

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



July 30, 2023

Dear Band Families,

Welcome to the start of our 2023-2024 season. The Marching Band has been practicing hard this summer and we are excited for you to see our performances!

Our weekly newsletter will provide a summary of important announcements, a preview of the week-at-a-glance, and an overview of what to expect in the coming weeks. Please continue to check the BAND app (details below) for new communications and the most up-to-date calendar.

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REFER TO THE BAND APP FOR THE MOST
UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR INFORMATION.

SCHEDULE for the WEEK

MONDAY, July 31

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm GOLD BAND AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, August 1

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm GOLD BAND AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, August 2

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm BLUE & GOLD BAND PICTURES AT THE STADIUM

THURSDAY, August 3

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm WINDS GUARD, PERCUSSION SECTIONALS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, August 4

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 8pm - 10:30pm POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, August 6

- DCI Show at Baldwin (optional)
 - 5:45pm REPORT / 6pm DEPART
 - 10:30pm RETURN (estimated)

REMINDERS

Band Camp - starts on Monday morning (see the BAND app for the latest schedule details)

Get rest and hydrate and don't forget to check the Spirit Day list. Here are some items you should bring to camp:

- Binder for music (plus optional sheet protectors)
- 2 or more pencils
- Large water jug
- Lanyard
- Paper clips / clothespins
- Lunch (Gold Band members)

Uniform Pick-up – past due

The last uniform pick-up was July 26. Please reach out to kellylatona@verizon.net if you need to make special arrangements to get your uniform.

The BAND App – install ASAP and check daily

The BAND app is the primary source for information and communication for the Mt Lebanon Marching Band. This is the go to place for volunteer sign-ups, event RSVPs, group surveys, and fundraising information. It is also where parents and students can find the latest weekly performance report times.

View the [BAND app instructions](#) on the website.

Summer Checklist – review and complete forms ASAP

Please review the [Summer Checklist](#) on the website for a collection of information to get you started for the new season.

Band Trip (Oct 6-9) – complete form(s) ASAP, even if not attending

This year's trip, the Bands of America / Rock and Roll Hall of Fame performance, takes place October 6-9, 2023. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the Google form in the BAND app – most recently shared on July 22nd.

If you are going, also be sure to submit the following ASAP:

- Rooming Guidelines and Overnight Waiver
- Deposit

Gift Cards – order ASAP to earn credit towards your child's band trip

Want to earn money towards your marching band trip? Earn 5% by purchasing Shop n Save or Giant Eagle gift cards! We'll place the orders as soon as we reach our combined total. See details in the BAND app.

OPTIONAL: Drum Corps International Show (Aug 6) – sign up ASAP

The Marching Band has been given the unique opportunity to see Carolina Crown in their [Pittsburgh show](#) at Baldwin High School. Don't miss this opportunity to see some amazing marching musical performances! The first 100 students to sign up in the BAND app will get in for free. Bus transportation will be provided.

Student Packet – to be distributed this week

We will be distributing a packet of information / forms during Band Camp this week. Please review the material and return by the deadlines noted on each form.

Picture Day (Aug 2) – UPDATED REPORT TIME 6PM

This year's Picture Day will be different than previous years because we are sharing the field with another event. They've kindly agreed to allow us to take our photos that evening, so we need to be quiet and considerate in return.

- Arrive at the stadium by 6pm, fully dressed in your uniform.
- Gather by Gate A (closest to the concession stand) + line up for individual pictures first.
- Be sure you're wearing clean gloves, your pant hems are the correct length, and you have your instrument / flag + weapons / sticks or mallets.
- After your individual photo is taken, check the seating plan, and sit in the stands for the large group photo.
- Last, we'll take small group photos (seniors, leaders, sections, grade + middle schools). Groups will be called one at a time, and return to the stand after their photo is taken.
- Additional details and specific ordering instructions are available in the BAND app.

Show Shirts for Family Members – order due August 4

Band families interested in purchasing a Blue Band and / or Gold Band show shirt have until August 4 to submit their form in the BAND app. Please fill out a separate order form for each shirt. Payment can be made by check (made out to MLBB), Zelle (to lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com), or cash.

Pool Party (Aug 4) – students get ready

To celebrate the end of our first full week of Band Camp, all students are invited to celebrate at the Pool Party on Friday, August 4th at the [Bower Hill Swim Club](#). See the calendar entry in the BAND app.

Committees – help needed!!

We're looking for help with various committees. Visit the BAND app and see the Committee Sign Up link from July 5th. Additional information will be available at the New Parent Meeting and the Parent Potluck.

CALENDAR NOTES

New Parent Meeting (Aug 10) – block your calendar

We invite all new families to join us on August 10th for a New Parent Meeting at 5:30pm. We'll share important details about the program and answer your questions.

Parent Potluck (Aug 10) – block your calendar

Immediately following the New Parent Meeting is a Parent Potluck for ALL band families at 6pm. Please join us to connect with other parents, get answers to your questions, and watch the band rehearse! Additional details will follow in our next newsletter.

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- Please join the BAND app [HERE](#) to stay connected.
- Visit our Web page for additional information about the program, forms, and frequently asked questions (to be updated in the coming weeks): [Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band](#).
- Students should sign up for the Marching Band group in Schoology using this code: MMG3-TW22-8ZB5S.

