

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



April 1, 2024

Dear Band Families,

We hope you had a restful Spring Recess. As we enter the final 9-weeks of the school year, there are a number of rehearsals and events on the schedule, so be sure to check the Band app regularly.

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

[CLICK HERE TO BUY SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS!](#)

MLBB SPAGHETTI DINNER
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5pm - 8pm
Mt. Lebanon High School Cafeteria
Dine in or Take out

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, April 1

- 3:15pm - 5:15pm - WIND ENSEMBLE SECTIONALS/ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, April 2

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- 8am - 8:10am - WIND ENSEMBLE CLARINET SECTIONAL (Puszta Mvt. IV)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:55am - 8:10am - WIND ENSEMBLE WOODWIND SECTIONAL (Lux Aurumque)

THURSDAY, April 4

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- 8am - 8:10am WIND ENSEMBLE PICCOLO, FLUTE, OBOE, AND CLARINET I SECTIONAL (Puszta Mvt. I)

FRIDAY, April 5

- 7:55am - 8:10am - WIND ENSEMBLE BRASS SECTIONAL (Lux Aurumque)
- Leadership Audition Material Due
- Wind Ensemble Audition Material Due

SATURDAY, April 6

- 5pm - Hoagie Orders Due

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Basket donations for Spaghetti Dinner due - extended to Friday, April 19
- BAND AID - featuring Jazz Band and Uptown Rhythm & Brass - Friday April 26
- MLBB Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, May 10

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

REMINDERS

MLBB Spaghetti Dinner - [Volunteer sign-ups / Basket raffle donations \(deadline extended to April 19\)](#)

Our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 10 from 5pm - 8pm in the High School Cafeteria. We'll offer both dine-in and take-out orders. This will be our largest fundraiser this spring, so we're asking all families to help us make the event a success.

Please reach out to Cathy Neergaard (cathy.neergaard@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Volunteer Roles for Adults / Students - We have identified a number of volunteer roles for parents / guardians and students to help both before and during the Spaghetti Dinner. Please visit the [Sign-Up Form](#) to read role descriptions and sign up to help. For on-site roles, we ask that you only sign up for one role during each shift.

→ → → [LINK TO THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM](#) ← ← ←

Basket Raffle Donations - In order to make our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser since COVID a success, we are asking each Marching Band family to donate **one item** from the raffle basket list below, as well as **one gift card or lottery ticket**. Each section is being asked to donate for a specific raffle basket. Please mark each item with your name and its intended basket. Remember, these gifts are tax deductible, and directly benefits students in the Marching Band program. Thank you very much for your donation!

The deadline to drop off donations has been extended to Friday, April 19. Please drop off your items on Mondays between 5pm - 5:30pm at A2 (after Wind Ensemble rehearsal) with Cathy / GG or at 396 MAPLEWOOD DR, PITTSBURGH, PA, 15243-1853 - contact Nancy McKenna for more info.

BASKET THEMES	IDEAS
Summer Fun <i>PERCUSSION</i>	Pool noodles, floats, water guns, diving toys, goggles, sunscreen, tix to waterpark, beach towel, covered chair, umbrella, sunglasses, water bottle, wet bag, tote, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, cooler
Pamper /Spa <i>GUARD</i>	Luxury soaps, lotions, scrubs; face and hair masks; manicure supplies, robe, slippers, spa candle/aromatherapy, eye masks, foot bath, booties/gloves, massage gun
Garden Basket <i>WOODWINDS</i>	Garden tool bag, knee pad, gardening tools, seeds/bulbs, hat, chair with hood, gloves, hand lotion, gardening stool, towel, collapsible weed bin, scissors, nail brush, fairy accessories
Tea / Coffee / Breakfast <i>BRASS</i>	Selection of teas/ coffees, teapot or kettle, coffee pot or french press, infuser, biscotti, tea time snacks, coffee cakes, cloth napkins, travel mug, coffee/tea cups, jellies, cookies, honey

2024 - 2025 Audition Information - Applications due by April 5

Reminder: Do you wish to be considered for a student leadership position and / or Wind Ensemble? If so, remember that applications are due by April 5. Please see the links below for additional details:

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

If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cheskawich. Best of luck!

Band Camp 2024 - Save the dates

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

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

FUNDRAISERS

Marching Band Hoagie Sale - orders due Saturday, April 6

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, April 6 at 5pm. Pick-up will be Saturday, April 12 between 10am - Noon.

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.

