

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



September 24, 2023

Dear Band Families,

Congratulations to the Gold Band on winning Class AAA and for finishing 2nd overall out of 13 bands at the Norwin PIMBA competition on Saturday! Thanks to all the families who came to cheer on the Band - the students appreciate your support.

Be aware that times and locations may change, so please check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and important announcements. Interested in receiving future copies of this newsletter via email? [Sign up today!](#)

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, September 25

- Spirit Night at Totopo - bring a printed copy of [the flyer](#)

WEDNESDAY, September 27

- 7:40am - 8:05am - GOLD BAND SECTIONALS (GOLD BAND WOODWINDS)
 - #1 Woodwind Feature in Opener
 - #2 Woodwind Feature in Ballad
- 5pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
 - 5:00pm - 8:00pm WINDS & PERCUSSION
 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm GUARD

THURSDAY, September 28

- 7:40am - 8:05am GOLD BAND SECTIONALS (GOLD BAND BRASS)
 - #1 Brass Feature in Opener
 - #2 Ballad Impact
- 5:30pm - 9:00pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (STADIUM)
- 7:30pm - 8:00pm - PARENTS SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISER PICK-UP in FINE ARTS THEATRE LOBBY
- 8:00pm - 9:00pm MANDATORY BOA TRIP MEETING (FINE ARTS THEATER)
for parents / guardians (students will meet separately)
- 9:00pm - BOA TRIP CHAPERONE MEETING

FRIDAY, September 29 - Away Game vs. Upper Saint Clair

- 5:00pm GOLD BAND REPORT TO THE BAND ROOM
- OPTIONAL - Blue Band members are welcome to come to any away game to play/cheer in the stands and help move equipment - WEAR FULL UNIFORM

Top priority this week:

- Please take a minute to participate in [the Community Letter Campaign](#).

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; REFER TO THE BAND APP FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR INFORMATION

REMINDERS

Mandatory BOA Trip Meeting (Parents / Guardians) - Thursday evening (see schedule)

For all students going on the BOA Trip, at least one parent / guardian must attend. The purpose of this meeting is to share important guidelines, requirements, and logistics. Please plan to attend.

Parents / guardians will meet in the Fine Arts Theatre (students will meet separately). We'll have a brief social prior to the meeting, so please plan to arrive at 7:30pm.

Immediately after the meeting, we will conduct a separate meeting for BOA trip chaperones .

Fundraiser Pick-up

Anyone who has not yet picked up their show shirts, yard signs, Lebo slides, or spirit wear can do so before the BOA trip meeting on Thursday starting at 7:30pm in the Fine Arts Theatre lobby.

This is also a great opportunity to order a pie or two!

PIMBA Competition - Volunteers still needed

If you have not been contacted to sign up for a time slot at our upcoming PIMBA competition, please reach out to GG Strom ASAP at (717)977-8733 to discuss options and how you can help.

After seeing the Norwin competition on Saturday, we confirmed that additional support is needed. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to support this important event for our students.

PIMBA Tickets

During the first week of Band Camp, Section Leaders handed out envelopes containing **FIVE tickets** to all band members. Each student is expected to sell 5 tickets for the event. If your student did not give you their tickets, please check their backpacks, music folders, lunch boxes. etc. If you still can't find them, reach out to Pauli Green at pauli_green@yahoo.com. Payment can be made by check (made out to MLBB) or Zelle (to lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com).

Important note: the start time printed on the ticket is not correct. We will communicate an updated start time as soon as the schedule is finalized. Please share this update with ticket holders.

Carpool Cluster Sign-up

To help parents navigate practices and post-game pick-ups, we are happy to set up Carpool Clusters based on your closest elementary school. If you are interested in joining a cluster, please complete [this form](#).

Moon PIMBA Championships

Pre-order T-shirts: We are offering custom-designed event t-shirts for purchase. Here is a [T-shirt pre-order form](#) detailing available sizes, colors, and prices. Please distribute this form to your band students and families. All orders and payments are due by Friday, October 6th. As has been done in the past, we will have a very limited number of shirts available for purchase at the event. It is highly recommended that band families pre-order their shirts to ensure they receive their desired size and color. Pre-ordered shirts will be delivered to your band on the day of the competition.

This year Moon will be selling a printed PIMBA Championships program. [Here is a form](#) for any family interested in placing an ad in the program to recognize and support their student(s). Pricing guidelines and contact information are listed on the form. These ads are due by October 1st.

Student Pick-up from Away Games and Performances

If you would like to request that your student be excused from riding the bus transportation back to school following a band function, secure permission from the band director and return this [Request Form](#).

Chaperoning and Volunteering

If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering, be sure to complete your clearances.

- [Chaperone / Volunteer Clearance Instructions](#)
- [Chaperone Information](#)
- [Chaperone Sign-up Form](#)

COMMITTEES

Committee Sign-Up – We need you!

There are still some open Committee Sign-Up slots. Help us make this another great year for our students by volunteering for one of the open positions. See the sign-up [Committee Sign-Up Form](#) for details.

Calling all new Band Parents - we are looking for a new parent with accounting and data entry experience to shadow our Treasurer with the goal of filling this role as Co-Treasurer. Reach out to Erin Drozda.

FUNDRAISERS

Community Letter Campaign

We are in full fundraising mode as we get ready to host our first PIMBA competition! Please take a moment to print out and have your student sign the new [letter from Mr. Cheskawich](#). This campaign typically brings in a significant portion of our fundraising needs. Visit the [Fundraising page](#) of the website where you'll also find a [downloadable, editable letter](#) and a [PDF letter and instructions](#).

Spirit Night at Totopo

Mark your calendar to have dinner at Totopo on Monday, September 25. The band receives a portion of sales from all tables that present physical (preferred) or digital flyers for the event. Please print a copy of the [flyer from the Band app](#) and bring this with you to the restaurant!

Current Fundraisers

Check out the BAND app for details about our current fundraisers, including:

- [Hoagie Orders](#) - due September 24 (pick-up September 30)
- [The Pie Shoppe](#) - runs through September 26 (pick-up October 10)
- [Yard signs](#) - no deadline

REMINDER: Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Want to earn money towards your marching band trip? Earn 5% back by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards! In order to place an order we need to place an order for a combined total of \$5,000. Click on the link below to place an order! Link: <https://forms.gle/i6qGqsexxETyyqGNA>

USEFUL LINKS

Useful Links

- [BAND app](#) - the latest schedule, updates, and important announcements
- [Web site \(http://www.leboband.com\)](http://www.leboband.com) - forms and information that does not change frequently

