

Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Weekly Newsletter



August 6, 2023

Dear Band Families,

We had a great week #1 of band camp and are looking forward to our first performances at the Kickoff Celebration and Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade.

Remember to check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and important announcements.

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

SCHEDULE for the WEEK

MONDAY, August 7

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm GUARD AND PERCUSSION SECTIONALS

TUESDAY, August 8

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm GOLD BAND

WEDNESDAY, August 9

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm WINDS, GUARD, AND PERCUSSION SECTIONALS

THURSDAY, August 10

- 7am BAND BREAKFAST AT CENTER COURT (optional)
- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 8pm BLUE BAND
- 6pm - 6:30pm NEW PARENT MEETING IN FRONT OF FINE ARTS THEATER (FAT)
- 6:30pm - 8pm PARENT DESSERT & SNACK SOCIAL IN FRONT OF THE FAT

FRIDAY, August 11

- 8am - Noon GOLD BAND
- Noon - 4pm BLUE BAND

SATURDAY, August 12

- 6pm - 9pm Kickoff Celebration

SUNDAY, August 13

- Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade
 - 9:30am REPORT TO A2
 - 8:30pm RETURN (estimated)

REMINDERS

Band Breakfast (August 10, 7am – 7:45am)

Students are invited to arrive early on Thursday morning for a special Band Breakfast. Meet in the Center Court and enjoy eggs, hash browns, bacon, muffins, danishes, and fresh fruit.

New Parent Meeting – NEW TIME (August 10, 6pm – 6:30pm)

Join us outside the Fine Arts Theater (FAT) to learn more about this year's program, meet other parents, and get answers to your questions. Immediately following this meeting is a Dessert & Snack Social for all parents. This is a more casual meeting for anyone needing additional answers. If you are unable to make it until later, please reach out to GG Strom or Cathy Neergaard once you arrive so we can answer your questions about the season.

Parent Dessert & Snack Social – Please bring a sweet treat to share – NEW TIME (August 10, 6:30pm – 8pm)

We're rebranding our Parent Potluck to be a Dessert & Snack Social. Bring your favorite summertime treat to share and a comfortable chair for this tailgate-style event. We'll gather outside the FAT and watch the band's evening rehearsal.

Kickoff Celebration – Please attend (August 12, 6pm – 9pm)

The season kicks off on Saturday with a celebration at the stadium. The band, football team, and cheerleaders will be featured and introduced to attendees, including families and community members. Mr. Cheskawich will provide additional information this week, including attire for the event. All students will perform, and families are encouraged to attend this great event!

Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade (August 13)

Students should report to the high school with their uniform in the garment bag, including hats, gloves, shoes, and black socks. Instruments will be loaded on the truck and uniforms will be carried on the bus with you. Students should bring money for refreshments throughout the day. Report time for the parade will be communicated to the students by Mr. Cheskawich when we arrive at Kennywood. Students are excused once we arrive in Kennywood to enjoy the park with friends.

Student Packet Update – We are going digital

In prior years, we distributed a packet of forms to all students. This included the physical form, permission to travel form, annual membership form, and more. To reduce waste, and streamline tracking, we are going digital this year. Links to all information and forms have been summarized on the [Summer Checklist](#). You may return forms via email or give a printed copy to Mr. Cheskawich.

Bands of America (BOA) Trip Final Payment

The final payment date for our BOA trip in October has been pushed back until later in August. We are confirming final numbers with the travel agency and verifying fundraising balances.

Picture Day Photos are Ready!

Visit <https://my.photoday.com/g/MTLMB23> to find your photos and order online.

Additional details can be found in the BAND app. Free shipping is available for orders over \$55- use the code LEBOSHIP at checkout.

If you missed photo day, please report to gate A in full uniform at 4pm before the Celebration Kickoff on Saturday 8/12. Make sure you have a change of clothes so you can change into the required attire for the Celebration Kickoff.

PIMBA COMPETITION

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association (PIMBA) Competition (October 21)

The Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band will host its FIRST PIMBA Competition on October 21, 2023. In order to make this event a success, we will need the help of every parent. Look for an update in your newsletter every week!

On Monday, Section Leaders handed out envelopes containing **FIVE tickets** to all band members. Each student is expected to sell 5 tickets for the event. If your student did not give you their tickets, please check their backpacks, music folders, lunch boxes, etc. If you still can't find them, reach out to Pauli Green at pauli_green@yahoo.com. Payment can be made by check (made out to MLBB) or Zelle (to lebobandtreasurer@gmail.com).

We are still looking for several **committee chairs**. If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate one of these committees, please reach out to Bonnie Dougherty at bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com.

- Awards – order and pick up awards (plaques) for the bands
- Band Greeters – greet visiting bands and lead them to the various warm-up areas and staging areas
- Concessions – organize the concession stand for the event
- Decorations / Cleanup – purchase decorations, set up tables, and help organize breakdown of the event

Support your favorite band member by purchasing a **student ad** in the program! Click [HERE](#) for additional information and to purchase an ad. If you have questions, please contact Anita at asrikam@aol.com.

Any additional questions? Contact Bonnie Dougherty at 412-224-3482 or bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEES

Committee Sign-Up - We need you!

There are still some open Committee Sign-Up slots. Help us make this another great year for the kids by volunteering for one of the open positions. See the sign-up [Committee Sign-Up Form](#) for details.

FUNDRAISERS

LAST CALL: First Shipment of Shop n Save Gift Cards

If you have already placed an order, please text Bonnie Dougherty at 412-224-2482 to schedule a time to turn in forms / payment so that we can process the order.

If you are still interested in placing an order, it isn't too late. Click on the link below to place an order for SHOP N SAVE cards and then text Bonnie at 412-224-3482 to schedule a time to exchange paperwork. Your student will earn 5% back into their trip credit account. #shopnsave

Link: <https://forms.gle/ka9oXTS7YHSBJfYGA>

REMINDER: Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Want to earn money towards your marching band trip? Earn 5% back by purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards!

In order to place an order we need to place an order for a combined total of \$5,000. Click on the link below to place an order!

Link: <https://forms.gle/i6qGqsexxETyyqGNA>

New Fundraisers

Looking for additional ways to earn money for your child's trip credit account? Check out the BAND app for details about our fundraisers, including:

- [Popcorn](#) – due August 12
- [LeboSlides](#) – due August 18
- [Fall Mums Sale](#) – runs through September 22
- [Yard signs](#) – no deadline

