



Dear Friends of Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band,

It has been my honor to be the director of the marching band for the past nine years. The staff, students, and I are excited for this upcoming season!

Once again, the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band will be presenting two shows. Our Blue Band show features music from Bruno Mars, including "24K Magic" and "Uptown Funk." The Gold Band show, named *Blackbird Set Free*, answers the question, "How do broken wings learn to fly?" by interweaving "Blackbird" by The Beatles with works by Bach, Sia, and Stravinsky. The Blue show is designed for our Friday night audiences and will be featured at home football games. The Gold show is constructed to be successful on the competitive circuit, and will be performed at away games and competitions.

The Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band provides more than 110 students an opportunity to become better musicians and performers, in addition to developing lifelong skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork.

Our band is a safe space for our members. Having a place where students feel welcome and safe is important to nurture future success, and the marching band provides a space for its members to make and develop friendships before ever stepping foot inside the high school. In addition, studies show that student musicians stay in school, get better grades, and make better choices regarding the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol than their peers.

Providing the most enriching experience possible for our students doesn't come without a tremendous cost.

Fundraising is vital to the success of the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band. Without the help of the Mt. Lebanon community and beyond, many of the experiences these musicians share would not happen. By donating, either directly or through a fundraiser such as Peppi's hoagies or Sarris Candies, you help the marching band thrive. In turn, these musicians are proud to give back to the community and share the hard work they put into their shows every year. On the back of this letter, I have included a copy of our schedule. The students and I hope you can see us in person this season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Cheskawich". Below the signature, the name "Jason Cheskawich" is printed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

Jason Cheskawich



2023/24 Performance Schedule

- 🎵❤️ **KENNYWOOD FALL FANTASY PARADE – BLUE BAND – Sunday, August 13, 2023**
- 🏈❤️❤️ **MT. LEBANON VS. GATEWAY – BLUE BAND - Friday, August 25, 2023**
- 🏈❤️ **MT. LEBANON AT BETHEL PARK – GOLD BAND – Friday, September 1, 2023**
- 🏈❤️❤️ **MT. LEBANON VS. MOON – BLUE BAND – Friday, September 8, 2023**
- 🏈❤️❤️ **MT. LEBANON VS. CENTRAL CATHOLIC – BLUE BAND – Friday, September 15, 2023**
- 🏈❤️ **MT. LEBANON AT SENECA VALLEY - GOLD BAND – Friday, September 22, 2023**
- 🎵❤️ **NORWIN PIMBA COMPETITION – GOLD BAND - Saturday, September 23, 2023**
- 🏈❤️ **MT. LEBANON AT UPPER ST. CLAIR – GOLD BAND – Friday, September 29, 2023**
- 🏈❤️❤️ **MT. LEBANON VS. NORTH ALLEGHENY – BLUE BAND – Friday, October 6, 2023**
- 🎵❤️❤️ **BAND TRIP (BOA & R&R HOF) – GOLD & BLUE BAND – Saturday, October 7-9, 2023**
- 🏈❤️❤️ **MT. LEBANON VS. PETERS TOWNSHIP – BLUE BAND – Friday, October 13, 2023**
- 🏈❤️ **MT. LEBANON AT BALDWIN – GOLD BAND – Friday, October 20, 2023**
- 🎵❤️❤️ **PIMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS @ MT. LEBANON – GOLD BAND – Saturday, October 21, 2023**
- 🎵❤️ **BLOOMFIELD HALLOWEEN PARADE – BLUE BAND – THURSDAY, October 26, 2023**
- 🏈❤️ **MT. LEBANON AT CANON McMILLAN – GOLD BAND – Friday, October 27, 2023**
- 🎵❤️ **MT. LEBANON PUMPKIN PATCH PARADE – BLUE BAND – Saturday, October 28, 2023**
- 🎵❤️ **PIMBA CHAMPIONSHIPS @ MOON – GOLD BAND – Saturday, October 28, 2023**
- 🎵❤️ **BROOKLINE/MT. LEBANON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – BLUE BAND - Monday, May 27, 2024**