

Mt. Lebanon Marching Band Blue Devil Weekly Newsletter



August 25, 2024

Dear Band Families,

It was great to see so many Band Families at our first football game against Upper St. Clair. We hope you enjoyed the halftime performance and stand jams. Thank you to all the volunteers who chaperoned, drove / helped the truck, assisted with Pit Crew, and donated water/snacks. It takes a village!

For this week's away game against Penn Trafford, students are encouraged to bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus (see below for an option to purchase a bag lunch). Please take a minute to review the recommended packing list and student pick-up details for away games and performances.

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 26

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

TUESDAY, August 27

- 5:00pm - Bag Lunch Orders for this Friday's game are due
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Marching Band Rehearsal

FRIDAY, August 30 - Away game at Penn Trafford

- 3:03pm Winds, Battery & Guard load trailer then go home (Battery and large instrument cases will go on the trailer)
- 5:00pm Pit reports to A2 and loads 26' Truck
- 5:15pm Winds, Battery & Guard report to school and load buses
- 5:30pm - Depart
- 7:30pm - Game

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Home game versus Peters Twp - September 6
- PIMBA Competition at Kiski - September 7
- PIMBA Competition at Norwin - September 21

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, Second payment due September 15

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](#)

Attendance Policy - Please Review

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

Student Pickup from Away Games and Performances - Please Review

Pick-up from game / performance: If you would like your student to be excused from riding the bus back to school following a band function, secure permission from a band director in advance. Then, bring a printed and signed copy of this [Request Form](#) and turn it in at report time before boarding buses to depart the high school.

Pick-up at the high school: Our buses and equipment trucks/trailer require a lot of space to safely unload. Please refrain from parking along the entire section from the A-2 entrance to the loading dock. Drivers waiting for students should pull around to the parking lot outside the Fine Arts Theater.

Away game against Penn Trafford - Here are a Few Reminders

Arrival time has shifted, but students are still encouraged 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](#)

Please keep an eye on the weather and be sure to pack your raincoat. Also watch for updates on the Band App.

Packing List for Away Games and Performances - [Here's what students should bring](#)

When Winds/Percussion members arrive, you should already be wearing:

- Gray band shirt (*)
- Athletic shorts / joggers / tights that do not show through the uniform - NO JEANS
- Black socks - all black, at least crew length with no gray or color heel that shows (*)
- Drillmaster shoes that are clean and polished
- Uniform bib with hem adjusted to the correct length

You should be carrying:

- Uniform hat and hat wrap - can be in garment bag or duffel if taken apart to avoid being crushed
- Garment bag containing:
 - Jacket
 - Gauntlets
 - Gloves, if relevant (*)
- Duffel containing:
 - Baseball cap (*)
 - Raincoat (*)
 - Water bottle for the bus ride and stands (we only distribute water in the stands at half-time)
 - Deodorant
 - Towel (useful if it rains)
 - Power bar or small snack in case you get hungry on the bus
 - Extra pair of black socks and gloves (if relevant)

(*) From here on, if students arrive without these items, they will be given the item from our emergency supplies and issued an invoice for payment.

Show Shirts - [Distribution Plan](#)

As soon as show shirts arrive (current ETA is between Friday 8/30 and Tuesday, 9/3), we will distribute one to each student and to all families who ordered them. Watch for updates on the Band App about distribution.

Chaperone and Volunteer Uniform - [Important Update](#)

It's important that we show up in a way that is consistent so students and staff can identify our chaperones, truck drivers / helpers, and Pit Crew. We ask that all volunteers please wear a show shirt and a badge / lanyard that identifies you as a member of MLBB. If shirts do not arrive in time for our next game, please watch for an updated plan.

If you already have a badge / lanyard, please bring it. Otherwise, we have extra badges / lanyards already prepared for each volunteer role. Families watching from the stands are also welcome to wear show shirts, but should not wear a lanyard / badge.

Band Photos - [Don't forget to order your pictures](#)

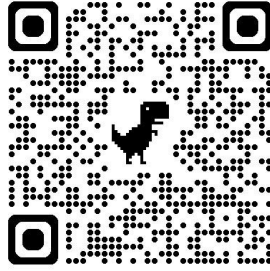
Don't forget to order your photos. To gain access to the gallery and order your photos, text LEBOBAND24 to 90738. Questions? Email sarabethmedia@gmail.com.

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).

TOB/PIMBA Program Ads - One price / Two programs!

Since we're hosting two competitions this year, we will publish two programs. To keep things simple, we're offering families an opportunity to submit an ad that will appear in BOTH programs - for one price!
Here's a link to the form: [LINK](#)

To allow time for layout / design, you must submit your form, ad / pictures, and payment by September 11.
If you have questions, please contact Nancy McKenna at nmckenna@howardhanna.com

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.

