

MT. LEBANON BAND BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

DATE	TIME	GROUP	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri., 11/9	---	All	Sarris Holiday Candy Orders Due	315 Parkside Dr., 15228
Fri., 11/9	5:00 p.m.	All	Game Report Time	A2
Fri., 11/9	5:30 p.m.	All	Game Departure Time	A2
Fri., 11/9	7:30 p.m.	All	Away Playoff Game vs. Pine Richland	700 Warrendale Rd. Gibsonia, PA
Sat., 11/10	11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	All	November Hoagie Order Pickup	1427 Pueblo Dr., 15228
Sat., 11/10	---	PMEA Participants	PMEA Honors Band Festival	North Hills and Bethel Park HSs

“DON’T MISS” INFO FOR THIS WEEK:

Craving candy? Remember to turn in your Sarris Holiday Candy order this Friday.

For details, see the Sarris Holiday Candy Fundraiser article in the Fundraising section at the bottom of the newsletter.

Are you ready for some (more) football? The football team will continue in the playoffs!

Thanks to the football team’s exciting win this past Friday, we have another playoff football game!

Call time is 5:00 p.m.

Departure time is 5:30 p.m.

While you’re adding Friday evening to the calendar, consider volunteering at the game. We need chaperones and pit helpers. Please sign up in Charms if you can help.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Pine Richland HS Football Stadium

700 Warrendale Rd.

Gibsonia, PA 15044

Ordered hoagies this month? Pickup is this Saturday.

If you placed a November hoagie order, please pick up your hoagies from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1427 Pueblo Dr.

YOU’RE INVITED TO THIS YEAR’S BAND BANQUET. NEW

All band members and their parents are invited to the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band 2018 Banquet to celebrate our season and honor our seniors! The banquet will be held Saturday, 11/17 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Center Court. Cost is \$25.00 per person, and band members are free. Dinner will be catered by Armstrong's and served buffet style. **Please RSVP to Lisa Major by mailing your form to 2960 Dodds Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216 by Wednesday, 11/14.** (Note checks should be made payable to MLBB.)

Forms were emailed to families, but if you need the form to print out and send to Lisa, you can download it here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZhQxps80mfqq2B_6s1mhjoolinV_bt3/view?usp=sharing

Questions? Contact:

Lisa Major

Band Banquet Chairperson

412-608-3363

lkmsd@gmail.com

HELP THE BAND DURING THE HOLIDAYS. NEW

As you start your holiday shopping, don't forget there's an easy way to help the band while you shop! When shopping on Amazon, instead of just going to their website, go to our Amazon Smile site at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2910572> and a portion of your purchase will be donated back to the Mt. Lebanon Band Builders! (And don't forget, you can use Giant Eagle and Shop & Save gift cards to purchase Amazon gift cards and help raise money for your student's trip account at the same time!) Using our Amazon Smile account doesn't add any cost to your purchase.

You can help the band while shopping in the comfort of your home!

THE BAND TRIP SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey. Your input was helpful with this year's planning and will help the staff and board with choosing trips moving forward.

We conducted a survey of all families (parents and students) about our 2018-2019 trip. We also asked a few questions for future planning purposes. For this year, we are unable to stick to our trip rotation schedule because of calendar restrictions.

Total responses	171
9th grade students	19
9th grade parents	28
10th grade students	26
10th grade parents	28
11th grade students	25
11th grade parents	14
12th grade students	24
12th grade parents	20

Since we cannot follow the trip rotation that Mr. Cheskawich devised and do a low-cost trip this year, we asked if we should cancel the trip. If we did cancel, we would investigate a senior-only outing so that

seniors may use their student credit. The question was phrased that if we did take a trip the cost would probably fall outside the low-cost range.

We should cancel the trip 14%

We should still take a trip 86%

If we want to continue with a low-cost option, we could do so the first weekend of June. This would require traveling after the seniors have graduated. We asked families if they would consider travelling in June.

Travel in June 64%

Do not travel in June 36%

We asked for input on the cost of a 2- to 3-day trip. Families were asked what they would expect to pay. We provided four cost options.

\$300 11%

\$500 37%

\$700 27%

\$1000 25%

Finally, we asked for some input on future trip planning. The board has discussed whether it is feasible to have a trip yearly, especially with the calendar and cost restrictions each year. Some schools only travel every other year. Some schools only visit one location, Disney World. We asked questions to see what our families feel is best for them and our program. We also asked if we should investigate flying to Disney World when we do attend. We did ask all families for input on this question, but for our planning purposes, we are only reporting the responses for 9th to 11th grade since these decisions will not affect our 12th grade families.

The band should continue to take a trip annually 60%

The band should travel every other year to Disney 18%

The band should travel every other year, once to
Disney and once as another large trip 21%

The band should fly to Disney World 42%

Thank you to those of you who also listed that you are willing to help with future trip planning. The board will keep you in mind when we work with Mr. Cheskawich on future trips.

Summary

Based on these results, we are working with Mr. Cheskawich to plan a trip for this spring. We are aiming for a trip in the \$500-700 price range. We hope to announce the trip in the coming month or two. Please continue fundraising based on the price range that we are supplying now. The feedback on future trips will be used moving forward as Mr. Cheskawich investigates options for band trips. Thanks again for your input.

[FUNDRAISING INFO:](#)

Mt. Lebanon Band Builders sponsors a wide variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Most of these fundraisers are offered to help you pay for your student's annual band trip. Trip credit funds are stored in an account earmarked for students to pay for trips. You can view your trip balance on Charms.

For those participating in fundraisers, please make your checks out to Mt. Lebanon Band Builders, and write your student's name on the check to receive trip credits. No cash will be accepted.

Debbie Wargo
Kelly Gyurina
Fundraising Co-Chairs

The Sarris Holiday Candy fundraiser is back! ORDERS DUE THIS FRIDAY

This fundraiser can boost trip your credit accounts a LOT. The student credit for this fundraiser is 25%, but if the band as a whole sells more than \$2,000 of candy (we have done this every year) each seller receives 32% of their candy sales into their student credit account.

Think ahead to holiday gifts that you need to buy and give candy! Brochures and order forms will be in the band room and also in a box on the front porch of Debbie Wargo's house (315 Parkside Ave, 15228).

Money and order forms (both yellow and white sheets) should be returned to Debbie by Friday, 11/9.

Please make checks payable to MLBB. If participating, please send Debbie an email at dwargo315@yahoo.com after you drop off your money and order forms so that she can confirm receipt and put you on the group email list of sellers. **Candy delivery date will be Monday, 12/10.**

Questions? Contact:
Debbie Wargo
Fundraising Co-Chair
dwargo315@yahoo.com

Peppi's hoagies – a delicious way to earn student fundraising credit. ORDER PICKUP IS THIS SATURDAY

We sell Peppi's hoagies for \$7 each, and you earn \$3 trip credit for each hoagie sold. There are four varieties of hoagies: Italian, Ham, Turkey, and Cheese.

Here are the rest of the hoagie dates for the school year:

- November – order pickup on 11/10
- December - NO HOAGIE SALE
- January - orders due 1/5, pickup on 1/12
- February - orders due 1/26, pickup on 2/2 (Super Bowl is on Sunday, 2/3)
- March - orders due 3/9, pickup on 3/16
- April - orders due 4/6, pickup on 4/13
- May - orders due 5/3, pickup on 5/11

Orders are due with payment by noon on the order dates listed above. Send orders with payment to 1427 Pueblo Drive 15228. Checks should be made payable to MLBB, and please be sure to note your student's name on the order form and check.

Order hoagies for a convenient "no-cook dinner." You can also order hoagies to be donated to charities.

Pickup is at the same location on the pickup dates listed above from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

November Hoagie Order Form (to turn in with your order):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19-S_soDhNYiPxP9MYkcsKV_oOpDF2NQA/view?usp=sharing

November Hoagie Chart (to keep a list of your orders for delivery):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MC2fe4FhvbjJV0gv3Wsyr-OzN4cE1tzN/view?usp=sharing>

Questions? Contact:

Samantha Routh

Hoagie Sale Chair

samantharouth@verizon.net

Buy gift cards for an easy way to raise funds for your child's trip.

Simply contact the chairperson selling the gift cards for where you'd like to dine or shop. Checks should be made out to MLBB (not the chair). You earn 9% trip credit for your purchase of Eat 'n Park gift cards and 5% trip credit when you purchase Giant Eagle and Shop 'n Save gift cards.

Eat'n Park cards (sold in \$10 and \$25 denominations)

Sharon Baylor 614-315-7522 sharon_baylor@mac.com

Patty Siegert 412-531-7243 psiegert@aol.com

Giant Eagle cards (sold in \$50 and \$100 denominations)

Meredyth Glass 412-512-2191 mtsg2@aol.com

Shop 'n Save cards (sold in \$100 denominations)

Gina Bouvy 412-343-3415 ginab8874@gmail.com

Omaha Steaks fundraiser – great for local and out-of-town ordering.

Use this fundraiser to raise money for your student's trip credit account – and help MLBB at the same time! MLBB receives 10% of all orders, which is then split as 5% for the band member's trip credit and 5% for the MLBB general fund.

Example: You place a \$250 order. Your student receives \$12.50 in trip credit, and the MLBB general fund receives \$12.50.

What's more, it's a great way for out-of-town family members and friends to help send your band member on a trip! Anyone in the continental U.S. can place an order.

IMPORTANT: When you place an order, please let me know at pghbucs.fan@verizon.net so I can ensure proper credit to your trip account. Be sure to have anyone else placing orders for your student do the same.

To order, go to www.steaksforgood.com/MtLebanon or go to their retail store at Settlers Ridge. If you use the retail location, just tell them it's for Mt. Lebanon Band Builders.

Questions? Contact:

Greg Daubner

Omaha Steaks Fundraising Chair

pghbucs.fan@verizon.net

Amazon Smile – don't forget MLBB when ordering on Amazon.

Here's an easy way to help raise money for the Marching Band! When shopping on Amazon, instead of just going to their website, go to our Amazon Smile site at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2910572> and a portion of your purchase will be donated back to the Mt. Lebanon Band Builders! (And don't forget, you can use Giant Eagle and Shop & Save gift cards to purchase Amazon gift cards!)