

# Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



**March 17, 2024**

Dear Band Families,

This is our last full week before Spring Recess. Our next newsletter will be published after we return. We wish everyone a happy and relaxing break. Don't forget, there's still time to submit your Sarris Candy order online (see below).

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

[CLICK HERE TO BUY SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS!](#)

**MLBB SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5pm - 8pm  
Mt. Lebanon High School Cafeteria  
*Dine in or Take out*

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## SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, March 18

- 3:15pm - 5:15pm - WIND ENSEMBLE SECTIONALS/ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL
- 5pm - 5:30pm - Drop off Spaghetti Dinner Basket Raffle donations at A2

TUESDAY, March 19

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

THURSDAY, March 21

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

FRIDAY, March 22

7:15am - 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
- Hoagie Orders - Due Saturday, April 6 / Pick-up Saturday, April 13
- BAND AID - featuring Jazz Band and Uptown Rhythm & Brass - Friday April 26
- 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 Spaghetti Dinner - [Volunteer sign-ups open / Basket raffle donations due by April 5](#)**

Our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 10 from 5pm - 8pm in the High School Cafeteria. 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.

Please reach out to Cathy Neergaard ([cathy.neergaard@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.neergaard@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

**Volunteer Roles for Adults / Students** - We have identified a number of volunteer roles for parents / guardians and students to help both before and during the Spaghetti Dinner. Please visit the [Sign-Up Form](#) to read role descriptions and sign up to help. For on-site roles, we ask that you only sign up for one role during each shift.

→ → → [LINK TO THE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM](#) ← ← ←

**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.

<b>BASKET THEMES</b>	<b>IDEAS</b>
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

## **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**

### **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.sarris Candies fundraising.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](mailto:ktshaw74@gmail.com).

### **Marching Band Hoagie Sale - orders due Saturday, April 6**

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, April 6 at 5pm. Pick-up will be Saturday, April 12 between 10am - Noon.

## 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.

