

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



August 27, 2023

Dear Band Families,

Our Blue and Gold Bands had amazing performances at the first home game on Friday. We hope you enjoyed their shows! Check out some of the photos on [Instagram](#).

Remember to 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 (and next)

- WEDNESDAY, August 30
- 5pm - 6pm BLUE BATTERY SECTIONAL (FINE ARTS THEATER-front)
 - 6pm - 7pm BLUE BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
 - 7pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
- THURSDAY, August 31
- 6pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (STADIUM))
- FRIDAY, September 1 - Away Game vs. Bethel Park
- 5pm GOLD BAND REPORT TO BAND ROOM
 - OPTIONAL - Blue Band members are welcome to come to any away game to cheer in the stands and help move equipment - WEAR FULL UNIFORM
- WEDNESDAY, September 6
- 5:45pm BLUE BAND REPORT TO BAND ROOM
 - 6pm (approx) PERFORMANCE (LIONS FARMER MARKET)
 - 7pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
- THURSDAY, September 7
- 6pm - 7pm BLUE BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
 - 7pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
- FRIDAY, September 8 - Home Game vs. Moon (7/8 Grade Band Night)
- 5:30pm REPORT TO UPPER PRACTICE FIELD IN FULL UNIFORM
- Also due September 8
- BOA final trip payment
 - PIMBA program student ad

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

REMINDERS

PIMBA Competition Overview

If you missed the MLBB General Meeting last week, please review the [PIMBA Overview](#) presentation to learn more about the competition we are hosting on October 21 - key takeaways include:

- Provides students with strong, holistic, and enriched educational opportunities to learn and grow
- Elevates the student experience to include exposure to marching bands with similar goals
- Requires a lot of planning and support to make this a success
- [LINK](#) to sign up as a chair or volunteer - we need everyone's help!
- And of course, great food is important 😊

Student Ad in the PIMBA Competition Program - **NEW DEADLINE September 8**

Don't miss the chance to support your favorite band member by purchasing a student ad in the program! To allow time for layout / design, please submit your form, design / pictures, and payment by September 8. Click [HERE](#) for additional information. If you have questions, please contact Anita at asrikam@aol.com.

BOA Final Trip Payment - Due Friday, September 8

MLBB was able to decrease each student's fee by \$100.00 due to past and expected fundraising efforts. The final balance due for the BOA Ohio Trip is \$300. Final payments are due by Friday, September 8, 2023. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Erin Drozda at lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com.

To pay the final balance:

Zelle: Mount Lebanon Band Builders

Debit / Credit Card (3% fee included):

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/mount-lebanon-band-builders/finaltrippayment>

Check made payable to: Mount Lebanon Band Builders

Mail check to: MLBB, PO Box 10476, Pittsburgh PA 15234

or drop off at Erin Drozda's house: 160 Seminole Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228 (Mail slot in garage door)

If you have not paid the initial \$200.00 yet, please submit the entire balance by September 8:

If you are using a Debit/CC please split it into two transactions (includes 3% fee):

- \$206 <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/mount-lebanon-band-builders/tripdeposit>
- \$309 <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/mount-lebanon-band-builders/finaltrippayment>

All other payment types can be combined and submitted using the details above.

Show Shirt and Yard Sign Pick-up

Parents who ordered show shirts or yard signs can pick them up at A2 during drop-off for the 6pm practice on either Wednesday, August 30 or Thursday, August 31.

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](#).

Student Drop-off / Pick-up

Please avoid dropping off or picking up students on Stadium Drive for practices and games while we work to improve safety surrounding the equipment trailer. Recommended drop-off / pick-up locations include A2, the Horsman Drive incline (across from the upper field), or the C20 loop.

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](#)

2023 Band Pictures - Remember to Order

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.

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 next year as Co-Treasurer. Reach out to Erin Drozda.

PIMBA Chairs / Volunteers

There are a lot of shifts still available. Please sign up today: [LINK](#)

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising Calendar

Check out the [2023 - 2024 Fundraising Calendar](#) on our website.

Community Letter Campaign

The Community Letter Campaign fundraiser is now underway! This fundraiser allows friends, family, and community members to make contributions to support the band program. Visit the [Fundraising page](#) of the website for a [downloadable, editable letter](#), as well as [Mr. Cheskawich's letter](#), and a [PDF letter and instructions](#).

Current 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:

- [Fall Mums Sale](#) – runs through September 22
- [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

