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Greetings from the Little Cypress Mauriceville Band Boosters!

What an unusual year 2020 has been. And as such, we are trying different ways to reach out to our "Band Family". Normally, we would have regular Band Booster Meetings, home and away football games, and numerous competitions in October to prepare the band for UIL Competition. Through these events we get to know our students, parents, and guardians. But of course, 2020 has not been normal dealing with the pandemic and two hurricanes. We are trying this Booster newsletter to provide information on what is happening.

The LCM Band Boosters are organized for the purpose of supporting the LCM Band in any way possible. This includes volunteering at football games, participating in fundraisers, helping build props and helping at competitions. We do whatever needs to be done to help the LCM Band succeed. It takes significant funds to operate a marching band program such as ours. While the band receives funding from the school district, there are many expenses the boosters help with. They include purchasing materials for props, providing snacks for the students before competitions, helping to purchase instruments, providing an end of year banquet for seniors and supporting private lessons. **To be part of the Boosters, we ask that you pay \$10 single / \$20 family dues.** This can be paid at the LCM Band website under the Boosters & Sponsors drop down box.

The best place to find information on what is happening with the LCM Band is to go to the website (<https://www.lcmbands.com/>). This site is updated regularly by Mrs. Perkins. Both students and parents can also sign up for Remind messages. For Remind messages from the Boosters, text to 81010 and in the message field type @lcm1band. Remind messages go out regularly and are the fastest way to find out what is going on. Please sign up today. Another way to receive information is to link the band calendar with the calendar on your phone. The instructions on how to do this can be found on the LCM Band website under the calendar drop down box. The calendar is one of the first items updated when changes occur in the schedule. Clicking on the notes in the calendar will provide an itinerary of what is happening for the event, like when your band student needs to be dropped off at the school and when they need to be picked up, or whether there is a Mauriceville bus. It is updated real-time by Mrs. Perkins. There is also an LCM Band Booster Facebook page where current information is posted.

The band will be performing it's 2020 show "*Be Someone*" at the home football game on Friday, November 6 and then again on Saturday, November 7 at PNG as a Pre-UIL show. For these shows, most of the props will be used, so additional volunteer help will be needed. We are looking for another 13 people beyond what we have been using thus far this season. This is to help move the props on and off the field. If you can help, we sure would appreciate it. Practice for these roles will be prior to the shows. Once we go to the Region Competition, all volunteers need a Band Booster Polo and khaki pants. This makes us look professional. The polos can be ordered on the band website. **To ensure delivery in time for the Region Competition, orders must be made by November 4.** The show on Saturday, November 7, has no ticket fees. Face masks are mandatory and must be worn at all times. In addition, seating will be in designated rows. This applies only to the Pre-UIL show. Region competition has more rules that will be sent out later.

If you go out to the band website and go to the Boosters & Sponsors drop down box, you can also purchase LCM Band Fam Shirts, Booster visors and baseball caps, and show shirts. If students want Band Fam shirts, they need to be purchased on the website. If you prefer to pay cash or write a check (made payable to LCM Band Boosters), Band Booster Board Members will collect money on Friday, Nov 6, before the game and Sat, Nov 7, before the competition. **The orders for LCM Band Fam Shirts are due by Sat, Nov 7, with an anticipated delivery date just before Thanksgiving.**

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Sometimes it seems like we are constantly having fundraisers, but we do that to be able to support the activities of the band. This year we have already sold Hurts Donuts, Dough Dough Girls cookie dough at a football game and Homecoming treat boxes. We have several more fundraisers planned and are always looking for help to have these succeed. Two fundraisers that don't require any additional outlay of cash include the Amazon Smiles program and our Shoe Drive.

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know most of your purchases can also provide funds to the LCM Band? How to sign up for this program is explained on the band website. Once you sign up and select "Little Cypress Mauriceville Band Boosters" Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the band. It even works with Amazon Prime. Just make sure when you are ordering in the upper left hand corner of the screen it says Amazon Smiles, instead of just Amazon.

We are also having a shoe drive. We have partnered with Funds2Orgs (<https://funds2orgs.com/about-us/>) to collect gently worn, used and new shoes. These shoes will be sent to micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries to provide a means of making a living wage. Do you have shoes in your closet that you no longer wear? How about your friends and neighbors? The LCM Band wants those shoes! This is a 4-way win – the shoes get repurposed, you get a cleaner closet, the micro-entrepreneurs receive much needed inventory, and the LCM Band is paid by weight for the shoes. For this to be a successful drive we need LOTS of shoes. We have a goal of collecting over 2,500 pairs. We are hoping folks will set individual goals of 25 pairs of shoes. Are you up for the challenge? A box will be placed in the band hall, so start collecting those shoes today! The drive will officially kick off at the beginning of the year, but that doesn't mean you can't start collecting shoes now.

We also have permission for three more treat box sales (Christmas, Valentines, & Easter), a cookbook sale, Butter Braid sale, link sale, and Silent Night/Jazzy night. Information on all of these will be sent out on Remind and posted on the LCM Band Boosters Facebook site.

Your Band Booster Board this year includes Moira Layman, Becky Day, Tammy Fenton, Brandon Hanson, Mike Day, Natalie Hill, and Jon Sherwin. You can reach any member of the board by going to the band website under the Booster & Sponsor drop down box and clicking on the name of the individual. Reach out to anyone of us should you need additional information or want to volunteer.

We hope you will go out to the website, look around, purchase a booster annual membership, purchase some LCM Band swag, and **sign up for Remind messages**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Go Battlin' Bear Band!

Sincerely,



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