



Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter

September 2, 2024

Dear Band Families,

It was exciting to see the band perform at our away game on Friday - especially with the addition of their third song.

We look forward to seeing many of our Band families at this week's first home game against Peter's Twp. We are also requesting volunteers (especially fathers) to help us transport our heavier items between the band room / stadium, especially at the end of the game. See below for details.

For the PIMBA Competition at Kiski on Saturday, only Gold Band members are required to attend. All Blue Band members are welcome to join us to help with equipment and cheer on the band.

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

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

TUESDAY, September 3

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

WEDNESDAY, September 4

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

THURSDAY, September 5

- 5:00pm - Spirit Wear Orders Due

FRIDAY, September 6 - Home game against Peter's Twp.

- 5:30pm - Place bags/items in stadium
- 5:45pm - Guard report to C20, Winds report to Band Room, Battery report to FAT Patio, and Pit report to Stadium
- 7:00pm - Game

SATURDAY, September 7 - PIMBA Competition at Kiski (Gold Band)

- 1:00pm - Report to HS
- 4:00pm - Depart
- 5:05pm - Start
- 7:30pm - Mt. Lebanon Performs

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- PIMBA Competition at Norwin - September 21

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

Honoring Patrick Fitzgerald

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Patrick Fitzgerald, a 2020 graduate and beloved member of our percussion program. Mr. DeLuca has shared information on ways we can honor Patrick and support his family.

A [GO FUND ME](#) has been set up to help support the family with funeral costs. Anything and everything will be helpful to the family now and beyond this initial grieving period, so if you can, please consider donating.

I [Mr. DeLuca] will be collecting physical letters, notes, and gift cards at the school. Anything is welcome and appreciated, I'd like to make sure Lucy, Sean, and their extended family are taken care of beyond the initial grieving period so any type of gift card would be helpful. I will pass these along to the family at one time so as to not overwhelm them with a barrage of messages.

Students and families can drop off anytime, a collection bin will be in the percussion studio alcove and I'll be collecting from it often.

If you're an alum in town, you can stop by after school hours, or shoot me a text/email (ideluca@mtlsd.net) to let me know you are on your way.

If you're an out of town alum, you can mail letters directly to me (5538 Black Street Apt 1, Pittsburgh PA 15206...faster than school mail) or send a digital version and we can have it written out to share with the family.

REMINDERS

Physical Form, Permission to Travel Form, and Pay-to-Play - Past Due

ATTENTION FAMILIES: 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

All gold / blue band members are required to pay the 2024-2025 Annual Membership Fee. This is separate from the District's pay-to-play fee. An explanation can be found [HERE](#). Please submit this form as well as your first payment (past due) and second payment before the September 15 deadline: [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 unload safely. 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.

Home Game Against Peters Twp. - [A few helpers are needed](#)

We would like to request 2-3 volunteers (preferably fathers) to help us transport some of the heavier items between the band room and stadium for the home game and back again at the end of the night. This includes the wagon, container(s) of water, our tent and a few other items. If you're available, please find Priya / Mary / Cathy by the band room 15-minutes after report time and / or by our tent at the end of the game.

PIMBA Competition at Kiski on Saturday, September 7 - [A few details for students and families](#)

Gold Band members are required to attend this competition. Please be sure to bring the following:

- Money to purchase food from the concession stands (snacks are not provided)
- Wear your gray band shirt under your uniform and bring a change of clothes
- Always make sure your baseball cap and raincoat are in your duffle bag

Blue Band members are welcome to attend to help with equipment and cheer on the band.

Families interested in attending the PIMBA Competition at Kiski can find useful information on [their Facebook page](#). The latest schedule can be found [here](#).

Show Shirts - [Ready for pick-up](#)

All students will receive a show shirt at no cost. If you did not already get your shirt, please stop by the auditorium lobby during practice on Tuesday to pick it up.

Families who ordered shirts can also stop by the auditorium lobby during practice on Tuesday to pick them up. If you want to purchase a shirt, submit [this form](#) - and email Cathy Neergaard so we can have your shirt ready.

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 you already have a badge / lanyard / show shirt, please bring it. Otherwise, we have extras ready for volunteers to borrow. Families watching from the stands are also welcome to wear show shirts, but should not wear a lanyard / badge.

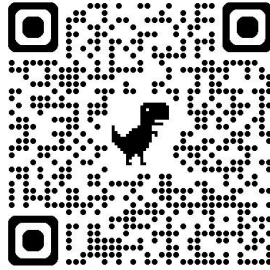
Band Photos - Don't forget to order your pictures

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.

Each family will receive a complimentary button. We'll have these available to distribute this week at practice.

Spirit Wear - Order due 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).

NEW: Tournament of Bands (TOB) and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) Competitions

Fall Competitions - Mark your calendar!

We are hosting two competitions at Mt. Lebanon this fall - please mark your calendar:

- Tournament of Bands (TOB) - Saturday, September 28 - [LINK](#)
- Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) - Saturday, October 12 - [LINK](#)

When the schedule and logistics are ready, they will be added to the leboband.com website.

Tournament of Bands (TOB) Volunteer Sign-up - Please sign-up today

The fall competitions will be our biggest fundraisers of the season. In order for these to be successful, we need every family to play a role. We realize that not everyone can be present at the event, but there are opportunities to contribute in advance. For example, donating items, helping with the printed program, and more. Please see this list and sign up today: [LINK](#)

TOB and PIMBA Ticket Sales - [Coming soon!](#)

Each family is expected to sell five (5) tickets to each show. We will be testing digital ticket sales for the TOB competition. If this is successful, we'll replicate it for the PIMBA competition. Details will be coming soon.

Student Ads in the TOB / PIMBA Programs - [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 a student 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 OPPORTUNITIES / CLEARANCES

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!

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.

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.

