

# Mt. Lebanon Marching Band Blue Devil Weekly Newsletter



**August 11, 2024**

Dear Band Families,

What an exciting week it has been! We had our show preview, completed week 2 of Band Camp, participated in the Community Kickoff Celebration, and marched in the Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade. We are so proud of our students for their hard work and great performances.

As we move into our final week before school, there are still a few activities planned. Don't miss the pool party on Monday evening - it will be a lot of fun. We are also honored to once again perform in the Convocation Ceremony, which will be attended by all Mt. Lebanon School District employees.

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

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## SCHEDULE for this WEEK

MONDAY, August 12

- 1:30pm - 4:30pm - All Marching Band
- 8:00pm-10:00pm - Pool Party (Bower Hill Swim Club)

TUESDAY, August 13

- 1:30pm - 4:30pm - All Marching Band
- 7pm - 7:30pm - MANDATORY MLBB Meeting (Fine Arts Theater)

WEDNESDAY, August 14

- Convocation Ceremony
  - 7:45am - Report (Wear full uniform)
  - 8:30am - Performance

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Marching Band Rehearsal - August 20 and August 22
- Away Football Game at Upper St. Clair - August 23

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

## REMINDERS

### **Physical Form, Permission to Travel Form, and Pay-to-Play - Due ASAP**

ATTENTION FAMILIES: The Artbiter Sports account for Marching Band is currently live. All band families are required to upload a physical form, signed permission to travel form, and pay the \$75 Pay to Play fee. You can access the Marching Band Artiber Sports account [HERE](#). Do not email Mr. Cheskawich the physical or travel form, you need to upload them to the Arbiter Sports account

This is a requirement of the District, and so far only a small number of families have submitted payment. Please double-check to make sure you completed the final step to submit your payment today.

### **Membership Fees - Overview and Link to Details**

Like other clubs and activities, the Mt. Lebanon Marching Band has an annual membership fee. This fee helps cover some of the marching band program expenses and operational costs not covered by the school district; examples include new member social, pool party, snacks, band banquet, props for half-time shows, senior recognition, insurance, website, publicity, etc. This fee also includes your student's show shirt. To put it into perspective, last year, MLBB spent approximately \$325/student.

As outlined in the MLBB by-laws, this fee is payable to Mt. Lebanon Band Builders and is in addition to the Mt. Lebanon School District pay-to-play fee (payable to MTLSD) of \$75 this year.

Here's a link to the 2024-2025 Annual Membership Fee Letter explaining the fee for gold / blue band and an incentive for families who volunteer throughout the season: [LINK](#)

To make it easier for you to submit your form, and for us to track payments, we've created this form: [LINK](#)

### **Pool Party - Monday, August 12 (8pm - 10pm)**

The Pool Party was rescheduled for Monday, August 12 from 8pm - 10pm at the Bower Hill Swim Club.

### **General MLBB Meeting - Tuesday, August 13 (7pm - 8:30pm)**

All Band Parents / Guardians are invited to join us in the **Fine Arts Theater** (note the location has been updated) for this General MLBB Meeting. We hold at least 4 meetings per year, and this is our first of the season. Join us to learn about volunteer positions, how to obtain clearances, what you need to do as a chaperone, how to participate in the gift card program, and so much more. We'll also review proposed changes to the by-laws and audit results.

Resources for this meeting, including an agenda a copy of the bylaws will be uploaded in advance: [LINK](#)

### **Band Photos - Order your photos today**

To gain access to the gallery and order your photos, text LEBOBAND24 to 90738.

Questions? Email [sarabethmedia@gmail.com](mailto:sarabethmedia@gmail.com).

### **Show Shirts - [Parents can order their shirts](#)**

All students will receive a show shirt at no cost. If family and friends want to order shirts they can do so using [this form](#). Orders are due by Tuesday, August 20.

### **Uniform Care - [Everything you need to know to keep your uniform clean](#)**

Now that we've completed our first parade, you may be wondering "how do I keep this uniform looking (and smelling) clean?" Well, we have all the answers here: [LINK](#)

Please remind your student to keep their marching shoes clean and polished. Gloves should be bright white, otherwise, they should be replaced with new ones. Also remember to pack an extra pair of black socks to avoid having to purchase from our emergency supplies..

If you have questions, please follow the link in the form to reach out to the Uniform Chair.

### **Volunteer Clearances - [Please take action today!](#)**

Mt. Lebanon Band Builders is always looking for volunteers! In order to volunteer for various activities, your clearances must be on file with the school district.

Volunteers should submit their Program Volunteer clearance(s) to Dana Martin (danamartin@mtlisd.net). Clearances must be updated every five years with the exception of the Resident of PA Affidavit which must be signed annually.

Instructions can be found here: [LINK](#)

These requirements can also be found through [the District website](#). Please volunteer - it's a great way to get to know other parents and support your favorite band members!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities / Share your Expertise - [Needed ASAP](#)**

We are looking for volunteers to help us on various committees throughout the season. If you have expertise in any specialties such as graphic design, website creation, project management, or even jewelry making, please let us know. We'll be rolling out the sign-up sheets at the MLBB General Meeting on 8/13.

We are still looking for someone to shadow Cathy Neergaard in the role of Co-President and also someone to fill the role of Fundraising Coordinator ASAP. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard ([cathy.neergaard@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.neergaard@gmail.com) or 412.478.4750).

## **Community Service Opportunity - June through October**

Looking for a way to help your community and your band? Volunteer to help at the Lion's Farmer's Market! Here's a [link to the sign-up](#).

Groups of three are encouraged to continue for a block of a month or more at a time. This takes place every Wednesday through October. Of course, adjustments to the schedule may be needed starting in August due to Band Camp and school.

## **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.

