentive - If assessments are paid IN FULL (all assessments for the entire year, except WinterGuard) by the end of August, you will receive a \$25 discount.**

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#### How to Pay Your Assessments

Parents may be made online with a debit or credit card using SchoolPay. This is the most convenient way to make payments. Visit <http://www.schoolpay.ocps.net> to get started! Payments may also be sent to school with students and placed in the band lockbox located in the band office. If sending payments to school, please place the payment in an envelope with your student's name on it and specify what type of payment is being submitted.

#### Charms!

The Charms Music Office Assistant is our system for keeping financial records and student/parent information for the Lake Nona High School Band. Fundraisers, trips, assessments, payments, and contact information are all organized through Charms. You can access your account balance, update your contact information, view your assigned inventory, and much more anytime you want through the Charms system. Your Student ID is the same as your OCPS ID. If you do not know this number, please e-mail Mrs. Leimer ([monica.leimer@ocps.net](mailto:monica.leimer@ocps.net)) or Kandace Nadeau ([EandKey@gmail.com](mailto:EandKey@gmail.com)) and it will be sent to you ASAP. When you log on for the first time, you will assign yourself a password that only you know so you can be assured that your information is secure.

When you activate your Charms account, you will need to enter your address, telephone number(s), and e-mail address(s) so that you can get all of the latest Lake Nona HS Band information. This information will only be used for LNHS Band purposes, so you do not need to worry about your privacy or solicitors.

Logging on to Charms is simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Type [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) into your web browser.
2. Hover over "ENTER" at the top right of the screen.
3. Click on "Parents/Students/Members"
4. Enter our school code: "lakenonaband"
5. Enter your password. The first time you log in to Charms your password is your ID number.

#### Fundraising

Throughout the year the Lake Nona High School Band will participate in several fundraisers. While several of these are designed to benefit the entire program as a whole, there are many fundraisers designed to help students earn money to help pay for individual assessments, trips, and other expenses associated with participation in the band. If they work hard, it is possible for students to earn enough to cover assessments through participating in these fundraisers.

These assessments are a requirement for every student and failure to pay will result in a school obligation. With that, it is extremely important that no student be excluded from band due to financial difficulties. It is always our goal to keep the cost of our assessments at an absolute minimum while still making sure that we are meeting the financial needs of our band program. We are pleased that our assessments are set at a lower mark than most OCPS high schools. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if there is a hardship for a student who might need additional time/assistance in paying. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

#### Scholarship

We have a scholarship fund to assist families with band assessments and expenses. We are asking families and community members that are able, to make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship fund. No amount is too small. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, please specify on the check or money order that the payment is to go into the "LNHS Band Assessment Scholarship Fund." Any family experiencing financial need will be able to apply for scholarship assistance and we will award full and partial band scholarships based on the amount that is contributed to the fund each year. All scholarships are need-based and recipients will be kept private. For a scholarship application, please e-mail Mrs. Leimer ([monica.leimer@ocps.net](mailto:monica.leimer@ocps.net)).

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**Financial Acknowledgement**

By signing this document, I am indicating I understand the financial obligations associated with membership in the Lake Nona High School Band program and agree to meet these financial obligations through payments or fund-raising by the stated deadlines OR work out an alternative payment plan with the band director to meet my obligations.

**This signed form is due by the end of the first week of school (Friday August 16, 2019).**

Student Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)                      Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

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Student Signature                      OCPS Student Number                      Date