



2021 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. Emails may be sent from Mr. Cheskawich or our President, Jodi Kubit.

We will begin loading current forms to our website the week of May 17. We will notify you through BAND when they are available. All FORMS will be found on www.leboband.com

ATTEND UNIFORM MEASURING & ORDERING NIGHT - June 2 in Center Court at the High School

All students should attend on June 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 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. We know there is a Mellon Middle School band concert that night so the Mellon 8th graders will be invited to attend at 5:30 p.m. so they can get to their concert. If you absolutely cannot attend, forms and information on how to order your items will be available on the website.

PHYSICAL & PERMISSION TO TRAVEL FORMS DUE TO MR. CHESKAWICH BY AUGUST 2

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. Mr. Cheskawich will be collecting these forms.

MARCHING BAND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & FEE FORM DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1

The Marching Band Annual Fee is due by September 1. You will be able to pay by check, credit card, or fundraising credit. This fee helps cover some of the administrative and operational costs of MLBB and also covers each family's membership in the organization. The fee for 2021-2022 for both the Blue Band and the Gold Band will be determined by the Executive Board in June and then the form will be distributed. If you are unable to pay the fee, please complete the "Member Scholarship Request" form.

UPDATE YOUR CHARMS ACCOUNT WITH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION ASAP

In addition to the BAND app, MLBB uses the Charms group management software. If you have forgotten your login, please contact Kirsten Bruder at kkbruder@hotmail.com. New members will receive their login from Kirsten via email. Charms may be used to check your student's fundraising account if you participate in our gift card program and to make trip and other payments by credit card. The majority of our contact will be via BAND but we will send trip payment emails through Charms, so we must have a valid email address for each student and a parent or guardian. Students should check email regularly since they will also receive weekly updates from Mr. Cheskawich.

MANDATORY PAY TO PLAY FEE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17

All members must pay the "Pay to Play" fee by September 17th. MTLSD implemented this fee for those involved in middle school and high school athletics, marching band and its guard programs, and high school intramurals. The District has a "family" cap of \$80.00, which includes participation in our middle and high school programs. 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. No one will be turned away if they cannot pay. Follow instructions on the MTLSD website if you are unable to pay.

SEASON CALENDAR-- Everything is subject to change at any time.

The first draft of the calendar was distributed by Mr. Cheskawich on May 10. We will be adding a detailed Band Camp schedule and dates and times for rehearsals during the school year. We are also waiting to find out if some traditional events we participate in are being held this year. We will update as we receive information. 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.

FESTIVAL OF BANDS COMMITMENTS

Our Festival of Bands is scheduled for Saturday, September 11. 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 Jodi Kubit 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!

There are many opportunities to volunteer throughout the season. Some opportunities are below and we will soon add a complete list to BAND. 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.

- **Chaperones/Truck Drivers** – Co-VPs Priya Sukumaran and Tracy London 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.
- **Banquet** – We are in need of a committee to plan our annual banquet in November.
- **Fundraising Gala Committee** - We would like to host our second annual gala this winter. The committee will organize a raffle and silent auction, plan refreshments and entertainment.
- **Photographers** – If you like to take photos, please do so at all of our performances and at band camp. Photos will be used to create our annual slide show for the banquet.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer for one of the above positions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to a great season with you and your child.

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