

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



October 15, 2023

Dear Band Families,

This is a big week for our band and families as we prepare to host our first Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band (PIMBA) competition. Please see additional details below. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this event!

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!](#)

URGENT: Due to the forecasted weather, we are in need of 10x10 or 10x20 tents for the PIMBA competition on Saturday, October 21. If you have a tent you can loan us, we would greatly appreciate it. Please email leboband@gmail.com to commit. Thank you!!

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

TUESDAY, October 17

- 6:30pm - 7:30pm - GOLD BAND (TBD)
- 7:30pm - 9:30pm - GOLD BAND (STADIUM)

THURSDAY, October 19

- 6pm - 9pm - GOLD BAND (STADIUM)

FRIDAY, October 20 - Away Game vs. Baldwin

- 5pm - GOLD BAND REPORT TO 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

SATURDAY, October 21 - PIMBA Competition at Mt. Lebanon

- 2:15pm - BLUE BAND REPORT TO BAND ROOM
- 2:30pm - 3:15pm - BLUE BAND REHEARSAL
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm - EAT / CHANGE
- 4:30pm - SHOW STARTS
- 8:15pm - AWARDS CEREMONY

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

PIMBA COMPETITION INFORMATION

Get the Latest Details

Check out [our website](#) for the latest performance schedule, concessions menu, and a digital copy of our amazing program. We'll continue to add additional information this week as plans (and contingency plans) are finalized.

Volunteers Needed

We still need a few additional volunteers to help with the competition on Saturday - [here's a link to sign-up](#). There are even tasks for teens (especially runners). There are also opportunities not advertised, so please reach out to GG Strom ASAP at (717)977-8733 to discuss options and how you can help.

PIMBA Tickets

Important update: the start time printed on the ticket is not correct. Gates open to the public at 4:00pm and opening ceremonies begin at 4:30pm.

As a follow-up to the email from Bonnie Dougherty this past week, if you have unsold tickets, please return them to Ben Dougherty (he is in the PIT and will have an envelope).

Fundraising Donations Requested

- Cookie Table - each family is kindly asked to donate 2-4 dozen cookies
 - Put cookies in ziplock bags (2 cookies per bag)
 - Bags must be labeled:
 - Nut free or Contains nuts
 - Dairy free
 - Gluten free
 - Please drop off cookies on Saturday (10/21) at the Cookie Table inside the stadium by 3pm
- Basket Raffle - each member of the Band is asked to donate an item towards the basket raffle
 - Baskets are being organized by section - please make a contribution:
 - Brass - coffee and tea basket
 - Woodwinds - game basket
 - Percussion - restaurant gift card basket
 - Guard - pampering basket
 - Gift basket items can be dropped off at Nancy's house (396 Maplewood Drive, 15243). Text Nancy at (412)551-6118 with questions or to arrange for pick-up. Thank you for supporting the basket raffle!

Candygrams

Candygram pre-sales will begin this week. To place an order, please see Ms. Miller ½ hour before or after this week's Band rehearsals on Tuesday / Thursday. [Details are available](#) in the Band app.

Moon PIMBA Championships - Saturday, October 28

Here is the Facebook event page for PIMBA Championships: <https://fb.me/e/1FGMi4SuD>. If you would like to share this with your band families, they are welcome to join. Additional information will be added as we get closer to October 28th. Please feel free to share this link.

REMINDERS

Chaperoning and Volunteering

As we approach the last weeks of the season, please take a look at your calendar and consider volunteering at one of the remaining events. There are a few more openings for both chaperones and PIT crew. Also, the Bloomfield Halloween parade was recently added - reserve your spot now [in the sign-up!](#)

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

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

FUNDRAISERS

Caliente Spirit Night - October 25, 2023 (all day)

Mark your calendar for October 25 to dine-in or pick-up from Caliente! A printed copy of the flyer must be presented - get a copy from the [calendar entry in the Band app](#).

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](#).

REMINDER: Shop 'n Save and Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Want to earn money towards your marching band trip - or start earning for next year? Earn 5% back by purchasing Shop 'n Save or Giant Eagle gift cards!

Shop 'n Save: To order the cards, we need to reach a combined total of \$2,500. Click on the link below to place an order! Link: <https://forms.gle/ka9oXTS7YHSBJfYGA>

Giant Eagle: To order the cards, we need to reach 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

