

2023-2024 Welcome Letter



Incoming Students & Family Information

February 1, 2023

Dear incoming Freshmen Band Students & Parents,

I want to welcome you to the Lee High School Band program! Continuing your musical education in high school is one of the most rewarding and positive aspects of the next four years. Students have the opportunity to perform in numerous ensembles, play at a variety of venues, and take part in once-in-a-lifetime experiences. As a member of the Gander Band, you join a tradition of excellence through music.

Our band program is multi-faceted. Students have the opportunity to perform in the Marching Band, one of our Concert Bands, Jazz Ensemble, and Color Guard. Percussion students can also participate in percussion ensemble and the Steel drum band. We invite you to pursue your passion and find your place in the Lee Band family.

Making the transition from middle school to high school can be an intimidating time. I strongly encourage you to jump in *feet first* and become a member of the Marching Gander Band. This ensemble boasts a rich history of competitive success and camaraderie. More importantly, you remain connected to your peers, strengthen friendships, and make a host of new friends who all share a passion for music and performance, just like you! The members of the marching band consistently count their experiences in that ensemble as their top high school memories.

Exciting plans for the 2023-2024 school year are already in the works! You will be the inaugural class to call our new rehearsal facility home. As we open brand new fine building at Lee HS, we are moving into a new state-of-the-art band room that will support our music programs for years to come. Be on the lookout for more news and announcements about the official opening later this semester.

If you have any questions regarding the band program, you are always welcome to email us at:

Robert.poulin@gccisd.net

or Ms. Cassie Smith at Cassandra.smith@gccisd.net,

or Dr. Stefan Ice at Stefan.ice@gccisd.net

Make sure to visit the band website at www.thefamousroborteleeband.com and navigate to the incoming student page at <http://www.thefamousroborteleeband.com/new-students.html> On the website you will find a lot of information you and your parents really need to know to feel comfortable getting started in the high school band.

I look forward to you joining our family and sharing in all the amazing experiences you will have as a member of the Gander band!

Sincerely,
Robert Poulin
Director of Bands
Baytown Lee High School