

### **All Lake Braddock Band Alumni:**

Greetings from all of us here in Burke, VA! First, I hope this finds you and your family well and happy. Second, please forward, Facebook, etc, this message to Everyone you know from the band family, as it is very difficult for me to acquire all the current addresses needed for a truly accurate mailing. We would like for everyone to know of this event and have the opportunity to participate as they choose.

As most of you know by now, this will be my final year as band director at Lake Braddock. It has been a Truly amazing journey, thanks to each of you. Before I go it is my intent - as I have discussed with many of you - to host a Lake Braddock Band Reunion. This event is scheduled here at LB on Sat. June 11, 2011. We hope you and your family can join us for a day of music, fun and reminiscing. The intent is to play a little for all those who wish to try - regardless of how long it has been - but most importantly, just to get together, enjoy friends and share stories. I am aware that others might have ideas as to how to spend this day, so feel free to send suggestions. As for me, it is my thought to loosely follow the attached schedule and to a large degree, simply to have a big street party on the marching lot with music and time to chat! (Knowing some of you, what you would probably prefer is cardboard box races down the hill and a Moon Bounce.) Remember, this has always been a family friendly organization. Your spouse, kids and parents are welcome. It is necessary for us to charge a \$10.00 per alumni fee to help cover the cost of T-Shirts and building use. (Additional family members may choose to purchase a T-Shirt as well.)

#### **Tentative Schedule for Sat. June 11, 2011**

(The Music Wing can be available for your small group gatherings on Friday evening June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm if there is a need for a place for groups to gather. Please let us know your wishes.)

- 8:00-10:00am Registration, T-Shirts, name tags and hellos
- 10:00am-Noon All comers band. Please play, even if you have forgotten most of the fingerings, or at least sit with your section and enjoy. (We can loan instruments on any of the big stuff.) The last ½ hour we will rehearse the last two sections of "1812" which we will perform in conjunction with the current Symphonic Band on their concert this evening. If you want to do just the reading portion and don't feel up the performance part that is fine, there are plenty of folks still in shape to do this.
- Noon-3:30pm Bring the sandwiches and drinks and join us on the marching lot for time to socialize and reminisce. We can have music, tables, and chairs. If you have other ideas concerning entertainment, please send them to me.
- 4:00-5:00pm In the Little Theater, " The History of the LB Band". Videos, discussions, awards and presentations relative to all the wonderful things that we have been privileged to enjoy here at Lake Braddock.
- 5:00pm Current band students will access uniforms and begin the concert warm up process. Alumni will have time to meet friends for dinner and enjoy time together.
- 7:00pm LB Bands Spring Concert (With Alumni performers joining us for the finale of "1812")
- 9:00pm Post concert reception in the gym hall

There are many things still to plan as we move toward making this event a reality. As it gets closer to the date, please check the band web site [www.lbband.org](http://www.lbband.org) for updates on the details.

In addition to participating in the events on June 11, please send me your favorite band stories - happy, sad, inspirational, silly. Reality is much more intriguing than fiction—you just can't make up some of this stuff—and while I know lots of things, there are many other great tales I have never heard. This could make a great book—minus the names, of course. Also, please send me any thoughts on how participating in this class has affected you in your current life. The stories I would love to have, but this second set of thoughts really is part of a serious research project I am involved with. Through my elected positions with the National Band Association and the American Bandmasters Association I am currently working on important improvements to the way we educate music teachers and collecting data that will help us better educate other teachers and administrators in the unique educational value of music in our schools and society. We all know that participating in a music program offers the opportunity to make great friends and experience wonderful things. Research tells us that playing music is one of the best things you can do for brain development and that people with a music background simply experience the world differently than other people. Your thoughts and experiences will be invaluable as we gather personal perspectives as a part of this project.

Please send your stories, experiences, thoughts and ideas to [banddirector@lbband.org](mailto:banddirector@lbband.org) so that I can start organizing all of this. You may also use this address to let us know that you plan to attend. It may be easier, however, to send the attached form and registration fee to the mailing address below— I really wish there was a way around this, but we really do not have the funds to do this without a small fee. Even if you are unable to attend the event, please send us your contact information and an up date on your family, school, job and activities.

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Again, please spread this to all your friends through your various contact mediums. At the Alumni Concert so many of you were kind enough to participate in last January we had people all the way from the first Lake Braddock graduating class. It would be wonderful to see each of you, but I have no way to contact everyone without your help.

Sincerely,

Roy C. Holder, Band Director  
Lake Braddock Secondary School

**Lake Braddock Band Reunion June 11, 2011**  
**Registration Form**

Band Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_)

Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (We will try)

Other family Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other T-Shirts requested – (in adult sizes) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will perform the end of "1812" with the Symphonic Band \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the "1812" music in advance \_\_\_\_\_

Given a choice I would prefer to play \_\_\_\_\_ (1<sup>st</sup> bone, 3<sup>rd</sup> clarinet, etc.) I will try, but I must first instrumentate the ensemble as it will exist.

(If you have a music lyre it would be good to bring it for this.)

Bass drums (cannons) and other percussion will be available, as well as other instruments as needed. If you know you need to borrow something - even just for the reading session, please list it here.

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Registration Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 per band alumni and \$10.00 each for any additional T-Shirts you may choose to purchase. (No fee for family members if no shirt is requested.)

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Mailing address

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We will be glad to have you join us even if you find you need to simply show up on the day of the event because you are not sure until then what you will be doing. However, for planning purposes - T-Shirt printing, tables and chairs, music folders, etc. - it would be Very helpful to have your registration for this event ASAP. Thanks! June and I are truly looking forward to seeing each of you.

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