

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



March 10, 2024

Dear Band Families,

Congratulations to our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble students on a great performance at last week's concert. We enjoyed seeing so many families and community members come out to support our students.

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

SAVE THE DATE ~ MT. LEBANON BAND BUILDERS ~ SPAGHETTI DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5pm - 8pm

Mt. Lebanon High School Cafeteria

Dine in or Take out - Tickets and online order form coming soon!

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, March 11

- 3:15pm - 5:15pm - WIND ENSEMBLE SECTIONALS/ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm - MLBB GENERAL MEETING - all band parents/guardians
 - Location: High School Auditorium

TUESDAY, March 12

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

WEDNESDAY, March 13

- 11:00am - 10:00pm - WINTER GUARD'S SPIRIT NIGHT - Texas Roadhouse (Bridgeville)

THURSDAY, March 14

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

FRIDAY, March 15

- 7:45am - 8:10am - WIND ENSEMBLE PRINCIPAL PLAYER REHEARSAL (Winds Only)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Online Sarris Candy Orders due - Friday, March 22
- Basket donations for Spaghetti Dinner due - Friday, April 5
- MLBB Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, May 10

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

REMINDERS

MLBB General (All-Hands) Meeting - [Monday, March 11](#)

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend our first all-hands meeting of 2024. During this meeting, the nominating committee for 2024 - 2025 MLBB officers will be selected. This is your opportunity to learn a little more about each board role, the band program, and how it benefits your student. By volunteering your time you will also be growing your network and may even pick up some new skills! We need YOUR voice. If you have questions about the open board and committee positions, please contact GG Strom.

We will meet in the High School auditorium from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

→ There will also be a box at the entrance where you can drop off your Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffle donations.

MLBB Spaghetti Dinner - [Volunteer sign-up begins Monday, March 11 / Basket donations due by April 5](#)

Our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 10 from 5pm - 8pm in the High School Cafeteria and Center Court. We'll offer both dine-in and take-out orders. This will be our largest fundraiser this spring, so we're asking all families to help us make the event a success.

Basket Raffle Donations - In order to make our first Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser since COVID a success, we are asking each Marching Band family to donate **one item** from the raffle basket list below, as well as **one gift card or lottery ticket**. Each section is being asked to donate for a specific raffle basket. Please mark each item with your name and its intended basket. Remember, these gifts are tax deductible, and directly benefits students in the Marching Band program. Thank you very much for your donation!

Donations are due by April 5. Starting in mid-March, we'll organize drop-off times before/after practice and during school pick-up - watch for details in the weekly newsletters. You can also drop off items at the March 5th concert, or at 396 MAPLEWOOD DR, PITTSBURGH, PA, 15243-1853. Contact Nancy McKenna for more info.

BASKET THEMES	IDEAS
Summer Fun <i>PERCUSSION</i>	Pool noodles, floats, water guns, diving toys, goggles, sunscreen, tix to waterpark, beach towel, covered chair, umbrella, sunglasses, water bottle, wet bag, tote, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, cooler
Pamper /Spa <i>GUARD</i>	Luxury soaps, lotions, scrubs; face and hair masks; manicure supplies, robe, slippers, spa candle/aromatherapy, eye masks, foot bath, booties/gloves, massage gun
Garden Basket <i>WOODWINDS</i>	Garden tool bag, knee pad, gardening tools, seeds/bulbs, hat, chair with hood, gloves, hand lotion, gardening stool, towel, collapsible weed bin, scissors, nail brush, fairy accessories
Tea / Coffee / Breakfast <i>BRASS</i>	Selection of teas/ coffees, teapot or kettle, coffee pot or french press, infuser, biscotti, tea time snacks, coffee cakes, cloth napkins, travel mug, coffee/tea cups, jellies, cookies, honey

Volunteer Roles - We have identified a number of volunteer roles for parents / guardians and students to help both before and during the Spaghetti Dinner. Get role descriptions at Monday's MLBB meeting and have first choice at positions (sign-up sheets will be available before / after the meeting). After this initial sign-up, we'll publish remaining open positions via Sign-Up Genius. Don't miss the chance to be part of this fantastic event! In the meantime, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard (cathy.neergaard@gmail.com) if you have questions.

2024 - 2025 Audition Information - Applications due by April 5

Reminder: Do you wish to be considered for a student leadership position and / or Wind Ensemble? If so, remember that applications are due by April 5. Please see the links below for additional details:

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

If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cheskawich. Best of luck!

Band Camp 2024 - Save the dates

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

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

FUNDRAISERS

Winter Guard's Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse - Wednesday, March 13

Present [this flyer](#) to the Bridgeville location, and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Mt. Lebanon Winter Guard. This offer is good for dine-in or to-go orders between 11am - 10pm.

MLBB's Spring Sarris Candy Fundraiser - Order online before March 22

There's still time to get your Sarris candy - in fact, it's super easy and fast (e.g., I placed an online order on Monday and the candy was delivered to my house on Wednesday)!

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 items. 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.

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.

