



2023 MARCHING BAND SUMMER CHECKLIST UPDATED JULY 29, 2023

Things are picking up quickly and we are excited to get the season started! Below is an updated checklist to get you started for the new season. We have added links to required forms. Please read through this and complete forms as needed. Be sure to watch the BAND app and/or your email for news throughout the summer.

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**. We ask that all students and at least one parent join the app. We have almost 100% participation. We will contact families that have not joined. [More information here.](#)

ATTEND UNIFORM FITTINGS

Questions? [KellyLatona](#)

Uniform fittings took place the past two weeks. If you still need your uniform you will have to get fit during the first week of band camp. Watch BAND for details. All students must be fit for their uniform prior to **August 2**, which is picture day.

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 15

[Click here for the Annual Fee Form](#) that is due by September 15. This fee helps cover administrative and operational costs and also covers each family's membership in the organization. The Executive Board voted to maintain the fee at the same rate as last year.

MANDATORY PAY TO PLAY FEE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17

All members must pay the "Pay to Play" fee by September 17. Instructions and a link to pay online will be posted on BAND and our website when they become available. This fee is payable to MTLSD and does not go towards the MLBB budget.

SEASON CALENDAR

The [fall performance schedule](#) is on the Events calendar on the BAND app. The Blue Band camp and Gold Band camp dates are available as well. The complete Gold Band camp schedule will be added soon. And finally, some of the fall rehearsal schedule has been added. We are working on scheduling a second rehearsal for each week in the fall and will post as soon as we secure those dates.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The [Attendance Policy](#) is on the website. Please review it and direct any questions to Mr. Cheskawich.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mr. Cheskawich is making final revisions to the student handbook and it will be distributed electronically soon. Students and parents are asked to read through the handbook in preparation for the season.



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PIMBA COMPETITION COMMITMENTS

Mt. Lebanon Marching Band is hosting a PIMBA competition scheduled for Saturday, October, 22. 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. Contact Bonnie Dougherty at bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com.
- **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!

There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the season. 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. [Here is more information on clearances.](#) If you do need to get FBI clearances, start early. Questions? Contact [Jessica and Laurel.](#)

The following positions are also available on a weekly basis for performances. Watch BAND for details.

- **Chaperones/Truck Drivers** – We need at least eight chaperones for each game or competition. 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 three truck drivers and three 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.
- **Tentative - Prop Crew** - Our Gold show will involve props and we may need volunteers to help with assembling props and moving them to the field. The students will be responsible for moving the props onto the field for the performance but we may need help with assembling them after we arrive at a performance location and disassembling afterwards..

FINAL CHECKLIST:

- Joined BAND App
- ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE SIGNED ONTO SCHOOLGY - see *BANDapp* for details on how to join
- Got a Uniform
- Turned in a Physical Form
- Turned in a Permission to Travel Form
- Turned in an Annual Fee Form
- Paid the Pay to Play Fee to the School District
- Checked out the Calendar (and connected it to my personal calendar)
- Read the Attendance Policy
- Volunteered for the Competition
- Sold a Business ad for the Band Competition
- Bought a Student ad for the Band Competition
- Sold 5 Tickets for the Competition
- Signed up to Volunteer at a Game(s) or Competition(s)