

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



September 17, 2023

Dear Band Families,

We are so proud of the Blue and Gold Bands for their performances at our home game on Friday. It is going to be an exciting week ahead as the Gold Band prepares for our first competition of the season. We hope to see you there!

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!](#)

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, September 18

- 3:15pm - 4:15pm GOLD BAND (WW, Brass & Drumline) REHEARSAL
Bring uniform hats, hat wrap, and gloves!

WEDNESDAY, September 20

- 6pm - 9pm GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)

THURSDAY, September 21

- 2:15pm - 3:15pm GOLD BAND (WW, Brass & Drumline) REHEARSAL
Bring uniform hats, hat wrap, and gloves!
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm GOLD GUARD SECTIONAL

FRIDAY, September 22 - Away Game vs. Seneca Valley

- 4:30pm GOLD BAND REPORT TO THE 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, September 23 - PIMBA Competition at Norwin

- 10:30am GOLD BAND REPORT TO HIGH SCHOOL IN PRACTICE CLOTHES for a light practice / warm-up - **bring lunch & full uniform / accessories**
- 11:45 EAT / PACK / LOAD
- 12:30pm DEPART
- 2:10pm WARM-UP
- 3:15pm PERFORMANCE
- 8:15pm AWARDS followed by 9:15pm DEPARTURE
- 10:15pm ESTIMATED RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL
- **Check the Band app for a more detailed schedule**
- How are bands adjudicated while competing?
See sample scoresheets and criteria reference (**Appendix A** of the [BOA Official Procedures and Adjudication Handbook](#))

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

REMINDERS

Upcoming Parent Meeting (Mandatory) - Date to be announced this week in the Band App

The next parent meeting will cover important details about the upcoming BOA Trip. Parents who have students participating in the trip are required to attend. Details will be posted in the Band App after the board meets this week.

Annual Band Membership Fee - Past due

Please remember to pay the [annual band membership fee](#). Multiple payment options are available.

PIMBA Competition - Volunteers still needed

As logistics come together for the PIMBA Competition on October 21, we still don't have enough volunteers to cover all committees / shifts. Before we reach out to elementary and middle school families, please take a minute to review the [sign-up form](#) and see how you can help! Not sure where you fit in? Reach out to any board member. We greatly appreciate everyone who contributes to the success of this event!

PIMBA Tickets

During the first week of Band Camp, Section Leaders handed out envelopes containing **FIVE tickets** to all band members. Each student is expected to sell 5 tickets for the event. If your student did not give you their tickets, please check their backpacks, music folders, lunch boxes, etc. If you still can't find them, reach out to Pauli Green at pauli_green@yahoo.com. Payment can be made by check (made out to MLBB) or Zelle (to lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com).

Important update: the start time printed on the ticket is not correct. We will communicate an updated start time as soon as the schedule is finalized. Please share this update with ticket holders.

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 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 as Co-Treasurer. Reach out to Erin Drozda.

FUNDRAISERS

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](#).

Spirit Night at Totopo

Mark your calendar to have dinner at Totopo on Monday, September 25. The band receives a portion of sales from all tables that present physical (preferred) or digital flyers for the event. Watch the Band app for details.

Current Fundraisers

Check out the BAND app for details about our current fundraisers, including:

- [Fall Mums Sale](#) – runs through September 22
- **NEW** [Hoagie Orders](#) - due September 24 (pick-up September 30)
- [The Pie Shoppe](#) - runs through September 26 (pick-up October 10)
- [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

