



Legacy High School Bands

2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021

5A CBA State Marching Band Champions

2018 Dublin, Ireland St. Patrick's Day Parade, Performer

2015 Tournament of Roses Parade, Performer

2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Performer

2010 London England New Year's Day Parade, Performer

2017 Wind Ensemble National Concert Band Festival, Performer

2009, 2013, 2016, 2019 Wind Ensemble CMEA Honor Ensemble

2019 Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association State Champions

2009 Winter Guard International *World Championship* Silver Medalist

3-Time Rocky Mountain Percussion Association State Champions

2019 Jazz Band "Nissi's" Jazz Club, Featured Performer

Dear Legacy Band Parents and Guardians,

As I near the end of my first year as director, I just want to say thank you so much for your support and understanding. I know I have work to do in terms of scheduling, budgeting, and communicating, but I hope that you are at ease with where things are with the band program right now. My continuing focus concerns the education and well-being of every student in our program. Thank you for trusting me to do this job, and please don't hesitate to let me know when I need to improve.

I have been sharing weekly announcements with students every day both verbally, and in written form. I will start doing this weekly with everyone in the program, parents/guardians included. Since we are traveling to Grand Nationals this year, my communication with you needs to be more immediate and clear.

This brings up the need for me to clarify my vision for the program with you. When I took over the program, my expectations of myself and the program were very high. I very much wanted to continue the excellence that Mr. Stansberry, the Legacy faculty and staff, and all of the students and their families and friends have worked so hard to build and maintain. This remains my wish. I want to continue this tradition of quality and maintain our positive relationships wherever we go, in whatever we do. If it is possible, I hope to help the band take the next step in its journey forward as an ambassador for our school, community, and state.

The past two years have taught me the importance of what we do as musicians, making something beautiful, something profound...together. Ask any student and they will tell you that our focus this year as a band has been to build community. All of you parents are part of this community. You are the MOST important part!

Every day in class, we repeat the importance of fundraising to our students. I know that the amount of fundraising events seems overwhelming, but they are absolutely critical to having the kind of program we want to provide for your students. We are trying new fundraisers this year to gauge efficacy and involvement. We also have some great ideas for next year as we prepare for Indianapolis.

My concern, and the concern of the booster board, is that we have been hit with a few major fundraising challenges over the past two years. Most of our expenses are fixed but our fundraising income has decreased dramatically. After 2019, we lost the weekly bingo night staffed by Legacy Band students and families. At its peak, this program made up a considerable portion of the band's fundraising income. The size of the band is also down about 80 students which means all of our fundraisers bring in less money. This is why I have felt it necessary to push students to participate in as many of the fundraisers as possible. I know we can make even the smallest fundraiser profitable, but everyone has to be involved.

I believe that a strong band program depends on the strength of fundraising and volunteer work. Nothing else can happen without these fundamental aspects. It is as important for Seniors to raise money during their final semester as it is for incoming Freshmen. Many alumni return to volunteer, whether it be the marching festival or pushing pit equipment or props. I know several parents whose children have graduated already who still serve the program in some capacity. In any case, I am grateful to all of you regardless of your involvement.

Here is a list of the important events happening in April 2022.

- 1) Full Band Parent Meeting Monday April 11th, 2022 6-8PM
- 2) All Bands Concert Thursday April 14th, 2022 6:30PM
- 3) Winter Percussion RMPA State Finals (Metropolitan State University of Denver) Saturday April 16th, 2022
- 4) Wind Ensemble at CBA State Concert Band Festival (CSU) Monday April 18th, 2022
- 5) Senior Meeting Tuesday April 19th, 2022 3:45-4:30PM
- 6) Jazz Band feat. Shane Endsley (trumpet) Wednesday April 20th, 2022 at Muse Performance Space/Lafayette 7PM Tickets \$15 <https://museperformancespace.com/#/events>
- 7) Band Placement Auditions April 21-22, and April 25-26, 2022
- 8) Mattress Fundraiser Saturday April 23rd, 2022
- 9) Marching Band Rehearsal (Incoming Freshmen/Leadership Team) Monday April 25th, 2022 4:30-6PM
- 10) Band Banquet Saturday April 30th, 2022 5:30-9:30PM
- 11) Grand Nationals 2022 trip payment deposit (\$250) is due May 11th, 2022

I do have a couple of changes for next year...

- Summer rehearsals will be from 8AM-1PM.
- Weekly marching rehearsals in the band calendar are scheduled until 8PM. Practice itself will be finished around 7:30PM, and students will be expected to conclude all section duties and meetings by 8PM.

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