

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Leon Community Band Members (and Prospective Members),

I am thrilled to let you know that we will be starting up the Spring 2024 Season for the Leon Community Steel Band Program during the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>! If you'd like to join us, please continue reading, follow the directions in this letter, and simply show up to the first rehearsal during that week. We'll get you started with everything you need that week!

If you are new to the program or a returning member, it's important to note that there are three separate ensembles in our Leon Community Steel Band program. Each band rehearses one evening a week in our "panyard" portable located near the north end (Miccosukee Rd exit) of the Leon HS parking lot.

Our three ensembles are:

- "Stainless" = advanced steel; MONDAY nights 6:00 - 7:30p; instructor: Kayleen Justus
- "Pans de Leon" = beginner-friendly; TUESDAY nights 6:00 - 7:30p; instructor: Allen Justus
- "Pandemonium" = beginner-friendly; WEDNESDAY nights 6:00 - 7:30p; instructor: Allen Justus

The Spring 2024 Fee for each member per band is \$160 (if you already have a tee shirt) or \$180 (if you do not have one yet). *The fee has increased from Fall 2023* due to increases in the cost of tuning, materials, and instruction. Your Spring 2024 fee covers the following operational costs:

- \$20 toward the cost of: ink and paper for sheet music, mallets and tips, classroom and equipment maintenance supplies (hand sanitizer, soap, paper towels, Windex)
- \$50 for instrument tuning and equipment maintenance
- \$90 instructional fee for 15+ rehearsals
- \$20 for your band t-shirt (if you do not already have it)

**Total Fee per person, per band = \$180 (\$160 if you already have a shirt)**

**The Spring 2024 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 February 1st, 2024.** Instructors will provide a receipt to you after payment of the fee.

→ Please help your instructors prepare for the Spring 2024 Season by completing this [Google Registration Form](#) BEFORE January 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll get you signed up for the LCSB Spring 2024 Remind Group at the first rehearsal, too. You should also visit and bookmark the Leon Community Steel Band page on the Lion Steel website HERE: <https://leonperformingarts.org/lionsteel/leon-community-steel-bands/> - the relevant links and info for Spring 2024 will be shared on that page, too.

*If you know of someone who'd like to join but who may not be on the email contact list, please share this email message and/or the link 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](mailto:justusk@leonschools.net). We look forward to jamming out in the panyard with you again in January 2024!

Cheers,

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