

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



September 8, 2024

Dear Band Families,

Seeing so many families at our first home game was great. Our students had a unique opportunity to share performances indoors with the Peter's Twp. Marching Band during the weather delay. We also congratulate the Gold Band for an amazing performance in their first competition of the season at Kiski on Saturday - they rocked it!

The main focus of this week's newsletter is preparing to host the Tournament of Bands (TOB) competition on September 28. Please take a few minutes to read that section of the newsletter and take action to support.

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

MONDAY, September 9

- 3:15pm - 4:00pm - Sectionals: Saxophones, Trumpets, and Lower Brass

TUESDAY, September 10

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

WEDNESDAY, September 11

- 3:15pm - 4:00pm - Sectionals: Flutes, Clarinets, and Mellophones

THURSDAY, September 5

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

FRIDAY, September 6 - Away Game versus Central Catholic
(at West Mifflin HS)

- 5:00pm - Report to HS (eat dinner before you arrive, we're only serving light snacks and water at half-time)
- 5:30pm - Depart
- 7:00pm - Game

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Spirit Night at Totopo - September 18
- PIMBA Competition at Norwin - September 21
- TOB Competition at Mt. Lebanon - September 28
- Hoagie Orders Due - September 29

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

UPDATES / REMINDERS

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](#).

Have questions about your membership fee payments? Contact Megan Millman (megan.millman@gmail.com).

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

All students should have received their show shirts over the last week. The remaining percussion shirts were given to Mr. DeLuca and guard shirts to Mrs. Eneyd during the Wednesday evening rehearsal.

ATTENTION GOLD BAND MEMBERS: One shirt was found after students cleared duffles out of the auditorium lobby on Saturday night. If you're missing a shirt, please see Mrs. Neergaard.

Families who have not picked up their shirts, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard (cathy.neergaard@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up.

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

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.

We also passed out complimentary buttons to students (or parents) this week. If you did not get your button, we'll have them at this week's practice.

Spirit Night at Totopo - [Wednesday, September 18](#)

Back by popular demand - join us for spirit night at Totopo! 20% of dine-in or take-out sales that present the flyer will be donated to the Mt. Lebanon Marching Band to support our band students.

Get your copy of the flyer from the Band App calendar entry and share with friends.

Hoagie Orders - [Due Sunday, September 29 at 5pm](#)

Order your delicious Peppi's hoagies and bring in some big bucks for the band!! Choose from Italian, Ham, Turkey, or Cheese (\$8 each): [LINK](#)

Technology Donation - [Old iPad](#)

Do you have an old iPad that's looking for a loving home? MLBB is in need of an iPad (or two) to run software for our credit card readers at football games and competitions. If so, please reach out to Sean Delehanty.

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](#)

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. If you don't see a role that matches your skills, please reach out to our event chair, Desiree Canovic (dvuocolocanovic@gmail.com).

Here's what we need every family to do ASAP:

- 1) Sign-up for at least one **volunteer opportunity** (multiple family members are encouraged to sign up). One person may sign up for two slots as long as they are "shift 1" and "shift 2" - just be sure they are not overlapping: [LINK](#)

One role we're struggling to fill: Judge's Room and Tent Chair (or co-Chairs) for September. We have a playbook to follow and guidance from volunteers who have done this for the Guard competitions.

- 2) Sell or purchase at least **FOUR tickets** (*) per family using the online ticketing system: [LINK](#). At the end of the transaction, you may enter a student's name so they receive credit. Families with two students may enter either name to receive credit for your family's four tickets.
- 3) This is NOT required: Consider purchasing a **student ad** in the program - order forms, ad / pictures, and payment are due by Wednesday, September 11. Your ad will appear in both the TOB and the PIMBA programs! Here's a link to the form: [LINK](#)

(*) We originally planned to have each family sell or purchase five (5) tickets. After setting up the online ticketing system and seeing the associated fees, we decided to reduce this to four (4) tickets to keep the overall price point consistent. Families with multiple students are only asked to sell a total of four (4) tickets.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES / CLEARANCES

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.

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).

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.

