

Mt. Lebanon Marching Band Blue Devil Weekly Newsletter



August 18, 2024

Dear Band Families,

This week marks the start of a new school year, which means we have a lot of fun activities to look forward to: football games, section dinners before football games, evening practices, and our band festivals/competitions. We hope to see you at our first away game against Upper St. Clair this Friday.

As we explained at the MLBB meeting last week, we really need your help with volunteer opportunities. Please see the links below to sign up. If you missed the mandatory MLBB meeting last week, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard.

Please read the [Attendance Policy](#) and plan accordingly for the remainder of the season.

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

TUESDAY, August 20

- 5:00pm - 8:00pm - Marching Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, August 21

- 6:00pm - 6:45pm - Photo Make-up Day

THURSDAY, August 22

- 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Marching Band Rehearsal

FRIDAY, August 23 - Away game at Upper St. Clair

- 5:00pm - Report to High School
- 5:30pm - Depart
- 7:00pm - Game

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Order for bag lunches at Penn Trafford game due - August 27
- Away game versus Penn Trafford - August 30
- Home game versus Peters Twp - September 6
- PIMBA Competition at Kiski - September 7

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 - Past Due

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. Please double-check to make sure you completed the final step to submit your payment today.

Membership Fees - First Payment Past Due

Here's a link to the 2024-2025 Annual Membership Fee Letter explaining the fee for gold / blue band members 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](#)

General MLBB Meeting - What to do if you missed the meeting

If you missed the meeting, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard to get access to a recording.

Band Photos - Order your Pictures or Attend Make-up Day (August 21)

Don't forget to order your photos. To gain access to the gallery and order your photos, text LEBOBAND24 to 90738.

If you missed having your individual photo taken on August 1, we have a make-up day scheduled for Wednesday, August 21. Students who want to have their individual photo taken should report in full uniform - with gloves (if appropriate for your instrument), but no hat - and bring your instrument. Please meet in the grassy area behind the stadium's concession stand. We'll start at 6pm and continue until all pictures are complete.

Questions? Email sarabethmedia@gmail.com.

Show Shirts - Family member orders are due Tuesday, August 20

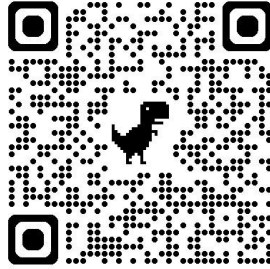
All students will receive a show shirt at no cost. If family and friends want to order shirts they can do so using [this form](#). Orders are due by Tuesday, August 20.

New Member Recognition - Forms are due August 30

We want to recognize new members of the Marching Band across our social channels! All new members please fill out [this Google form](#) by August 30 so we can recognize you.

Spirit Wear - Place your order between August 21 - September 5

Want to get your LEBO-branded attire for the upcoming season? We're taking orders between August 21 and September 5. Items should be available the week of September 23rd. There is an option to have orders shipped at a cost or Band/Staff orders will be delivered to practice. [Click here to order](#) or scan the QR code below.



Questions can be directed to Stephanie Schulte-Albert (bonita609@yahoo.com) or Laurel Kennedy (laurelkennedy25@yahoo.com)

Away game against Penn Trafford - Bring a bag lunch or place an order by Tuesday, August 27

We have an away game against Penn Trafford on Friday, August 30. Due to heavy rush hour traffic, the report time is 4:30pm. Students will be asked to bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus.

If you prefer to purchase a bag lunch that includes a sandwich (choose between turkey, ham, and cheese), chips, candy bar, and a bottle of water, please complete this form by Tuesday, August 27 at 5pm: [LINK](#)

Uniform Care - Everything you need to know to keep your uniform clean

Here is a link to uniform care instructions: [LINK](#)

Please remind your students 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..

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@mtlsd.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

Chaperone Volunteer Sign-up - [Chaperone football games, parades, and competitions](#)

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer as a chaperone at our football games, parades, and competitions: [LINK](#)

If you have any questions or a last minute change (unable to attend, etc) please contact Priya (412-848-8720) or Mary (773-909-3335).

Committee Sign-up - [Lead a committee](#)

Here's the link to sign up to lead a committee: [LINK](#)

This includes fundraisers and other activities such as Senior Night, the Band Banquet, and our home competitions.

Please reach out to Jeffrey (jeffrey.obuchowski@gmail.com) with any questions.

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.

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.

