

# Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



**January 21, 2024**

Dear Band Families,

In this week's newsletter, we have important updates to share regarding a date change for the Small Ensemble Concert and cancellation of the Masquerade Gala fundraiser. Also remember to complete your parent/student surveys and review audition details for the High School Wind Ensemble and student leadership positions.

Congratulations to the Winter Guard for their first home show. A big thanks to all Band parents who volunteered to help.

As always, be aware that times and locations may change, so please check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and important announcements.

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## SCHEDULE for this WEEK

TUESDAY, January 23

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, January 24

- PEP BAND - Wrestling match against Upper St. Clair
  - 6:30pm - report

THURSDAY, January 25

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- PEP BAND - Girl's Basketball game against Baldwin
  - 6:30pm - report

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Small Ensemble Concert - rescheduled to Wednesday, January 31
- Hoagie orders for Super Bowl weekend due - Saturday, February 3

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

## REMINDERS

### **Masquerade Gala Fundraiser - CANCELED**

A big thanks to everyone who pitched in to help plan and advertise the Masquerade Gala fundraiser. Due to low attendance one month in advance, the Board has decided to cancel this event. Instead, we will focus on hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** in May. We're super excited to plan an event that will be a hit with our extended families and the community. It's also a great way for students to get together before the school year ends. Stay tuned for updates!

### **Small Ensemble Concert - POSTPONED TO JANUARY 31 (was January 23)**

This concert features members of our Wind Ensemble performing in smaller groups. The Jazz Ensemble will also perform.

Our small ensemble concerts are the only fundraisers for the High School Band Scholarship Fund, maintained by the Mt. Lebanon Band Builders. Tickets are \$5 each.

### **Parent / Guardian and Student Surveys - Due January 31**

Below are links to the 2023 marching band student and parent/guardian surveys. Please complete by January 31. We take your feedback seriously and appreciate thoughtful responses. Thank you!

- [Student Survey](#)
- [Parent/Guardian Survey](#)

### **Hoagie Orders for Super Bowl Weekend - Due February 3 at 5pm**

All 10" hoagies are **\$8** each with the General Fund receiving \$2.25 for each hoagie sold. This is an easy way to raise funds for the band - and you haven't lived until you've eaten a toasted Peppi's Italian :)

Want to raise money, but not eat the hoagies? You can buy hoagies to **donate** to area food shelters. Locations that will benefit include: Jubilee Kitchen, Shepherd's Heart, and Salvation Army in South Side. (Donated hoagies will be delivered to shelters thanks to Bonnie Dougherty).

Order [HERE](#) before Saturday, February 3 at 5pm. Pick-up will be Saturday, February 10 between Noon - 2pm.

### **2024 - 2025 Audition Information - Drum Major, Unit Captain / Section Leader, and Wind Ensemble**

The following audition packets went out last week. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cheskawich. Best of luck!

- [Drum Major](#)
- [Unit Caption/Section Leader](#)
- [Wind Ensemble](#)

### **Band Camp 2024 - [Save the dates](#)**

Week 1: Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2

Week 2: Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9

### **MLBB Board Positions - [Please consider signing up](#)**

As the Director begins planning the next season, it is imperative that we fill these important roles now before nominating for roles that will be vacant next year. Please consider joining the MLBB Board in the following positions: Co-Treasurer, Membership, Fundraising, Wind Musician Representative. For more information on each role, please contact [GGStrom717@gmail.com](mailto:GGStrom717@gmail.com).

## **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

