

Lake Preston High School Band Handbook

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Mission Statement

Mrs. Vockrodt’s Mission Statement

I am committed to the success of my students through providing a wholesome education and worthwhile life skills. I will mentor and grow students into musicians through efficient and effective hands-on learning while creating music and having fun.

Lake Preston Band Program Mission Statement

The Lake Preston Band Program serves to provide a high quality musical experience for all of its members while fostering in them a lifelong love for music. By pursuing excellence at all times, our members will have the opportunity to work in harmony with each other to develop skills that will benefit them in all of their musical endeavors. Students will learn discipline, commitment, perseverance, and the satisfaction of achieving success by being the absolute best they can be. Life lessons such as these will enable students to be successful in every area of their lives.

Goals

- To provide a comprehensive knowledge of music through the performance, creation, and promotion of music.
- To provide an environment that promotes and encourages life-long learning and personal as well as professional growth.
- To create an environment that provides all students with a sense of community and loyalty to an organization bigger than themselves.
- To provide an opportunity for students to develop as disciplined, organized, and mature adults.
- To allow students to express themselves in a different, creative manner through the means of music.

Band Director

Director: Mrs. Kayla Vockrodt graduated in 2013 from Deubrook High School in White, South Dakota. In 2017, she received her Bachelor of Music Education from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She has a degree to teach both K-12 Band and Choir. Mrs. Vockrodt was involved in many ensembles over the years including the National FFA Band, South Dakota All-State Band, Intercollegiate Band, Marching Wolves, including marching for the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Clarinet Choir, Concert Band, Concert Choir, and was first chair clarinet for the NSU Symphonic Band. She enjoys teaching lessons and is excited to be teaching music.

Director Contact Information

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| Mrs. Kayla Vockrodt: | 605-847-4455 Kayla.Vockrodt@k12.sd.us via Remind | (School Phone #) (School E-mail) (Remind) |
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Lake Preston Music Department

Important Dates 2020-2021

September

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| Sept 18 | Marching at Homecoming | Lake Preston |
| Sept 22 | Registration deadline for All-State Orchestra Auditions | |
| Sept 24 | Marching Competition | Arlington |

October

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| Oct 2 | Marching at Arlington Homecoming | Arlington |
| Oct 8 | Choral Leadership Workshop (Mixed Octet) | Brookings |
| Oct 9 | All State Chorus Registration due | |
| Oct 9 | Marching Competition | Volga |
| Oct 13 | All-State Orchestra Auditions | Huron |
| Oct 13 | De Smet/Lake Preston MS Band/Choir Festival | De Smet |
| Oct 15? | Mixed Octet Workshop (AM) | Arlington |
| Oct 30-31 | All-State Chorus and Orchestra | Sioux Falls |

November/December

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| Nov 4 | Northern State University Instrument Day | Aberdeen |
| Dec 4-5 | North Area Honor Band | Aberdeen |
| Dec 8 | K-8 Winter Concert | Lake Preston |
| Dec 10-12 | HS Musical/Dinner Theater | Lake Preston |
| Dec ? | Audition deadline for Middle School All-State Band | |
| Dec 17 | Registration deadline for All-State Band Auditions | |

January/February

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| Jan 22 | All-State Band Auditions | Watertown |
| Feb 11-13 | SD Music In-service Conference | Brookings |
| Feb 23 | Afternoon of Arts (Show Choir/Jazz Band) | De Smet |
| Feb 24 | HS Region III Solo/Ensemble Contest | Watertown |
| Feb 26-27? | SDSU Honor Band | Brookings |

March

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| Mar 1 | Audition deadline for All-State Jazz Band | |
| Mar 2 | Festival for Young Voices (MS) | Brookings |
| Mar 5-6 | Middle School All-State Band | Huron |
| Mar 9 | East Central Middle School Honor Band | Brookings |
| Mar 16 | Show Choir/Jazz Band Concert | Lake Preston |
| Mar 25-27 | HS All-State Band | Brookings |

April

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| Apr 24 | LIW/MS Band Contest | De Smet |
| Apr 29 | Spring Awards concert 6-12 | Lake Preston |

May

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| May 4 | K-5 Spring Concert | Lake Preston |
| May 6-8 | All-State Jazz Band | Mitchell |
| May 7-9 | Music Trip to Kansas City/Branson | |

Brookings

Fundraisers

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| Aug 27 | World's Finest Chocolate sales |
| Oct 6 | Subway meal (VB vs. DS in lunchroom) |
| Oct 14-28 | Greenery Sales |
| Nov 23 | Approx. Greenery delivery (Ag Shop) |
| Dec 18 | Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym) |
| Jan 6-20 | Papa Murphy Pizza Sales |
| Jan 8 | Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym) |
| Jan 15 | Music Booster Meal (BBB in Lunchroom) |
| Jan 27 | Pizza Pickup (Gym Lobby) |
| Feb 2 | Music Booster Bingo @ Game (LP Gym) |
| Feb 10-24 | Butter Braids Fundraiser |
| Feb 11 | Bingo Appreciation @ Game (LP Gym) |
| Mar 25 | Butter Braids delivery (Gym Lobby) |

LP Pep Band Schedule 2021

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| Thursday, Jan 7 | GBB vs. Deubrook | Wash. & Lee Swing | Call time 7:00 pm |
| Friday, Jan 8 | BBB vs. Deubrook | Wash. & Lee Swing | Call Time 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, Jan 14 | GBB vs. De Smet | College Boy | Call time 7:00 pm |
| Friday, Jan 15 | BBB vs. De Smet | College Boy | Call time 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, Feb. 11 | BBB vs. Arlington | Arlington Fight Song | Call time 7:00 pm |
| Friday, Feb. 12 | GBB vs. Arlington | Arlington Fight Song | Call time 7:00 pm |

As a member of the HS Band, please mark these dates on your calendar so you can be available to play at pep band that night. (Exceptions may happen. If something comes up, talk to your director!)

You guys are GREAT musicians! Let's show our Diver Spirit and have some FUN doing what we do best 😊

It is likely that we will be asked to play at some tournaments and other events on rather short notice. If that is the case, I will notify *you as soon as possible* so you can make arrangements.

Possible Games to Play:

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| <u>State Pep Band???</u> State Girls Basketball Watertown – March 11-13 State Boys Basketball Aberdeen – March 18-20 | February 22nd | Girls BB Regions |
| | February 23rd | Girls BB Regions |
| | February 25th | Girls BB Regions |
| | March 1st | Boys BB Regions |
| | March 2nd | Boys BB Regions |
| | March 5th | Boys BB Regions |

Mrs. Vockrodt's Schedule

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | | | | | |
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| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | 10:48-11:37 LP HS Band | LP HS Band | LP HS Band | LP HS Band | LP HS Band |
| | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 5 | 12:10-12:59 LP MS Band | Lessons | LP MS Band | Lessons | LP MS Band |
| 6 | 1:10-1:56 LP 5th Grade Band | Lessons | LP 5th Grade Band | Lessons | LP 5th Grade Band |
| 7 | | Lessons | | Lessons | |
| 8 | | Lessons | | Lessons | |

Grading

Grading

Students will receive a grade based on participation in class. A – extra effort, B – what is expected, C – average, D – under average, F – poor effort. The following expectations will be considered in daily classes: S – Sit Tall, T – Track the Speaker, A – be Appropriate/Attitude, and R – Respect. If a student has an unexcused absence, this will also be considered.

Concerts

Students are required to attend each concert for a grade. Parents are highly encouraged to come. Concerts are *required* as a final test in band each semester. If a student is unable to come to a concert, the parents *and* student must talk to me ahead of time. The student will have to make up the concert by watching the concert online, answering questions about the concert, and playing their music for me. If the concert is not made up, the student will receive a zero for incomplete work on the concert.

Pep Band

Students that are in High School Band need to be at scheduled pep band games. If you are involved in the sport that we are playing for, you are excused from pep band. JV players can join us as soon as their duty to their sport is finished. If you have an excused absence, please let me know 1 day before the game.

Extra Credit

1. At the end of each concert, students can bring me their music and show me the notes that they have made in their music. For every 5 markings, I will award 1 point.
2. For every 10 minutes a student practices at home, I will give them 1 point of extra credit. The practice record must be signed by a parent. Up to 10 points can be applied to “Performances” and the rest will go under “STAR.”

Other

There may be other areas of grading depending on what we are learning each quarter. Other areas of grading may include Class Trips, Projects, Signing the Handbook Contract, and others.

If there are any situations of misconduct in class, students may be removed from the class. If a student is removed up to 3 times, they will be removed from the class. Please refer to student handbook for more information.

Other Opportunities

Star Spangled Banner

Students in grades 9-12 can audition to represent Lake Preston High School at South Dakota State sporting events as well as for local sporting events. Please talk to Mrs. Vockrodt if you are interested.

All-State Orchestra

Students in grades 9-12 can audition to represent Lake Preston High School at the SD All State Orchestra. Auditions are in October. See me for the prepared etude, scales, audition packet, and to sign up for a few lessons with me.

All-State Band

Students in grades 9-12 can audition to represent Lake Preston High School at the SD All State Band. Auditions are in January. See me for the prepared etude, scales, audition packet, and to sign up for a few lessons with me.

All-State Jazz Band

Students in grades 9-12 can audition to represent Lake Preston High School at the SD All State Jazz Band. Recorded auditions are due in January. See me for an etude, scales, and practicing improvisation in your lessons with me.

NSU Instrument Day

Northern State University has an entire day devoted to your instrument! It is a day spent with people that specialize playing your instrument and playing with a group of people on your instrument. It's a very fun and informative day!

SDSU Honor Band

This is an auditioned band that is held in Brookings, SD. You will play with many students in the east central part of the state. Please let me know if you are interested in trying out.

Rehearsal Expectations

Before class, you will have **roughly 3 minutes after the bell rings** until I start class. After about 3 minutes, I will start class and you must be sitting in your chair with your instrument in your hand. Please follow the following

- Showing up on time.
- Sitting in your assigned seat with your instrument.
- Gum is not allowed.
- Please only drink water during class. Other drinks may ruin your instruments.
- Please drink water! *No other liquids or food.*
- Have a pencil at all times.
- Sit in your assigned seat.
- Talk **only** if you have a question.
- Listen to me (your teacher!)
- No cell phones during class.

*Masks: required on certain skills/days for staff/students (determined by staff member)

Challenging

If you would like to challenge the person ahead of you in band, you must prepare a short etude or part in the music we are working on and two scales. You have two weeks to prepare your challenge. Playing ability, leadership skills, and attitude in class will all be assessed in the decision. If you are challenged and you do not want to participate, you will have to give up your chair in forfeit.

Concert Etiquette

for parents & students

1. Please refrain from talking and enjoy the performance. Your children and their peers worked very hard to put on a concert to entertain you. Let them show you how great they are!
2. Please silence your cell phone. Not only could it go off during the performance and distract your fellow audience members, but it follows the same idea as talking. It takes away from you listening to the hard work of the students!
3. Take photos! Record the performance! I love that you want to support your students and peers in the Lake Preston High School Band Program, but please do not get in the way of other audience members. Please stay seated and turn off your flash on your camera.
4. Stay for the whole concert! Each student at De Smet has worked very hard on their music especially for you!
5. Applaud between pieces! If there is more than one movement to the piece, wait until the very end to show your appreciation of the music.
6. If you need to leave during the performance, please wait until the piece of music has ended. Leave and return to the concert hall between pieces.

Concert Dress Code

If we have a concert, are going to contest, auditions, etc., students will use the following guidelines below for concert dress code. The Concert Dress Code should also coincide with the Dress Code in the school handbook. Ask Mrs. Vockrodt if you are wondering about the dress code BEFORE the event.

Band Trip Guidelines

All Band Trip Rules

1. All school rules apply on trips.
2. Students must show respect to chaperones at all times.
3. All bus travel procedures must be followed. Always obey those in charge. Stay in your seats. Throw away your trash.
4. On overnight trips on the bus, girls will sit with girls and guys will sit with guys.
5. Display proper behavior while traveling as a group at **all times**. Please refrain from causing disturbances or activities that are meant to attract attention to you as an individual. Set a good example for others.
6. Report any and all illness to a chaperone immediately.
7. **Always** travel in groups of 3 or more.
8. Let a chaperone know if you need to go somewhere at all times.
9. All students are responsible for the same rules that apply during the school day. Any rules in the school handbook must also be followed. Any actions requiring administrative support will be handled in that manner. If you have any questions regarding these, rules, please refer to the student conduct section in the school handbook.
10. Absolutely **NO** drugs or alcohol.

Hotel Rules

1. If we are in a hotel, show respect to the other guests. Be quiet.
2. All hotel room doors must be opened promptly at the request of a chaperone or the director – and only opened to a chaperone or the director after lights out.
3. No guys in girls rooms and vice versa.
4. After lights out and room check you **must** stay in your room.

Disciplinary Actions

- When infractions of the rules occur any of the following actions may be taken. Each situation is different and the band director will keep this in mind when giving consequences.
1. There is a one strike policy on trips. Students will receive only one warning before further disciplinary action is taken.
 2. The student(s) involved will be constantly chaperoned for the remainder of the trip.
 3. The student(s) involved will be sent home with a chaperone with all costs payable by the parents and/or students involved.
 4. Upon returning to school, appropriate referral measure will be carried out by the building administrators.

Instrument Step-Up List

Flute (open hole)

- 1) Pearl 665 RB Coda Series (Solid Silver Headjoint, with B foot)
- 2) Pearl 765 RB Coda Series (Solid Silver Headjoint, with B foot)

Clarinet (all Grenadilla wood)

- 1) Buffet R-13 (either Grenadilla wood or Greenline)
- 2) Buffet E-11
- 3) Leblanc Noblet 40 or 45
- 4) Yamaha YCL-450

Clarinet Step-Up Mouthpiece Kit:

- 1) **Mouthpiece:** Vandoren 5RV Lyre; Rico Reserve (see me about which kind!)
- 2) **Ligature:** D. Bonade inverted 2250 Nickel; Luyben plastic ligature; or Vandoren "Optimum" Silver ligature; or Rovner Dark Bb (leather)
- 3) **Vandoren Reeds** (2.5 or 3)
- 4) **"Thumb Ease"** (thick thumb pad)
- 5) **Mouthpiece patch** (rubber patch that goes on top of mouthpiece)
- 6) **Reed Case:** Protec, Vandoren, Selmer

Alto Saxophone

- 1) Selmer La Voix II or Super Action 80 Series II
- 2) Yamaha YAS-62II

Tenor Saxophone

- 1) Selmer Super Action 80 Series II
- 2) Cannonball wide-bell
- 3) Yamaha YTS-52
Lacquer: Silver (brighter sound), Black (mellow), Gold (usual)

Sax Step-Up Mouthpiece Kit:

- 1) **Mouthpiece:** Selmer C Star, Meyer G5 (jazz), Metal Jazz Selmer C Star
- 2) **Ligature:** D. Bonade inverted
- 3) **Vandoren Reeds** (2.5 or 3)

- 4) **Mouthpiece patch** (rubber patch that goes on top of mouthpiece)
- 5) **Reed Case:** Protec, Vandoren, Selmer

French Horn

- 1) Yamaha YHR-668NDII Professional Double French Horn^[L]_[SEP]
- 2) Conn 8-D Connstellation Series Double French Horn, Nickel Silver Fixed Bell
- 3) Holton
Mouthpieces: Laskey 75G, Moosewood B12

Trumpet

- 1) Yamaha YTR-8335RGS Xeno
- 2) Selmer Bach Stradivarius 180
- 3) Blessing BTR-1469
- 4) Bach TR200 or 180S37
Mouthpieces: Bach 7C, 3E, 1B, 17C, Curry 7C, 3C, 00S, Jet Tone 10

Trombone

(with F trigger attachment)

- 1) Selmer Bach 36B Med-Lg bore .525
- 2) Selmer Bach 42B .547 bore
- 3) Conn 88H .547 bore
Mouthpieces: Bach 3G, 5G, 5GS, 7C, 6 1/2 AL, Yamaha 51C4

Euphonium (Large Bore)

- 1) Yamaha YEP-321S
- 2) Mack Brass
Mouthpieces: Shilke 51D

Tuba

- 1) Holton Collegiate BB460
- 2) St. Petersburg 202
- 3) Conn 5J
Mouthpieces: Bach 18, 12, 7, 24AW, Conn Helleberg Standard of Deep

Student/Parent Band Contract

SIGN AND RETURN BY **Wednesday, Aug, 26th, 2020**

- I have **discussed** and **reviewed** all the information in the handbook with my child, and I understand its contents and my responsibility as to these policies and conditions.
 - May be viewed on www.lakepreston.k12.sd.us or <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SXovMitpLzpyB-FwhtWF96yDqFqvt-yR/view?usp=sharing>
- As a student, I understand that I am an important part of the ‘team’ called band, and my participation and effort, whether positive or negative, greatly impact the overall outcome. A team cannot function without each player doing their part.
- As a parent, I support my student’s decision to participate in band at Lake Preston Junior High & High School.
- We understand that band is a unique experience filled with rewards for those who strive to meet goals. We also understand the idea of cooperative goals and the responsibility of each individual in meeting those goals in a timely fashion.
- We agree to do our part to help the director and the administration of Lake Preston High School to meet the musical demands of the Lake Preston High School Band Program.
- My child has my permission to attend district, out-of-district trips and school-sponsored extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.
- I understand that Lake Preston School District will not be liable for injuries and medical cost for students. My signature also serves as permission for my child to obtain medical treatment on a school-sponsored trip.

I have read the policies and participant expectations, and agree to abide by them by signing this document.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Remind

I will use Remind to send out reminders of concerts/pep band, stay connected with students/parents, and to keep everyone informed. Students are required to sign up for Remind. If they do not have a cell phone, they can sign up with their school email. Please sign up you and your student(s) at www.remind.com, by downloading the Remind App, or by texting **81010** and join using these codes:

Band - @ hsbandlp **MS Band** - @ msbandlp **5th grade Band** - @5lpband

Parent signed up for Remind (*highly recommend*) Yes _____ No _____
 Student signed up for Remind (required) Yes _____ No _____