Hello 2015 LMB Members!

We are 3 weeks away from Band Camp! The LMB has 217 members as of today! That number includes a record 92 new members and a net increase of 30 members from 2014! GO LAKERS! ANCHOR UP! ANCHOR UP!” is the new slogan for the “L” sign we use.

I want each of you to approach this season with your “anchor up” and make sure that you are personally ready for band camp, the season, and your upcoming year at GVSU! It all starts with YOU!

The next “Weekly LMB Newsletter” will be posted on Sunday, August 2, 2015. Please begin to check your GVSU e-mail each day. We are sending all e-mails to your GVSU e-mail, or personal e-mail (if you have not registered for MUS 107), or personal e-mail if you are attending another school.

I. 2015 Band Camp Registration and MUS 107 Registration – DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2015
A. The registration for the 2015 LMB Band Camp is open. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/marchingband under “2015 Season” - then, “Band Camp Registration.” Everyone must register by August 1, 2015. We must place clothing orders soon after. If you have any questions or need financial assistance, please contact Dr. Martin.
B. Everyone GVSU Student must register for MUS 107 (Section 01 or Section 02). If you have any scheduling problems, please contact Dr. Martin by phone at 616-328-1500 ASAP! Remember that MUS 107 is a tuition refund class for any LMB member taking over 15 credit hours in the fall. If you are taking over 15 credit hours, you must pay the extra cost upfront to GVSU, but you will be funded the full amount for 1 credit hour in November.

II. Pregame Music Memorization Videos – Due between August 10 to August 17
We have changed the process concerning the memorization check-off of the Pregame music!
A. Each wind & percussion member (including section leaders) will send an e-mail to GVSUBands@gvsu.edu that contains 3 hyperlinks to “unlisted” Youtube videos that show you playing your part to different sections of the Pregame show music memorized.
B. You must face the camera and be at least 6 feet away from camera.
C. Take the marked tempos for each tune and have a metronome ticking during your videos.
D. Video 1 – Pregame A (mm=140), Alma Mater (mm=88), National Anthem (mm=96)
   Video 2 – Pregame B (mm=140), Pregame C (mm=104), Pregame D (mm=140)
   Video 3 – Pregame E (mm=140), Pregame F (mm=140), Pregame G (mm=140)
E. Video Links due between August 10 to August 17
F. If you need a GVSU marching instrument for the rest of the summer, please contact the Band Office by e-mail at GVSUBands@gvsu.edu or call (616) 331-3396.

III. Added 2015 Performance – 2015 FanFest – FULL BAND -Thursday, August 27 from 5-7:30pm
Though I rarely add a performance to our calendar, I have added a Pregame performance on Thursday, August 27 from 5-7:30pm for the 2015 FanFest event hosted by GVSU Athletics at Lubbers Stadium. This event is for the whole GVSU student body to learn cheers for the game and our traditions. This is a HUGE opportunity for the LMB! We get to “teach” the students what we do in Pregame and the stands. That night the football team is introduced and all incoming freshmen at GVSU make a huge picture on the field. We will practice our march over to the stadium as well that evening.

IV. Practicing with LMB Warm-Ups – Use of Flexibility #1, #2, and #3 – Show #1 Music
A. Please begin to work Flexibility #1 (music in the “Members Only” area on LMB website) and move to the next once you can comfortably play #1.
B. By August 1, 2015, there will be videos on the website demonstrating our warm-up routine that will consist of breathing exercises, articulation exercises, use of the flexibility exercises, and tuning.
C. Begin to work on Show #1 music. It does NOT have to be memorized!