

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



October 1, 2023

Dear Band Families,

It's hard to believe October is already here. The students had a great week of practices where they focused on fine-tuning their show - and the results are noticeable! We look forward to performing at our home game this Friday and at the Bands of America (BOA) trip this weekend. Thank you to all of the families who support the Band and help us provide our students with enriched musical opportunities. Please continue to volunteer and support the Band - we cannot do it without you.

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, October 2

- 6pm - 7pm - BLUE BAND REHEARSAL (STADIUM)
- 7pm - 9pm - GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (STADIUM)

TUESDAY, October 3

- 3pm - 3:30pm - Measuring for Content Attire (see article below)
- 3:20pm - 4pm - MANDATORY BOA TRIP MEETING FOR STUDENTS (BAND ROOM)

WEDNESDAY, October 4

- 5pm - 9pm - GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
 - 5pm - 8pm WINDS & PERCUSSION
 - 6pm - 9pm GUARD

THURSDAY, October 5

- 5pm - 9pm - GOLD BAND REHEARSAL (UPPER PRACTICE FIELD)
 - 5pm - 8pm WINDS & PERCUSSION
 - 6pm - 9pm GUARD

FRIDAY, October 6 - Home Game vs. North Allegheny and 5/6 Grade Band Night (schedule subject to change based on after school field availability)

- 3:30pm - 5pm - GOLD BAND REHEARSAL
- 5pm - 6pm - GOLD BAND DINNER / DRESS
- 6:15pm - BLUE BAND MEET ON UPPER PRACTICE FIELD
- Pregame / Homecoming activities - BLUE BAND
- Halftime show - GOLD BAND
- Depart for Toledo immediately after the game

Reminder: [Concert Apparel order forms](#) and payments are due Friday October 6

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

REMINDERS

Senior Recognition Information Needed - ASAP

Attention Senior students and their parents / guardians: Senior Night takes place during our home football game on October 13. If you haven't provided your information yet, please do so ASAP. You may respond via the [Google Form](#) or send email to kellylatona@verizon.net.

Measuring for Concert Attire - Tuesday after school (3pm - 3:30pm)

All students who need Concert Band / Wind Ensemble concert attire can get measurements taken from 3pm - 3:30pm.

Orders forms and payments are due Friday, October 6 - here's a [link to the Concert Apparel](#) order form.

Mandatory BOA Trip Meeting (Students) - Tuesday (3:20 - 4pm)

All students going on the BOA Trip must attend. The purpose of this meeting is to share important guidelines, requirements, and logistics.

Chaperones Needed - especially Friday, October 6

There are still a few openings for chaperones, pit crew, and music advocacy / fundraising table at our upcoming football games. We especially need help at this week's home game on October 6 when we host our 5th and 6th graders. If you have clearances on file, please consider volunteering!

BOA Championship - watch online

For family and friends who cannot attend the BOA Championship, you can watch online. All 2023 Bands of America Championships will be livestreamed on [BOALIVE.TV](#), powered by BOX5Media. Viewers can choose pay-per-view to watch one event or a subscription for the best value to watch the entire BOA season.

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) Competition - Volunteers still needed

If you have not been contacted to sign up for a time slot at our PIMBA competition on October 21, please reach out to GG Strom ASAP at (717)977-8733 to discuss options and how you can help.

PIMBA Tickets - payment due

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 note: 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.

Moon PIMBA Championships

Pre-order T-shirts: We are offering custom-designed event t-shirts for purchase. Here is a [T-shirt pre-order form](#) detailing available sizes, colors, and prices. Please distribute this form to your band students and families. All orders and payments are due by Friday, October 6th. As has been done in the past, we will have a very limited number of shirts available for purchase at the event. It is highly recommended that band families pre-order their shirts to ensure they receive their desired size and color. Pre-ordered shirts will be delivered to your band on the day of the competition.

This year Moon will be selling a printed PIMBA Championships program. [Here is a form](#) for any family interested in placing an ad in the program to recognize and support their student(s). Pricing guidelines and contact information are listed on the form. These ads are due by October 1st.

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](#)

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

NEW - Raffle Baskets

This year, we will be adding a basket raffle to our fundraising efforts at the PIMBA competition. Thank you to Nancy McKenna for chairing this committee. Donations have been broken down by section, and we are asking everyone to make a donation to the basket assigned to your student.

- Percussion - restaurant gift card basket
- Brass - coffee and tea basket
- Woodwinds - game basket
- Guard - pampering basket

Items can be dropped off at Nancy's house (396 Maplewood Drive, 15243). Feel free to text Nancy at (412)551-6118 with questions or to arrange for pick-up. Thank you for supporting the basket raffle!

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](#).

REMINDER: Shop 'n Save and Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Want to earn money towards your marching band trip - or start earning for next year? Earn 5% back by purchasing Shop 'n Save or Giant Eagle gift cards!

Shop 'n Save: To order the cards, we need to reach a combined total of \$2,500. Click on the link below to place an order! Link: <https://forms.gle/ka9oXTS7YHSBJfYGA>

Giant Eagle: To order the cards, we need to reach 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

