

# Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



**August 13, 2023**

Dear Band Families,

We had an amazing week #2 of band camp and completed our first performance at the Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade! We will continue to practice in preparation for our first home game on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and important announcements.

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## SCHEDULE for the WEEK (and next)

WEDNESDAY, August 16

- 1pm - 2:30pm BLUE BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)
- 2:30pm - 4pm GOLD BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)

THURSDAY, August 17

- 1pm - 4pm GOLD BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)

MONDAY, August 21

- 1pm - 2:30pm BLUE BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)
- 2:30pm - 4pm GOLD BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)

TUESDAY, August 22

- 7:45am - 9:30am BLUE BAND CONVOCATION PERFORMANCE
- 6pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (INSIDE / UPPER FIELD)
- 7:30pm - 9pm MLBB GENERAL MEETING IN FINE ARTS THEATER

THURSDAY, August 24

- 3pm - 4pm BLUE BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)
- 4pm - 6pm GOLD BAND (REHEARSAL AT STADIUM)
- 6pm MAKEUP PICTURES AT STADIUM GATE A

FRIDAY, August 25 - Home Game vs. Gateway

- 5:30pm REPORT IN FULL UNIFORM

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

## REMINDERS

### **Student Packet Update – Forms are due**

Please review the [Summer Checklist](#) and return your forms via email or printed copy as noted:

- Physical form - **PAST DUE** - return to Mr. Cheskawich
- Permission to travel form - **PAST DUE** - return to Mr. Cheskawich
- Marching band membership form and fee - due September 15 to [lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com)
- District's mandatory "pay to play" form and fee - due September 17 (not available yet)

### **2023 Band Pictures – Now available!**

Remember to visit <https://my.photoday.com/g/MTLMB23> to find your photos and order online. Additional details can be found in the BAND app (see post dated August 7). Free shipping is available for orders over \$55 - use the code LEBOSHIP at checkout.

### **Makeup Pictures – Thursday, August 17**

If you missed Picture Day, make-up photos will be taken on Thursday, August 17 at 6pm. Meet by Gate A at the stadium (the one closest to the concession stand).

### **Chaperoning and Volunteering**

If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering, be sure to complete your clearances. Here are links to some useful information:

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

### **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 a band director and return this [Request Form](#).

### **BOA Trip**

The final payment date for our BOA trip in October has been pushed back until later in August. We are confirming final numbers with the travel agency and verifying fundraising balances.

### **Student Ad in the PIMBA Competition Program**

Support your favorite band member by purchasing a student ad in the program! Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to purchase an ad. If you have questions, please contact Anita at [asrikam@aol.com](mailto:asrikam@aol.com).

## Uniforms

Curious how to keep your student's Band uniforms clean? Here's a link to the [uniform care instructions](#).

Fun fact: your gloves will last longer if you do not put them in the washer and dryer. Instead, hand wash them with a mild soap!

### Musicians Checklist

- Pants, called bibs (borrowed for season)
- Jacket with sash attached to front (borrowed for season)
- Gauntlets (2), one for each wrist (borrowed for season)
- Hat (band / wrap) / beret (borrowed for season)
- Baseball cap (provided once)
- Garment bag (must order)
- Duffle (must order)
- T-shirt (must order)
- Black Band Shoes (must order)
- Gloves (must order)
- Raincoat (must order)
- Garment bag (must order)
- Duffle bag (must order)
- Solid black crew-length dress socks (self purchase)
- Athletic shorts or leggings (self purchase)
- Cold weather gear – if worn under t-shirt, gray is preferred (self purchase)
- Hair ties and/or barrettes to pull hair into neat bun in your band hat (self purchase)
- Hand towel / deodorant / water bottle (self purchase)

### Guard Checklist

- Uniform (borrowed for season)
- Crop top and sleeves (borrowed for season)
- Tank top (must order)
- Hair piece (provided)
- Baseball cap (provided once)
- Garment bag (must order)
- Guard duffle bag (must order)
- Warmup jacket (must order)
- Shoes (must order)
- Gloves - for weapons only (must order)
- Unitard (must order)
- Raincoat (must order)
- Black no-show socks (self purchase)
- Hair ties and/or barrettes to pull hair into a ponytail (self purchase)
- Cold weather gear such as long-sleeve shirt and warm leggings (self purchase)
- Hand towel / deodorant / water bottle (self purchase)

## Sources of Information

With multiple sources available, how do you know where to look for Marching Band information? Here's a summary of our different communication channels:

- [BAND app](#) - this is our **primary communication channel** for parents and students to get the latest schedule, updates, and important announcements. Information is added and updated frequently, so please check daily!
- Web site: <http://www.leboband.com> - this is an external site for forms and information that does not change frequently
- Schoology - primarily intended for students, this is where they can find assignments, schedules, music, and other resources
- Instagram:
  - [mtlband](#) - Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band
  - [mtlperc](#) - Mt. Lebanon percussion
  - [leboguard](#) - Mt. Lebanon High School Winter Guards and Fall Color Guard Program
- Facebook:
  - [Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band](#)
  - [Mt. Lebanon Percussion](#)
  - [Lebo Guard](#)

## COMMITTEES

### **Committee Sign-Up – We need you!**

There are still some open Committee Sign-Up slots. Help us make this another great year for the kids 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 next year as Co-Treasurer. Reach out to Erin Drozda.

### **Annual Treasurer Audit**

We're looking for a person or committee to help with the Annual Treasurer's audit. It should take about 60-90 minutes. Please reach out to Erin Drozda at [eldrozda@gmail.com](mailto:eldrozda@gmail.com) or 412-304-4567.

## FUNDRAISERS

### **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>

### **Fundraisers**

All fundraising proceeds go towards lowering our final cost for the band trip. Check out the BAND app for details about our fundraisers, including:

- [Popcorn](#) - deadline extended until August 18
- [LeboSlides](#) – due August 18
- [Hoagie Orders](#) - due August 19 (delivered August 26)
- [Fall Mums Sale](#) – runs through September 22
- [Yard signs](#) – no deadline

