



Leon High School

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Lion Steel Band Program

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Dear Leon Community Band Members (and Prospective Members),

Welcome to Fall 2023! If you are reading this letter, you have been an important part of this special music community (or are about to join us – welcome!). I am thrilled to let you know that we will be starting up the Fall 2023 Season for the Leon Community Steel Band Program next week - September 11th - 15th and will conclude with our Winter Concert on November 29th.

The steel bands in our community program are open to anyone over 18yo (no HS students). There are three separate bands, each of which will rehearse one evening a week in our “panyard” portable located near the north end (Miccosukee Rd exit) of the Leon HS parking lot.

Our three bands are as follows:

“Pans de Leon” = beginner-friendly; meets Tuesday nights 6:00 - 7:30p; *instructor: Allen Justus*

“Pandemonium” = beginner-friendly; meets Wednesday nights 6:00 - 7:30p; *instructor: Allen Justus*

“Stainless” = advanced steel; meets on Thursday nights 6:00 - 7:30p; *instructor: Kayleen Justus*

The Fall 2023 Fee for each member per band is \$140, which covers the following operational costs (*please note that the cost of tuning, equipment, and shirts increased last Spring and because of this we have had to increase the fee for LCSB by \$15 total*):

- \$20 toward the cost of: your band shirt, copies of your sheet music, replacement mallets/tips
- \$45 for instrument tuning and equipment maintenance
- \$75 instructional fee

The Fall 2023 fee can be paid ONLY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (NO CASH) ****made to “LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS”**** and is due to your band’s instructor by October 1st, 2023. Instructors will provide a receipt to you after payment of the fee.

You should complete your registration for the Spring 2023 season by *filling out the Google Registration Form here***** before attending the first band meetings next week. You should also bookmark the Leon Community Steel Band page on the Lion Steel website HERE: <https://leonperformingarts.org/lionsteel/leon-community-steel-bands/> *****If you know of someone who’d like to join but who may not be on the email contact list, please share this letter and/or the links for the registration form and website with them.**

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me either at my school email – justusk@leonschools.net and/or via the REMIND app (**everyone MUST sign up for the Fall 2023 REMIND GROUP by texting “@lcsteelf23” to the phone number 81010**). We look forward to jamming out in the panyard with you again soon!

Cheers,

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Director of Steel Bands

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