

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



November 10, 2024

Dear Band Families,

This will be our final weekly newsletter of the regular Marching Band season. We'll continue to send periodic updates as we prepare for activities such as the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, Spaghetti Dinner (date TBD), Memorial Day Parade, MLBB Board elections, and more.

We look forward to seeing students and families at the Band Banquet this Wednesday. If you didn't sign up yet, please see the link below.

As always, please check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and announcements.

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SCHEDULE for this WEEK

WEDNESDAY, November 13

- 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Band Banquet
(High School Center Court; enter via B-2)

FRIDAY, November 15

- 5:00pm - Sarris Candy Orders Due

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- MLBB General Meeting - November 19 (DATE CHANGE)

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

UPDATES / REMINDERS

Band Banquet - [RSVP today; Banquet is Wednesday, November 13](#)

We're extended the deadline to register for the banquet to Sunday, November 10. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP using this form: [LINK](#)

Sarris Candy Fundraiser - [Due Friday, November 15](#)

Order forms (with checks if paying by check) are due to Katie Shaw on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (96 Woodhaven Drive). Please make checks out to MLBB OR Zelle the money to the Mt. Lebanon Band Builders (lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com). Please turn in both the white and yellow forms along with the checks!

Candy will be delivered to Katie's house on December 11 and she will email everyone with pickup instructions. Please include your email on the forms for delivery instructions!

To order online, go to sarriscandiesfundraising.com and enter the group ID number: 10-0091. There is a \$5 fee but free, direct shipping for orders placed online.

Contact Katie with ANY questions or for additional forms (ktshaw74@gmail.com; 202-491-3293).

Mandatory MLBB General Meeting - [Tuesday, November 19](#)

We would like to have at least one parent / guardian from each family join us for the mandatory MLBB General Meeting. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 19 from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Note that this is a change in date due to space availability.

The agenda will include topics such as a budget update and important details about the upcoming Band Trip, including the cost, information needed, and timeline.

Uniform Care Reminder - [Action Required](#)

Now that the regular Marching Band season has come to a close, we are requesting that all families take a few minutes to care for your uniform. Doing so this week to prepare will save you time and set you up for success for the Band Trip in March.

- Wash your uniform following [these instructions](#)
- Make sure hat, gauntlets, and gloves (if applicable) are also clean
- Hang clean uniform in garment bag - include hat, gauntlets, and gloves in the garment bag as well
- Polish shoes and store them in your duffle bag
- Make sure your baseball cap, rain coat, and extra supplies (e.g., socks and gloves) are in your duffle bag

Gift Card Program - [Now Available](#)

There's a NEW way for individual families to defray the cost of their MLBB membership and upcoming trips!

RAISERIGHT!

Download the app today, and you can begin to purchase gift cards- a percentage of which will be allocated to YOUR STUDENT'S fundraising account! This money can be used for trips, membership, banquet tickets and other costs. And here's the best part- it is a rebate program, so in June, any leftover funds can either roll over until next year OR it can be refunded to you by MLBB.

Use your phone to search for a new app and look for RaiseRight. (See the picture below for their icon.)
Use MLBB Enrollment Code: FN2YRTBDQFNC

Add a bank account and you can start shopping right away! Gift cards can be mailed (there is a cost associated with this) or downloaded directly to your phone. And you can begin using the gift cards right away! Feel free to share the link with friends and family- their purchases can ALSO be allocated to your child!

Questions? Please reach out to Bonnie Dougherty (412-224-3482) or Kirsten Bruder (412-812-6577) for assistance.

*Note: Once we see that you have placed an order, we will reach out to you with a form that needs to be filled out for our records - please just fill it out and send it back to us! Thanks! - Kirsten & Bonnie



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES / CLEARANCES

Preparing for 2025-2026 Season - [Shadowing Opportunities](#)

As the 2024-2025 season is winding down, we are looking ahead to next year. If you are interested in getting involved next season, we would love to pair you up with a current MLBB Board Member or Committee Chair to learn more about the role.

Here are a few examples:

- Board positions: co-President, co-Vice President, co-Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Administration
- Standing Committees: Membership Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, Publicity Chair, Sponsorship Chair
- Special Committees - here are a few examples:
 - Uniform Management
 - New Member Social
 - Band Camp Tailgate
 - Photo Day
 - Senior Banner and Poster

- Spirit and Music Advocacy
- Festival Planning Committee (multiple roles)
- Senior Night
- Banquet Chair / Program / Decorations (multiple roles)
- Sarris Candy Fundraiser
- Hoagie Fundraisers
- Spirit Nights at Restaurants
- Spirit Wear

Please reach out to Jeffrey Obuchowski (jeffrey.obuchowski@gmail.com) to learn more about committee roles.

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.

