

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



September 15, 2024

Dear Band Families,

This week's rehearsals are critical as we work hard to finish the drill and detail the production. We look forward to sharing it at Friday's home game and Saturday's Norwin's PIMBA competition.

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to sell / purchase tickets and sign up to volunteer at the Tournament of Bands (TOB) competition on September 28. There are even some roles where you can contribute by preparing items in advance.

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 16

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

TUESDAY, September 17

- 3:15pm - 4:00pm - Sectionals: Low Brass / Tenor Sax / Bari Sax

WEDNESDAY, September 18

- 3:15pm - 4:00pm - Sectionals: Flute / Clarinet / Trumpet / Mellophone / Alto Sax
- 4:00pm - 10:00pm - Spirit Night at Totopo

THURSDAY, September 19

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

FRIDAY, September 20 - Home Game versus Canon McMillan

- 4:45pm - Place bags/items in stadium
- 5:00-6:10pm - Rehearsal on UPF
- 6:10-6:25pm - Break
- 6:35pm - March to stadium
- 7:00pm - Game

SATURDAY, September 21 - PIMBA Competition at Norwin

- 11:00am - Gold Band report to HS
- Noon - Depart
- 2:45pm - Mt. Lebanon Prelim Performance
- 7:00pm - Finals Begin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- TOB Competition at Mt. Lebanon - September 28
- Hoagie Orders Due - September 29 (pick-up on October 5)
- PIMBA Competition at Mt. Lebanon - October 12

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](#)

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

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 or preparing food items. 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: If you didn't place a **student ad** in the program for the September show and want to do so for the October competition, please reach out to Cathy Neergaard.

(*) 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.

