Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching Band Newsletter

May 18, 2025

Dear Band Families,

Congratulations to all our Percussion students for delivering an amazing concert series! We look forward to Tuesday's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble/Combo performances.

This week, we have two uniform measuring days (additional times will be added for June). All new AND returning members must be measured for a uniform for the 2025-2026 season - even if their current one still fits. We'll also have accessory order forms available at uniform measuring. Accessory orders are due by June 20.

With the Memorial Day parade just over a week away, now is the time to gather your uniform pieces and make sure everything still fits! We're also seeking volunteers to assist with the parade and uniform collection. See below for details. Note that no parade rehearsals are scheduled. We will run through the SSB and Main Street America before Monday's ceremony.

Remember, we'll collect uniforms from all current members after the Memorial Day Parade and send them for professional cleaning. We also welcome donations from graduating seniors, including shoes, garment bags, and raincoats.

As always, please check the BAND app for the latest schedule, report times, and announcements.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SAVE THE DATES:

- Uniform Measuring - please attend one in the Band Room:
  - OPTION 1: Thursday, May 22 (3:15 PM - 3:45 PM)
  - OPTION 2: Friday, May 23 (3:15 PM - 3:45 PM)
- Monday, May 26 - South Hills Memorial Day Parade, followed by uniform return
  - 7:40 AM - Report to band room
  - 7:50 AM - Play through SSB and Main Street America in the band room, gather equipment, and walk to ceremony (Veterans Memorial at entrance to Main Park)
  - 8:30 AM - Ceremony
  - 9 AM - Board bus on Cedar Blvd and head to Brookline for parade
  - 10 AM - Parade starts
  - 11 AM - Return to HS and turn in uniforms
- June 2 and June 3 - Marching Band Woodwind and Brass "Try it Out" session for all current 7th through 11th graders
- Week of June 9th - Winds/Percussion/Guard rehearsals begin
- June 9 (3 PM - 6 PM) - In-Person Accessory Ordering (optional)
- June 20 - deadline to submit accessory order forms/payment

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; REFER TO THE BAND APP FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR INFORMATION

UPDATES / REMINDERS

Memorial Day Parade - Volunteers Needed

The Memorial Day Parade takes place on Monday, May 26. We'll begin with a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial at the entrance to Main Park. Then, we'll board buses and depart for Brookline. The parade begins on Brookline Blvd. It proceeds to Pioneer Avenue through Dormont to the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. This is a long parade, so students must stay hydrated.

CHAPERONES (including wagon pullers) - We will need volunteers to walk with the band for the entire parade route. Specific tasks include: pulling a wagon containing water/supplies (1-2 fathers would be ideal as it can be quite heavy when going uphill), squirting water from Gatorade bottles, misting students, refilling Gatorade/misting bottles. **Here's the link to sign-up (scroll to bottom): LINK**

UNIFORM COLLECTION - After the parade, we'll collect uniforms. We're looking for a few volunteers to help. Please use the sign-up link above to volunteer.

DONATIONS - Any seniors interested in donating used raincoats, marching shoes, or garment bags may do so at uniform collection. A donation table will be set up to accept these items. Thank you!

Uniform Measuring - All new and returning students must get measured

All new and returning Marching Band students must get measured for a uniform - even if their current uniform still fits. Please stop by the Band Room on one of these dates - it will only take a few minutes:

- Thursday, May 22 between 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM
- Friday, May 23 between 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

If you miss one of these dates, we will add additional times that coincide with "try it out" sessions and practices in June. We'll also have copies of the **Accessory Order Forms** ready to distribute.

Accessory Orders - In-Person Accessory Ordering Day June 9 / All Orders due by June 20

Accessories include mandatory items not provided as part of the uniform. This includes a t-shirt to be worn under uniform (musicians) / tank top (guard), shoes, gloves, garment bag, duffle bag, hat/beanie, etc. We'll distribute paper copies of the form on uniform measuring days. An online form will also be available. **All orders are due by June 20.**

If you don't know your exact sizes, please plan to stop by the High School auditorium lobby on **June 9** between 3 PM - 6 PM. We'll have samples of various accessories, and our shoe vendor (for Musicians, not Guard)) will be on-site to measure students. Shoes are perhaps the most challenging accessory to fit, so getting measured is highly recommended for new students.

Volunteer Clearances - Prepare for the upcoming season

Mt. Lebanon Band Builders is always looking for volunteers! To volunteer for various activities, your clearances must be on file with the school district.

Volunteers should submit their Program Volunteer clearance(s) to Dana Martin (danamartin@mtlsd.net). Clearances must be updated every five years with the exception of the Resident of PA Affidavit which must be signed annually.

Instructions can be found here: LINK

These requirements can also be found on the District website. Please volunteer - it's a great way to get to know other parents and support your favorite band members!

Call for Volunteers - Committee Chairs and More!

We need help from every family to deliver the best possible experience for our students. Please reach out to share your special talents and help us find the perfect role for you! There are even some asynchronous opportunities that can be done on your own schedule.

Here are a few examples of what we're looking for:

- Standing Committees: Fundraising Coordinator, Publicity Chair, Sponsorship Chair and more!
- Special Committees - here are a few examples:
  - Website Administrator
  - Uniform Management
  - New Member Social
  - Band Camp Tailgate
  - Photo Day
  - Spirit and Music Advocacy
  - Festival Planning Committee (multiple roles)
  - Senior Night
  - Banquet Chair / Program / Decorations (multiple roles)
  - Sarris Candy Fundraiser
  - Spirit Nights at Restaurants

Please reach out to Jeffrey Obuchowski (jeffrey.obuchowski@gmail.com) to learn more about committee roles.

FUNDRAISING

Gift Card Program - Still Available

Even though this year's band trip is over, it's still possible to earn funds for YOUR STUDENT'S fundraising account. This money can be used for next year's trip, membership, banquet tickets, and other costs. And here's the best part- it is a rebate program, so in June, any leftover funds can either roll over until next year OR it can be refunded to you by MLBB.

Use your phone to search for a new app and look for RaiseRight. (See the picture below for their icon.)
Use MLBB Enrollment Code: FN2YRTBDQFNC

Add a bank account and you can start shopping right away! Gift cards can be mailed (there is a cost associated with this) or downloaded directly to your phone. And you can begin using the gift cards right away! Feel free to share the link with friends and family since their purchases can ALSO be allocated to your child!

Questions? Please reach out to Bonnie Dougherty (412-224-3482) or Kirsten Bruder (412-812-6577) for assistance.

*Note: Once we see that you have placed an order, we will reach out to you with a form that needs to be filled out for our records - please just fill it out and send it back to us! Thanks! - Kirsten & Bonnie

USEFUL LINKS

Useful Links

- BAND app - the latest schedule, updates, and important announcements
- Web site (http://www.leboband.com) - forms and information that does not change frequently.

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