



Dear Leigh Winter Percussion Families,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2023/2024 Winter Percussion season! We have a great show planned this year. We enjoyed seeing many of you at our meeting on Monday, but if you missed it, here is a link to the slide show presentation:

[2023-24 WP Parent meeting slide show](#)

Budget/Donations

As we discussed at the parent meeting on December 4, the total cost operating budget is approximately \$74,507. Please refer to the slide show for a more detailed breakdown of expenses.

Based on the actual membership, our **requested donation** per student is **\$2000**.

If you are able to donate the full amount of \$2000, that would be fabulous, and we thank you. If you are only able to donate a portion of the ask, any amount is greatly appreciated. Please give what you can.

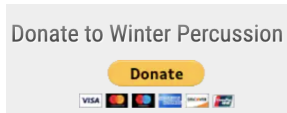
We realize it may be easier to break your donations up over time. Here is a suggested schedule:

December 15, 2023: \$700

January 15, 2024: \$700

February 15, 2024: \$600

It would be most appreciated if you could make your donation on the PAPA website. **All donations are tax deductible.** Here is a link:



<https://leighpapa.org/marching-arts/winter-percussion/>

(Alternatively, you may pay by check payable to **Leigh PAPA**)

Please be aware of how to make your contribution stretch farther by checking if your company offers **Corporate Matching** programs. It all adds up!

Thank you in advance for your generous financial support of our program!

Rehearsals

Below is our practice schedule:

Practices

- Front Ensemble: Mon/Wed/Fri, 4:30-8:30pm;
After Dec. Holiday break- Sectionals will be offered, Sat 10am-1pm
- Battery, Horn/Visual: Mon/Fri 4:30-8:30pm; Sat 10am-5pm

Show weeks practices

- Front Ensemble and Battery/Horn/Visual: Mon/Wed/Fri 4:30-8:30

There will also be some **intensives** during President's break and Spring break.
Please see the slide show for dates and times.

Please make sure to note the dates on your calendar. The staff realizes the value of family time, as well as the need for sufficient rehearsal time. The calendar is our best attempt at balancing the two.

Students are expected to attend every rehearsal. Please have students communicate directly with **Ryoken Apostol and their section manager** well ahead of any planned absences.

Show Shirt Design Submission

We'd like to invite all Winter Percussion students and parents to submit a design for the t-shirt for this year's show, "**Late Night Longhorns.**" Please keep your designs to three colors or less, and keep in mind the design will be printed on a black shirt. Please submit designs to us at papa_winterperc@leighpapa.org. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, January 5, 2024.** Voting will be open to students and parents after the submission date.

Fundraising

We have many fundraising ideas, but need people to help implement them. Please contact us if you would like to help!

Our first fundraiser, **Frontier Soups**, is underway. We are asking each student to have a goal of selling **15 soups**. The soups are healthy, easy to make and can make a delicious, hearty meal. Here is the link for soup: [Frontier Soup Brochure](#)

Orders are due after the December break on **Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.**

Please watch for a separate email which will contain an ordering form and information.

Volunteer Opportunities

With a smaller group of students than in marching band, winter percussion is an "**all hands on deck**" experience. We will be needing Level 1 Certified volunteers, pit pushers, folks to assist with props creation, food crew, uniform fitting, fundraising, and more. Here is the link with information on starting the Level 1 certification process:

<https://leighpapa.org/volunteer-certification/>

*Volunteer: sign-ups for our WP competitions will begin with our first competition on February 24. ***Please be on the lookout at that time.***

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Again, we are glad that your student is joining us for the season. They are in for a fabulous experience, and YOU are too! Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we may be of assistance in any way. We are here to help this season be the best it can be for everyone.

Marianne Siu and Krissy Tran