

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



January 28, 2024

Dear Band Families,

This is a busy week with our Small Ensemble Concert, Curriculum Night, and two Pep Band performances. We hope to see our families at some of these activities. Please remember to return your parent/guardian and student surveys by Wednesday and submit your hoagie orders before Saturday! If you're looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon, check out the Winter Guard's Designer Purse Bingo (details below).

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

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, January 29

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

TUESDAY, January 30

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, January 31

- 7:30pm - SMALL ENSEMBLE CONCERT (Fine Arts Theater)

THURSDAY, February 1

- 7:15am - 8am - JAZZ ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- PEP BAND (Grades 9-12 only) - Girl's Basketball game against Peters
 - 6:30pm - report to Band Room

FRIDAY, February 2

- PEP BAND - Boy's Basketball game against USC
 - 6:30pm - report to Band Room

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Parent/guardian and student surveys due - Wednesday, January 31
- Hoagie orders for Super Bowl weekend due - Saturday, February 3
- Winter Guard's Designer Purse Bingo - Sunday, February 18

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

REMINDERS

Small Ensemble Concert - January 31

Spice up your Wednesday night with an evening of music to benefit the High School Band Scholarship Fund. This concert features members of our Wind Ensemble performing in smaller groups. The Jazz Ensemble will also perform.

The concert takes place in the Fine Arts Theater at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5 each at the door.

Parent / Guardian and Student Surveys - Due January 31

Below are links to the 2023 marching band student and parent/guardian surveys. If you haven't already done so, please complete by January 31. We take your feedback seriously and appreciate thoughtful responses. Thank you!

- [Student Survey](#)
- [Parent/Guardian Survey](#)

Hoagie Orders for Super Bowl Weekend - Due February 3 at 5pm

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, February 3 at 5pm. Pick-up will be Saturday, February 10 between Noon - 2pm.

Spring Sarris Candy Fundraiser - Starts this week

It's time to place your spring candy order! There are two ways to order:

1. Easter Forms - Starting this week, there will be Sarris forms in the band room for students to pick up. Forms must be returned by **Friday, February 16** to Katie Shaw's house (96 Woodhaven Drive). There will be a box for forms on Katie's porch. The candy will be delivered to Katie's house by March 19 and she will contact you to arrange pick up. Please note: The paper forms are only for Easter-specific items.
2. Online - Go to <https://www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com/VIEWBYCATEGORY.aspx?id=VA> and click on **SHOP NOW**. A window will pop up asking for your name and Group ID.

The Band's ID number is **10-0091**.

You will be able to shop all Sarris products including the Holiday-specific products. Shipping is a flat \$5 and will be shipped directly to you (or you can pick it up at the factory store in Cannonsburg). You can order online until March 22.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Shaw at ktshaw74@gmail.com

2024 - 2025 Audition Information - [Drum Major, Unit Captain / Section Leader, and Wind Ensemble](#)

The following audition packets went out last week. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cheskawich. Best of luck!

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

Band Camp 2024 - [Save the dates](#)

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

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

MLBB Board Positions - [Please consider signing up](#)

As the Director begins planning the next season, it is imperative that we fill these important roles now before nominating for roles that will be vacant next year. Please consider joining the MLBB Board in the following positions: Co-Treasurer, Membership, Fundraising, Wind Musician Representative. For more information on each role, please contact GGStrom717@gmail.com.

Winter Guard's Designer Purse Bingo - [February 18](#)

Join us for our annual [Designer Purse Bingo](#) hosted by the Mt Lebanon Winter Guard! This event takes place at the Library Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, February 18. Doors open at 1pm and the first game begins at 2pm. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Purchase Tickets here: [LINK](#)

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.

