

## 2010-2011 Main Stage Performances

<b>Meet the Music Program</b>	Thursday, October 21 – 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
<b>Holiday Choral Concert</b>	Friday/Saturday, December 17-18 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
<b>Winter Band Concert</b>	Friday, January 14 – 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
<b>Spring Choral Concert</b>	Friday/Saturday, June 3-4 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
<b>Spring Band Concert</b>	Friday, June 10 – 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium

## 2010-2011 Featured Performances/Events

<b>LMS/LHS Combined Band Concert</b>	Tuesday, February 15 7:00 p.m. Ledyard High School
<b>Choral Benefit Concert</b>	Thursday, March 17 7:30 p.m. Ledyard High School
<b>Spring Music Trip Washington DC</b>	Thursday, April 14 to Sunday, April 17
<b>Ledyard Musical Theatre Side by Side by Sondheim</b>	Friday/Saturday, May 6-7 7:30 p.m. United Methodist Church
<b>Final Chamber Choir Concert And Reunion</b>	Friday/Saturday, June 17-18 7:00 p.m. St David's, Gales Ferry

## 2010-2011 Special Events

<b>Bi Annual Walk for Music</b>	Saturday, October 2 6:00 p.m. -11:p.m. LHS
<b>Music Council Talent Show</b>	Friday, March 11 – 7:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium
<b>After School Group Recital</b>	Thursday, April 5 7:30 p.m. Agri Science Atrium

Please see the music department web-site for a complete calendar of events, including Marching Band, Caroler and Booster events such as the **Lasagna Dinner on Thursday, February 10 from 5:-7:15 in the cafeteria**

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*“A proud past and a bright future”*



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## Contact Information

(Please use the following list to help you find the appropriate person to contact)

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On behalf of the Ledyard High School Music Department and the Music Boosters, we welcome parents and students to the 2010-2011 school year.

The Ledyard High School Music program is a nationally recognized program. Ledyard ensembles have performed at Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, at state and region music conventions, and they consistently receive best in class and outstanding ensemble awards at music competitions throughout the east coast and Canada. Any student who works hard, is committed to excellence and participates fully is guaranteed a superior musical education, in a safe and loving community, providing memories that will last a lifetime.

While we are quite proud of the recognition we have received through the years, our biggest accomplishment is the diversity of opportunities provided for the students of Ledyard High School. From beginning to advanced groups and from teacher-led to student-led there is literally an ensemble for everyone who has an interest in music.

The motto of the LHS Music department is "a proud past, a bright future". This year we will continue to build on the traditions of our past as we usher in a new generation of excellence. To achieve that goal we will depend more than ever on the support of parents. We are always very grateful for those parents who help out and we hope you will find a way to contribute to the program

This handbook is intended to provide basic information regarding a wide range of department policies. We hope you find it useful. We also hope that you will become a frequent visitor to our wonderful web-site ([www.ledyardmusic.com](http://www.ledyardmusic.com)). The web-site is an excellent resource for anyone involved with Ledyard Music. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the Directors or the Music Boosters. Their contact information can be found in this handbook.

Welcome! We look forward to a wonderful year!

## **Program Goals**

Our educational goals are simple. We want to help each student develop their artistic potential and to learn how to express themselves through music. We feel it is equally important that students learn how to be positive and contributing community members. Achieving these goals is the primary mission of the LHS music program.

To meet these goals the department has developed the following performance goals. These outcomes are aligned with school and district academic expectations for student learning and with the state and national standards in music education.

### **Ledyard High School Music Performance Goals**

- Demonstrate the ability to read and interpret music notation
- Demonstrate the ability to perform music independently and with others either instrumentally or vocally
- Describe, analyze and evaluate music and musical performances
- Demonstrate knowledge of music history, cultural heritage and the connection of music to everyday life.
- Demonstrate the ability to rehearse and perform in a group setting
- Participate in the cultural/musical life of the community

## **Student Grades**

Student grades indicate the level of proficiency an individual has made towards attaining the performance goals. Grades are based on both subjective and objective assessments made by teachers. Students and parents should contact their director if there are any questions regarding a final grade.

## **Communication**

LHS music is a vibrant program involving hundreds of students and multiple events. Communication is a very important part of running the program. There are three primary ways in which both students and parents can stay informed throughout the year.

Music Boosters- Boosters meets every month, usually the third Thursday, at 7:00 pm in the high school chorus room. Meeting dates and times are posted on the department web-site.

Music Department Web-Site - [www.ledyardmusic.com](http://www.ledyardmusic.com) is the home of all things involving LHS music. It is highly recommended that you join the mailing list so you receive the most updated department information.

Monthly Newsletter – At the beginning of each month the students are given a newsletter to bring home. In this document there is news involving upcoming events as well as articles on students, ensembles, awards and other items of interest. It is the student’s responsibility to bring this newsletter home. The newsletter is also posted on the department web-site.

Also, feel free to contact the music teachers if you have questions or concerns.

## **Financial Information**

Fundraising – LHS Music provides many fundraising opportunities throughout the school year. These opportunities are divided into three types.

- Student – profit from student fundraising goes directly into the students personal department account. This money can only be used to defray the cost of participating in music department events, such as the Spring trip.
- Department – profit from department fundraising goes directly to program improvements and to help defray the cost of running the music program.
- Booster – profit from Music Boosters fundraising goes directly to the Boosters and is used to support the music program.

Payment –financial transactions should be by check and checks should be made payable to Ledyard High School. Please note that checks can take up to a month to clear the system the district expects us to follow.

Student Accounts – A student account is created for each student involved in Ledyard Music. Any money raised from student fundraising is placed in their account, to be used to help defray the cost of participating in department events, such as the music trip. All money is managed by the department Business Manager Robin Loy. The Business manager updates accounts weekly and student accounts are posted outside the music office and on the Music News Board. Current balances, money raised and money owed are all listed on the account balance sheet. Students and parents are encouraged to check these accounts on a regular basis. Please contact Robin directly if you have any questions.

### **Performance Information**

Concert Requirements – Each student in an LHS performing ensemble is required to perform in the following concerts: Meet the Music Program, Winter Concert (Band and Chorus) LMS/LHS Band Concert or the Benefit Chorus concert plus the Spring POPS Concert (Band and Chorus). Please note that these requirements are clearly listed in the course catalogue. Concerts are a major component of a student's grade and it is impossible to provide a make up assignment that is a similar educational experience. **Please note that a student's grade can suffer significantly if they do not participate in a required concert.**

At the beginning of the year students and will receive a performance calendar for the year, and their director will go over the policies for missing concerts. **It is the student's responsibility to know these procedures.**

In addition to required concerts, many ensembles have additional performing opportunities. Each student also has the option of going on the Spring Music trip. Please consult the course catalogue for specific class requirements.

### **Ticket Information**

For Chorus or combined Chorus/Band concerts seating is reserved. For all other concerts, tickets will be general admission and sold at the door beginning thirty minutes before the performance. Tickets for all concerts are \$5. Families may also purchase a "family pack" of tickets for \$10. (up to four tickets/immediate family only). Reserved seating tickets go on sale Monday two weeks before the event. Tickets are sold during both lunch waves in the cafeteria and before school in the main lobby

We have the good problem of having big audiences for the majority of our concerts. You are encouraged to get your tickets early.

Concert Attire – Concert attire is selected based on the desire to have each ensemble present an organized and appropriate group appearance. If you

have any questions or concerns about concert attire please speak with your child's director.

- Chamber Choir – (concert attire provided except footwear and socks) Men: Tuxedo jacket and pants, white tuxedo shirt, black bow tie and cummerbund, black dress shoes and black socks – Women: Black gown, pearl necklace, flat black dress shoes and natural color hose
- Symphonic Band/Concert Choir/– White Shirt and black dress pants (or skirt for girls), blue cummerbund and bow tie (provided), black dress shoes and black socks. Symphonic Band students have the opportunity to purchase white tuxedo shirts.
- Ledyard Chorale – Black dress shirt and dress pants, matching tie and black shoes and black socks.
- Women's Chorus/Men's Chorus – dark dress pants (or skirt for the girls), white dress shirt (and matching tie for the boys), black shoes and black socks (boys) or natural color hose (girls)
- After School Groups – Except for Marching Band, all concert attire for After School Groups will be determined by the director.
- Marching Band – Uniform provided for all football games and blue polo shirt provided for all other events. Students must provide black shoes and black socks for all events and khaki pants for parade events.
- **Please note that for the Spring Choral concert students will be asked to have three costumes, one for each scene that the group presents. Specific details about these costumes will be provided well before the event in June.**

Concert Etiquette – LHS concerts are in no way similar to sporting events or popular music concerts. Appropriate behavior at a classical music concert includes, but is not limited to the following four general categories:

- Remain seated, quiet and attentive during the performance
- All noise making devices are turned off (cell phones, etc.)
- Refrain from doing anything that will distract others or the performers (eating, talking, playing computer games, etc.)
- Applauding at appropriate times (not between movements for example)