

# LVW 2012 Additional Information

## A. PARTICIPATION

Participation in **Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin** is open to any student who is regularly enrolled in the band program of one of our member schools. This includes seniors who will be graduating at the end of the school year. In addition, students at other WELS high schools or public high school students who are enrolled in band and are a member at one of our member school's federation congregations may also participate. Eighth grade students who are enrolled in one of our member school's grade school band programs may also participate with the approval of the high school band director.

## B. PERCUSSION

Those students who are percussionists will be placed on an instrument that suits their ability. This will be determined at a placement audition at the first rehearsal. We do not prohibit anyone from participating in LVW. The audition simply ensures proper placement on the piece of equipment for which you are best suited. Students who wish to be a part of our "Front Ensemble" (Mallets and other auxiliary for the field show) need not be a member of their schools band program, but must comply with all other membership requirements as outlined above. Students who play piano and wish to play mallets must be taking private piano lessons to qualify for membership.

## C. COLOR GUARD

Positions in the color guard of LVW are open to any female student who is regularly enrolled in one of our member schools, WELS high school students, public school students and eighth grade students as outlined above. This includes seniors who will be graduating at the end of this school year. These students need not be enrolled in the school's band program. All girls in the color guard will be Working Flags, with the possibility of handling other visual equipment as well.

At the first rehearsal in January, guard members will learn the basics of handling flags and other equipment. Therefore it is not necessary to have prior experience to be a member of the LVW Color Guard.

## D. DRUM MAJOR

The position of Drum Major is open to any student in grades 10-12 who is regularly enrolled in the band program of one of our member schools. The position of Drum Major is kept until the student chosen to fill it graduates out of our group. **We will be filling one Drum Major position for the 2012 season.** One current drum major will be returning for the coming season, and we will audition one additional drum major. The auditions for the second Drum Major position will be held during the January rehearsal. If you are interested, speak with your school's band director.

## E. REHEARSALS

Full-band rehearsals will begin in January. The schedule for rehearsals during the school year will be as follows:

<b>January 14-15</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>April 14-15</b>	<b>May 13</b>
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The February, March, and May rehearsals will run from 1:00 - 5:00 PM and will be held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Your school arranges for transportation to and from these rehearsals. Please note the special rehearsal weekends in January and April. The times will be 2 – 9 on Saturday, and 9 – 2 on Sunday. The band will stay overnight at FVL and worship together on Saturday evening at an area WELS church.

## F. FINANCES

The per-student cost for the 2012 LVW season is **\$850**. This fee includes:

1. All transportation costs (buses, vans, motor coaches, truck), beginning with the first rehearsal in January and extending through the final event in July.
2. All meals when the band eats together as a group (exceptions: free time; brown bag rehearsals; occasionally a few meals on a trip).

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3. All expenses connected with Band Camp and summer rehearsal camps.
4. All entrance fees (with the exception of a few possible sightseeing opportunities).
5. Seasonal T-shirt
6. All uniform expenses.
7. All instructional fees.
8. All housing costs.

As you can see, this fee covers virtually every cost connected with LVW's summer program except personal spending money. It should be noted that this per-student cost may be lower at your school due to contributions from a music support group and/or designated funding efforts. The director at your school will give you the exact cost for the students from your school.

## G. DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

All LVW information is available on our website. In an effort to save on expenses, we distribute all newsletters and other announcements via E-mail and the website. If some families do not have E-mail or internet, special arrangements can be made with that family's local director. Please indicate your E-mail address in the space provided on the online registration form. Note that there is a space for student and parent E-mail. We will send periodic email to parents and/or students. We will post important information on the band's website at [www.lutheranvanguard.org](http://www.lutheranvanguard.org). You can check that website at any time. Look under the "Weekly Updates/Blog" tab for updates and announcements, and the registration, calendar, and other forms are available on the Home Page.

LVW is also on Facebook! Search "Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin" for our general page, and members and parents for 2012 can also join the group page at "LVW 2012".

## H. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Please fill out the online Registration Form no later than **Thursday, December 1**. The registration fee of \$100 should be mailed to FVL at the address listed below by December 1 as well.

The other forms (Medical, Permission, and Code of Conduct) should be mailed to FVL by January 14, or simply brought to the first rehearsal camp in January.

You may mail all forms and payments directly to the FVL business office to the attention of "LVW". Payment of the remaining portion of the fee (\$750 after the registration fee) should be sent to FVL according to the following schedule:

**February 15 - \$250**

**April 15 - \$250**

**June 1 - \$250**

You will receive billing statements in the mail beginning prior to our first rehearsal in January. Please do not give payments to your school's director. You may pay the fee earlier than the above dates if you prefer.

**Please make checks payable to: Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin.**

PLEASE NOTE: *Should you decide to drop from LVW, **the registration fee is non-refundable.** The registration fee is included as part of the \$850 fee for the summer.*

**Send forms and payments to:**

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin  
5300 North Meade Street  
Appleton, WI 54913

## I. GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING REQUIRED FOR LVW MEMBERSHIP

LVW members MUST have all previous years' fees paid in full to be considered for membership. Fees for the 2012 season must also be paid according to the schedule as outlined above. Failure to do so may result in termination of membership. If you have special circumstances that prevent the fee from being paid on time, please contact James Neujahr at [jneujahr@fvlhs.org](mailto:jneujahr@fvlhs.org) or speak with him directly at 920-739-4441 x5160.