

MT. LEBANON BAND BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

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WEEKLY CALENDAR:

| DATE | TIME | GROUP | EVENT | LOCATION |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon., 8/20 | --- | All | Spirit Wear Orders Are Due | --- |
| Mon., 8/20 | 3:15-5:15 p.m. | Winds | Winds Rehearsal | HS Band Room |
| Tues., 8/21 | 4:00-8:00 p.m. | Percussion | Battery & Pit Rehearsal | HS |
| Tues., 8/21 | 5:00-8:30 p.m. | Auxiliary | Auxiliary Rehearsal | HS C29 Overhang |
| Wed., 8/22 | 7:45 -10:00 p.m. | All | Stadium Rehearsal | HS Stadium |
| Thurs., 8/23 | 5:45-8:00 p.m. | All | Stadium Rehearsal | HS Stadium |
| Thurs., 8/23 | 8:00-9:00 p.m. | All & Families | Family Preview Night | HS Stadium |
| Fri., 8/24 | 5:45 p.m. | Auxiliary | Game Report Time | Band Room |
| Fri., 8/24 | 5:45 p.m. | Winds | Game Report Time | Band Room |
| Fri., 8/24 | 5:45 p.m. | Percussion | Game Report Time | Battery – A2 Pit - Pods |
| Fri, 8/24 | 7:30-11:00 p.m. | All | Home Football Game vs. Gateway | HS Stadium |
| Sat., 8/25 | --- | All | Festival Program Cover Entries Due | --- |

“DON’T MISS” INFO FOR THIS WEEK:

Spirit Wear Orders Due This Monday

Don't miss your chance to show your stylish support for the Marching Band! For details, see the article below.

Show Preview Night for Families

This Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. families are invited to the high school stadium to watch the band perform its pregame and halftime shows. Come out and support our students as they get ready for the start of many great shows this season! Plus Kona Ice will be for sale at the stadium—enjoy a treat while watching! For details, see the article below.

First Football Game of the Year

Although we still have a one precious week of summer left to enjoy, football season is underway! This Friday marks our first football game of the season, a home game against Gateway.

As a reminder, call time for all groups is 5:45 p.m.

Please make sure your student reports by his/her assigned time. They should report in their **washed** uniform, and make sure they have their raincoats, hats, and all accessories for their uniform (i.e. gloves, gauntlets, shoes, etc.). Section leaders will be performing a uniform inspection prior to warmups.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING BAND PANTS: Students should take note of where their pants are snapped to be sure that they are the correct length (just count them). **BE CAREFUL WHEN PUTTING YOUR PANTS ON SO THAT YOU DO NOT UNDO THE SNAPS. IF YOU DO UNDO THE SNAPS, PLEASE REDO THEM.** If necessary, practice snapping them at home so that you can do it quickly before the game. Section leaders and upperclassmen, please teach our new members how to carefully put on the pants so they don't undo the snaps. Parents cannot continue to adjust 15 to 20 students' pants prior to performances like we did at Kennywood. Also, if you see multiple creases where your pants are hemmed, please have them ironed by yourself or a parent. **YOU MUST PLACE A CLOTH BETWEEN THE PANTS AND THE IRON SO AS TO NOT BURN THE FABRIC.**

Game time is at 7:30 p.m., but be there by 7:00 p.m. to see the pregame festivities. First-time band parents: Many band parents sit in the section next to the band. Please join us!

Also many students and some band families go to the South Hill Village Eat 'n Park after football games. Stock up on Eat 'n Park gift cards and earn fundraising credit while enjoying those late-night snacks! For details, see the gift card info in the Fundraising section at the bottom of this newsletter.

Festival of Bands Cover Contest Ends This Saturday

It's not too late to create! For details, see the article below.

SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE – START THE NEW BAND SEASON IN STYLE! ORDERS DUE THIS MONDAY

Surprise your hard-working band member with some great gear – better yet, outfit your whole family! Look cool but stay warm in the stands this year. Not only will you look great, you'll also help support MLBB! MLBB receives 20% of all Spirit Wear sales.

You can download the Order Form here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-4UKXv-KTR1V-qdImnfjRPII7VQdkfx5/view?usp=sharing>

Order forms and payment are due by this Monday, 8/20 and should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "MTL BLUE DEVIL BAND APPAREL SALE." You can submit orders to Ellen Giarrusso at 2 Midway Rd. or have your child give your order to Maria Giarrusso.

Questions? Contact:

Ellen Giarrusso

Spirit Wear Chairperson

efgiarrusso@gmail.com

GET READY FOR FAMILY PREVIEW NIGHT THIS THURSDAY! NEW

All marching band families are invited to the Family Preview Night this Thursday, 8/23 at 8:00 p.m. at the high school stadium. Come see the results of all the hard work the band has been putting in throughout the summer! Admission is free, and Kona Ice will be for sale at the stadium.

Band member dress code for preview night is:

Musicians – show shirts with khaki shorts

Auxiliary – all black

SHOW OFF YOUR CREATIVITY AND EARN FUNDRAISING CREDIT! ENTRIES DUE THIS SATURDAY

It's time for our annual Festival of Bands Program Cover Design Contest. All Blue Devil Marching Band members – this includes all musicians and auxiliary members – are eligible to participate.

- You can hand draw a design, use a photo, or use computer clip art.
- You must have black type.
- You can use blue and yellow for background colors.
- Size of cover is 8.5" x 11" with a ½" border all the way around.
- Make sure your design is dark enough to show up when printed.
- The following text must appear on the cover:
 - Mt. Lebanon High School is proud to present the 2018 Festival of Bands
 - Saturday, September 22, 2018
 - Mt. Lebanon High School Stadium
 - Program Cover Designed by _____
- Make sure your name is on the back of the design.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Marching Band staff, and they will choose the winner that will appear on the cover of the Festival of Bands program.

The deadline is this Saturday, 8/25. Submit your entry to Mrs. Kubit at Stadium Rehearsals or mail it to: MLBB, ATTN: Program Cover Contest, PO BOX 10476, Pgh, PA 15234.

MLBB ANNUAL FEE IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1. NEW

The Mt. Lebanon Band Builders Annual Fee is due by Saturday, 9/1. This fee is separate from the school district's Pay to Play fee. Following payment of the Annual Fee, all parents/guardians of a student will automatically become members of MLBB. You must be a current member of MLBB to chaperone any event, to take advantage of our student credit accounts, and to receive access to the directory.

Please see the attached form for information on the three payment options for paying the Annual Fee plus the \$5 towards the cost of the show shirt. New this year is the ability to pay the fee through Charms using a credit card or your student's credit account.

MLBB Annual Fee/Membership Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uwGROVwCPYOdvsI6Lfxh_k5RFq-2rM5j/view?usp=sharing

As we discussed at our general meeting last week, we have tried to minimize the general fund fundraisers so that families may concentrate on earning funds for their individual expenses. As with many other membership organizations, like PTA, we also found that participation in these general fund fundraisers, with the exception of the Festival of Bands, was often low. We looked at fees that other area marching bands are charging and we are still one of the lowest. In comparison to many sports, marching band is also the lowest fee. Just as we did last year, if we do find we have a large surplus, we will make every effort to use it to help our students offset their trip costs.

Thank you,

The Mt. Lebanon Band Builders Executive Board

FESTIVAL OF BANDS REMINDERS NEW INFO BELOW

The annual Festival of Bands, which will be held Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school stadium, is our largest fundraiser every year. Funds from this event pay for many of the expenses in our general fund budget. We need your help to make it a success!

Festival Yard Signs NEW

Please help us spread the date and time for the Mt Lebanon Festival of Bands by displaying a sign in your yard. The yard signs were donated by The Nottingham Group. Please pick up your yard sign at Family Preview Night on Thursday from the Jareks. We have 100 signs to distribute.

Thanks,
Karen Jarek

Festival of Bands Ticket Sales – Trip Credit Opportunity NEW

We need all families to sell tickets to the festival. Each student received ten tickets during Band Camp. Tickets cost \$7 for ages 5 & up, and the price goes up to \$8 at the gate. Children under 5 are free.

Any tickets sold with money turned into Stephanie Reiss (67 Seneca Drive, 15228) by August 30 will earn 50% fundraising credit. Sell all 10 and you earn \$35. See Stephanie for extra tickets. Make sure you include your name and number of tickets sold when you turn in your money. Checks written to MLBB are preferred, but you can turn in cash.

Questions? Contact:
Stephanie Reiss
srreiss@yahoo.com

Festival of Bands Ad Sales – Another Trip Credit Opportunity

The Band Builders board has decided that we would like to offer families the opportunity to earn more fundraising credit with our ad sales this year. We are now offering credit for all sponsorships, business ads, and student ads. We hope that this will encourage you all to secure more ads for our program this year. Students, why not ask your employer to support the band? Ask your neighbors and family members. Let them know that they are supporting the entire band and also helping you to earn money for your annual band trip! Fundraising credit can be earned as follows:

| Sponsorships | Cost | Credit |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Blue | \$1000 | \$50 |
| Gold | \$750 | \$40 |
| White | \$500 | \$30 |

| Business Ad Size | Cost | Credit |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Business Card Ad | \$40 | \$5 |
| 1/4 Page Ad | \$75 | \$10 |
| Half-Page Ad | \$125 | \$15 |
| Full-Page Ad | \$200 | \$20 |

| Student Ad Size | Cost | Credit |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Senior Ad | \$75 | \$15 |
| Student Ad | \$30 | \$5 |

All information and ad forms are available here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SdkNnw-Y8xBk9MvSBJ3zzAZo4bgFga-h?usp=sharing>

Questions? Contact:
Chastity West
cwest@fridaylaw.com

CHARMS EMAIL ISSUES FOR GMAIL USERS UPDATE

We're still having a problem with our email system--in particular, many Gmail users are having trouble receiving our emails. Charms has advised us it is because one of our emails was marked as spam by one of our users. They are working with Google to fix the problem. We're continuing to work with them to get this resolved.

In the meantime, in addition to sending to email blasts to all band members and families through Charms, we'll also send a "backup email blast" to gmail addresses through our leboband@gmail.com account. We apologize if you get "double emails," but with so much important information to share with you, we don't want to risk everyone not getting the information. Also as another backup, a PDF of the newsletter will be posted on the band's website at www.leboband.com. We thank you for your patience!

UNIFORM CARE – INFO FOR NEW FAMILIES, REMINDERS FOR THE REST OF US:

Please read this information BEFORE washing your uniform – and yes, you must wash your uniform during the season!

Uniform Care for Musicians

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AkVyrJlgBOMs18gGeS_35kvtQDr-hqJA/view?usp=sharing

Uniform Care for Auxiliary Members

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wp7Hct3YdacGJVOii9oZ2Du5NCaYbAXM/view?usp=sharing>

Questions? Contact:
Kathy Thompson
Uniform Chairperson
Fredi314@mac.com

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

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. Students and their families who participate in these fundraisers can earn trip credit to help offset their expenses for the trip, sometimes earning 100% of the trip's cost! Trip credit funds are stored in an account earmarked for students to pay for trips. MLBB will track accounts for each student who participates. 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

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

Use this new 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 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.

I have ordered several times. The food is quite good, and it's portioned out. It's sent in reusable foam coolers with dry ice. (As an added bonus, the dry ice is very suitable for making fog in your bathtub and Halloween is just around the corner.)

In addition to their famous steaks, they have seafood and chicken. Many packages have sides, such as potatoes au gratin and/or desserts. Also the steak seasoning available for order is quite good!

Some of the current packages:

The Gourmet Combo That Gives (49384SFG)

- 2 5 oz. Filet Mignons
- 2 5 oz. Top Sirloins
- 4 Boneless Chicken Breasts (1 lb. Pkg.)
- 4 4 oz. Omaha Steaks Burgers
- 4 3 oz. Gourmet Jumbo Franks
- 8 Potatoes Au Gratin

\$59.99

The Great Grilling Assortment (45068SFG)

- 4 5 oz. Filet Mignons
- 4 5 oz. Top Sirloins
- 4 4 oz. Boneless Pork Chops
- 4 Boneless Chicken Breasts (1 lb. Pkg.)
- 4 4 oz. Omaha Steaks Burgers
- 8 3 oz. Gourmet Jumbo Franks
- 4 5.75 oz. Stuffed Baked Potatoes

\$110.00

6 (4.5 oz) Stuffed Sole with Scallops and Crabmeat (850SFG) (my personal favorite deal!)

\$21.99

To order, go to www.steaksforgood.com/MtLebanon or go to their retail store. **Omaha Steaks is conveniently located at Settlers Ridge. Take Ridge Rd exit off 22/30 to Settler's Ridge. They're near the Market District and the Cinemark Movie Theater behind REI.** If you use the retail location, just tell them it's for Mt. Lebanon Band Builders.

Greg Daubner

pghbucs.fan@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 plsiegert@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

Sell Peppi's hoagies for a delicious way to earn fundraising credit for your student's trip. UPDATED

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 hoagie dates for the school year:

September - orders due 9/8, pickup on 9/15

October - orders due 10/6, pickup on 10/13

November - orders due 11/3, 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

You can also order hoagies to be donated to charities.

Orders are due with payment by noon on the order dates listed above. Send orders to 1427 Pueblo Drive 15228. Pickup is at the same location on the pickup dates listed above from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GWgRV0N43PBczWYjmveF6Bj73mBIqKID/view?usp=sharing>

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uxtxICRzuwdc1gqapmii6xAN0paaal6F/view?usp=sharing>

Samantha Routh

Hoagie Sale Chair

samantharouth@verizon.net

March-a-Thon donations are due on Friday, 8/31.

This is an easy way to raise hundreds of dollars to meet your personal band fundraising goal. March-a-Thon concluded Friday, 8/17. **Collected donations are due on Friday, 8/31.**

Students contact their family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses to obtain pledges for the amount of time they will have marched over a two-week period during Band Camp. The estimated time is 75 hours or 4,500 minutes. (Example: 1 cent per minute pledge = \$45; 2 cent per minute pledge = \$90; \$1 per hour pledge = \$75). *Of course, donations of any amount are acceptable.*

Every dollar raised is applied towards YOUR student's trip account.

For more information, see the links below:

[How it Works](#)

[Student Letter to Potential Sponsor](#)

[Sponsor List](#)

Questions? Contact:

Bonnie Dougherty

Bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com

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 [<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2910572>] site 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!)