



## 2022 MARCHING BAND SUMMER CHECKLIST

We are excited for another great year with Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band! Below is a checklist to get you started for the new season. Please watch the BAND app and/or your email for news throughout the summer from us. **We will begin loading current forms to our website the week of May 23. We will notify you through BAND when they are available.**

### **JOIN THE BAND APP NOW (Students and Parents)**

This app will be used for communicating schedules, announcements, and the weekly newsletter. It can also be used for last minute schedule changes or announcements so **please do not turn off all notifications**. Full details are in the attachment.

### **ATTEND UNIFORM MEASURING & ORDERING NIGHT**

***Winds and Percussion - May 24, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the lobby at C20***

***Guard - May 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the athletic building***

All students should attend to get measured for their band uniform and to order their accessories (shoes, gloves, etc.). A separate announcement with more details will be sent out. If you absolutely cannot attend, forms and information on how to order your items will be available on the website. We strongly encourage you to attend, especially if you need shoes so you can try them on.

### **PHYSICAL & PERMISSION TO TRAVEL FORMS DUE TO MR. CHESKAWICH BY AUGUST 1**

You must have a physical form dated on or after June 1 and a Permission to Travel form turned in by the first day of band camp. Forms will be available on BAND and the website.

### **MARCHING BAND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & FEE FORM DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1**

The Annual Fee form will be available on BAND and the website and is due by September 1. This fee helps cover some administrative and operational costs and also covers each family's membership in the organization. The 2022-2023 fee for Blue Band is \$75 and for Gold Band \$100.

### **MANDATORY PAY TO PLAY FEE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15**

All members must pay the "Pay to Play" fee by September 15th. Instructions and a link to pay online will be posted on our website when they become available. This fee is payable to MTLSD and does not go towards the MLBB budget.

### **SEASON CALENDAR**

The first draft of the season calendar will be distributed by June 1. All events will be added to the calendar on BAND. Call times for individual performances will be emailed on a weekly basis. Pay close attention to calendar events and call times as they may differ based on which section of the band you are in (Winds, Percussion or Guard).

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The attendance policy will be available on the website and will also be emailed and uploaded to BAND. Please review the attendance policy and direct any questions to Mr. Cheskawich.



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### FESTIVAL OF BANDS COMMITMENTS

Our Festival of Bands is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. This is our major fundraiser and we require all families to help before and during the event. We need the following from our band families:

- **Volunteer** – All parents should volunteer for a shift at the festival. We need everyone's help to make it a success. **Many Committee chair positions are available, too.** Watch BAND for details or contact Bonnie Dougherty at [bonnie\\_dougherty@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com) now to see how you can help!
- **Sell Business Ads or Sponsorships** – Forms will be supplied and all proceeds from the sale of ads and sponsorships help to offset the cost of the festival and allow us to keep more of the revenue.
- **Buy Student Ads** – You can purchase an ad for your student in the program.
- **Sell Tickets** – Every student will be given 10 tickets to sell.

### VOLUNTEER!

**Check out Committee Chair needs here: <https://bit.ly/2022MLBBCommittees>**

There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the season. Please review the committee chair link above and sign up now so that we can get to work planning a great season for the students. We need your help to make sure the students have a fun, safe, and successful season. Many positions do require that you obtain your clearances. You can find the information on our website. If you do need to get FBI clearances, please start early.

The following positions are also available on a weekly basis for our performances. Watch for more details to sign up this summer.

- **Chaperones/Truck Drivers** – Our Co-VPs will be recruiting chaperones and truck drivers for events. We need at least eight chaperones for each game or festival. It is easy, fun, you get in free, and you will be eligible to chaperone the annual trip if you do it three times. We need two truck drivers and two assistants for each away event as well.
- **Pit Crew** – We have a large front ensemble performing on the field. Parents are needed to help at halftime with moving their instruments. You do not have to chaperone the entire game to be a Pit Crew member. If you are attending the game (home or away) you will come to the field a few minutes before half time and be assigned to an instrument by Mr. DeLuca. Pull the instruments onto the field, watch the show, pull them off the field and return to the stands.
- **Tentative - Prop Crew** - If the show involves props we may need volunteers to help with assembling props and moving them onto the field. We will share more information as the staff develops the shows..