

# THE BAND APP 2021-2022

## Essential BAND Info

- Click [HERE](#) to join Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band.
- Click [HERE](#) to join Mt. Lebanon High School Concert Bands (Concert Band and Wind Ensemble).
- You can download the app to your smartphone or join from a desktop. You will be able to access your BAND account from both.
- [Click here for easy-to-follow instructions.](#)
- [And here is a quick overview video to help get you oriented!](#)

## What will BAND be used for?

- BAND is used for all internal communications. Only board and committee members will be able to create posts and events but all members can comment and shout (similar to Facebook likes/reactions).
- BAND will be home to the most up-to-date calendar information.
- BAND will be used for event RSVPs, volunteer sign-ups, group surveys and fundraising promotions.
- BAND has a Chat feature, but we are not using it right now.

## What about our other platforms?

- **Charms** will continue to be used for financial and student credit tracking only.
- [Leboband.com](#) will continue to house important forms and the Performance Calendar, but BAND will be the “go-to” for the most current information.
- **Google Classroom** will be used by Mr. Cheskawich to post recordings, videos, tutorials, etc. directly with the students.

## How to link the BAND calendar to your personal calendar:

You can populate your own personal calendar with the BAND events calendar.

- Go to the Events (Calendar) page.
- At top right of the calendar, click on “Export”
- Select which calendar you would like to add to your personal calendar (you can add more than one).
- Select which calendar service you use, or copy the URL and paste it into your calendar system.

## Are there any drawbacks to BAND?

- BAND is FREE to use, but like any business they need to make money. BAND makes money by selling stickers and games as in-app purchases. Some stickers and games are free, some are not. If you don't want your student buying things in BAND, be sure to communicate that to them and disable in-app purchases on their phone if necessary.
- Some reviewers feel there are too many notifications from BAND making it hard to recognize important information, like last-minute schedule changes. Here are instructions to help you manage BAND notifications:
  - Click the Home button
    - More>Settings>Push Notifications>Turn off “Event Promotion Notifications” and “Service Notice” at bottom of screen
  - Hit the back arrow in upper left corner
  - Customize Each Band>MtL Blue Devil Marching Band:
    - Receive Push Notifications>ON
    - Posts>All (note that only Admins/Editors can post, so you'll be notified of only the important stuff)
    - Comments>Your choice, but we recommend “Involved”
    - Events>Reminders Only
    - Albums > Your Choice
    - Chat Push Notifications (We're not using Chats at this time)
    - In-app Notifications> Your choice, but we recommend “Involved”
    - Email Notifications> Your choice if you want to be emailed about BAND activity
  - Please DO NOT turn off push-notifications altogether!