



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

July 2016

Lancaster Band Boosters are parents/guardians of any student involved in the instrumental music program in the Lancaster City Schools, including Thomas Ewing, General Sherman, and Lancaster High School. The student may be involved in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Freshman Band, the Band of Gold, Percussion Ensemble, Swinging Gales, Pep Band, Color Guard, or Winter Guard. Former band members, members of their families or interested community members are also encouraged to become Booster members.

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PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Thursday, July 28th, at 12pm

Lancaster Festival ~ Downtown Bandstand

Band Camp

University of Rio Grande

July 31st – August 5th

From the Director of Bands

The beginning of a new band season is an exciting time! During the months of June and July, we start the important training needed to have a successful marching band. Equally as important as teaching the fundamentals of music and marching, *and quite possibly more important*, is teaching the elements of team work, self-discipline, and goal-setting.

Before the season begins, we review our handbook together as a band. The handbook is a great reference for band members to know what is expected of them and how to be a successful member of the team. Below is a brief explanation of what we expect from our band members and how you, as a parent, can help.

“Be Informed”

The directors understand how busy band members and their families are. As a result, we want to make sure getting the information you need is easy. Any information that is discussed or passed out in rehearsal will also be posted on social media or the band website. We expect your son or daughter to pay attention to announcements in band, of course, but there's always another way to find out too.

“Be Respectful”

Regardless of how hot the practice may be or how difficult the music is, we expect all band members to respect each other and the directors. This is something we especially reiterate early in the season. We don't tolerate disrespect or gossip. Instead, we want to build a culture where band members are helpful to one another and appreciate the roles that each band member fills.

“Be Punctual”

We practice a lot, but it's important to know that each practice has a goal that cannot simply be postponed until the following day. We appreciate the fact the band members know when practices are and show up on time, ready to go! We do, however, understand other things come up on occasion. In these situations, we ask that the band members talk to the directors about what's going on so that we can work it out.

“Be Prepared”

New members often ask how much they will need to practice at home to learn their music. There is really no “one size fits all” answer. Instead, we trust that the students will use good judgment in determining how hard they can work to accomplish their goals. We can't work together as a team unless every member is prepared. If an individual needs help, they need to ask. Otherwise, they need to work on their own so their part is learned and they are prepared for the next rehearsal.

“Be Motivated”

The previous four guidelines would be more than enough for most band programs, but we want more for our students and their band experience! We want each band member, in their own way, to be motivated to reach their goals, to improve their playing abilities, and to become a better leader and person. Parents can help with this by encouraging your son or daughter to take advantage of extra opportunities (private lessons, honor bands, attending concerts, etc.) and ask about what their goals are for the day, the week, or the year.

As always, thank you for all that you do to help the Lancaster Band program. I hope to see all of you on the parade route on July 4th!

Benjamin E. Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

Important Change for Band Camp

The Lancaster Band of Gold has had a long standing tradition of attending band camp at the University of Rio Grande. Band Camp 2016 will mark the 37th year.

In 1994, a change was made – to shorten band camp from ending on Saturday to ending on Friday evening with a parent performance. Even though the time and distance made it difficult for parents to get to Rio Grande, it became the norm.

Lancaster is now the last band to stay until Friday evening; all other bands leave immediately after lunch on Friday. This year, Rio Grande has asked us to adjust our schedule like this in order to help them prepare for bands coming in the following week.

As a result, the Band of Gold will be returning by bus to Lancaster on Friday afternoon. Later that evening, a short preview of our music will occur in front of the band room before dismissing to go home. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and invite your friends and family!

The following week, on Thursday, August 11, the Band of Gold will debut its pre-game and competition show on the field beginning at 8:30pm. Rehearsal that evening, and the performance that follows, will be open to the public. We hope this format will allow even more people the opportunity to see the group's progress after band camp.

Please be sure to spread the word to any alumni who may want to see the band after camp.

From the Band Booster President

I would like to welcome all of our new band members and their parents. It is exciting to see the marching band starting to practice for the 4th of July Parade and the upcoming band season. It will be a great year for all of our band students and directors.

I am very excited to announce that we have a new concessions chairperson. Mark Nebbergall has volunteered for this position. He will do an excellent job as our concession leader. Please watch for a future date for cleaning the concession booth to get it ready for football season. We will need plenty of volunteers to help with this cleaning.

Please note on your calendars Monday, August 8th. This will be the annual picnic and swim party at Valley View. We will have a band booster meeting after we eat so that everyone can hear about and sign up for volunteer positions.

I hope everyone will attend the 4th of July Parade. This will be the first time to see the new marchers in action. Please join me in cheering on our 2016-2017 Band of Gold.

Thank you,
Beth Wing
Band Booster President

Band Booster Picnic and Swim Party

WHEN: Monday August 8th, 6:30pm

WHERE: Valley View Golf Club
1511 George Rd., Lancaster

TIME: Picnic for everyone at 6:30pm
Pool is open from 8:00 – 11:00pm (Parents and siblings are welcome to swim, too)

Parents, please stay for a very informal 'social hour' at the picnic shelter beginning at 8:00pm for questions and answers, and to discuss and sign up for the various booster activities for the coming year!

WHAT TO BRING:

Everyone bring a **main dish**
Woodwinds and Guard also bring a **dessert**
Brass and Percussion also bring a **side dish**

DRINKS AND TABLEWARE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Fundraising

As Marching Band season ramps up so does the need to begin fundraising. We are going to have several opportunities over the next several months to raise funds for both individual accounts and the general fund. Watch for more information about the Discount Card event. This was a great success that year. We will also be doing the candy bar sale this fall, likely mid-September.

We were informed recently that the Meijer Rewards program is being discontinued due to lack of participation. In the year that we participated we only earned \$15.87. Unfortunately they don't distribute funds unless you reach a minimum of \$100. So please remember the required annual renewal of your participation in the Kroger Rewards program.

With graduations and the students going to college, please consider using AmazonSmile for your online purchases. You can designate the Lancaster High School Band and Amazon will donate a portion of the sale to our general fund.



The discount cards are in and ready for distribution! We are planning to have the cards available after practice on July 20th. Each person who wants to sell the cards will get 10 cards to start with – no money upfront. More can be requested any time after the first 10 are sold and the money turned in. If you don't want 10 cards, you can request fewer cards when they are picked up on the 20th. The students will sell the cards for \$10 each and will be responsible for returning the money and/or unsold cards by the end date of the sale which is August 31st. Watch the newsletter for details on where, when and how to turn in the money and cards.

These cards are popular and will be an easy sell to friends and family. This year each student will receive \$5 for the personal account from each card they sell – 50% profit! Since this is a non-trip year the remaining profit per card will go toward the band's general fund to help pay for music, transportation, band camp help, etc. This profit will depend on how many cards sold and was about \$2.70 last year.

Contact Mark Molnar if you have any questions.

Pop and Water Donations

Each family of a band member is asked to donate:

2 - 12 packs of your favorite pop
1 - 24 pack of bottled water

These drinks are used throughout the year to serve all band students at home games, road trips, banquets, etc. Please bring these drinks with you on Sunday, July 31st, when you drop off your student for band camp. There will be a pick-up truck near the band room where you can leave them.

Helping your Band Member to be Successful

Having a child in band can be a great experience, but also can be a challenge knowing how to help him/her be successful. Having success in band is a highly complex formula, and is not always easily understood. The following are five ways in which you can help your son or daughter to have an even more successful band experience.

1. Encourage commitment, even after tough days

The most successful band members are not discouraged by a bad day. Parents can help develop this trait by encouraging their son or daughter to persevere through any challenges that might arise. High school students usually need some help to develop everyday coping skills. It's so easy to give up on a goal, especially in a "drive-through" "instant-gratification" world. Discuss challenges with your son or daughter and work towards long-term solutions and strategies, without involving excessive drama. This can also be done in other situations too, whether it's a school research paper, a household project, or just committing to keeping one's word.

2. Show them that band is valued in your home

I'm sure that all parents try to be supportive of their children's interests, but does your son or daughter know how much you value band? When talking about music in your home, do you treat it like another extra activity, or do you value it the same as any other academic class?

Do you enjoy going to band performances? Band members will notice if their parents want to watch performances, as opposed to showing up out of obligation or simply to show your support. When your child is practicing at home, do you act interested in his/her progress? Do you notice when there is an improvement in his/her ability?

Band parents should be aware of the long-term benefits of studying music, not only the team-work and social aspects, but also the cognitive, emotional, and physical reasons. Science has a tremendous amount of data that backs up the great benefits of playing an instrument. Unfortunately, in our culture, music is sometimes pushed aside as being irrelevant. Band parents must understand the real data and be somewhat counter-cultural, in order to really value band to the fullest.

3. Help them take ownership in their playing

Successful band members are goal-oriented. They understand that hard work and deliberate practice will help them to become a better musician. High school students love to be independent and make their own decisions, but they also like when others help them to achieve their goals. Supportive parents may consider asking their student about extra opportunities they can be a part of (honor bands and extra-curricular ensembles, for example). If private lessons will help them achieve their goals, can you encourage them to pursue this? Really involved parents, especially, may need to allow their son or daughter take the initiative in making their own decisions on how to improve.

4. Share what you're passionate about

Great band members are highly engaged during rehearsals. They enjoy playing their instrument and enjoy working together with others in a group setting. They are also typically very passionate about the music that they are performing. This passion often serves as fuel to get through all of the hard work and long days. Sharing with your son or daughter what you thought was great about a certain piece of music can initiate conversation that can help them articulate what inspires them. Whatever you are passionate about, consider allowing your son or daughter to see your enthusiasm about a particular hobby or subject. Sometimes high school students can feel as if being enthusiastic isn't cool. Helping them to feel comfortable sharing what they're interested in can really help energize their inner potential.

5. Embrace the band family

The importance of the social side of being in band is often underestimated by parents and directors. High school students really value these new friendships. Fortunately, these friendships are generally very positive and encouraging during these crucial teenage years. I once heard someone say that "no one ever robbed a bank on their way to band practice." That is, the structure of being in band encourages good decisions and healthy social situations. When band members feel accepted as part of the band, they are then free to be themselves, try hard, and participate with more ease. Hanging out with other band members who try hard, enjoy each other's company, and support one another in their goals can have a powerful impact on your child's confidence as part of the band program.

Ben Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

CHARLIE F. SMITH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2016 8:00 A.M.

GOLFERS & HOLE SPONSORS NEEDED!!

Each year, the Lancaster Band Boosters have a golf outing to raise money for scholarships. This year's event is Saturday, August 20. Please share the registration form and sponsor form with all your family and friends.

Charlie Smith was a very active booster, believing in helping the students in all that they do. Although as his daughter said, Dad might not have been the best golfer but he had fun playing and helping out. So that being said, we want to make this is one of the best golf events we have ever had. PLEASE get the word out. The golfers do not need to be pros, just enjoy getting out and having FUN.

A fabulous lunch is provided at the end.

WILL YOU HELP TO GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER?

SAY “YES”

Rod Elder & Gary Johnson, Chairmen



**CHARLES F. SMITH
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016**



**Sponsored by:
Lancaster Band Boosters**

**The Charles F. Smith Memorial Golf Outing
Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course**

Charlie was an active member and a great supporter of the Lancaster Band Boosters well after his children graduated. The Band Boosters would like to continue to honor Charlie's many years of service to the boosters by hosting this event. All proceeds from this event will go directly into the Charles F. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

We are asking for your support, which in turn will help support a deserving young student continue their education after high school. You can do so by becoming one of the following sponsors:

- **Advertising Sponsor** – For a \$50.00 contribution, a sign will be placed at one of the holes during the outing to publicize your support.
- **Door Prize Sponsor** – For the contributions of a non-monetary item, you or your business will be acknowledged for your contribution during the awards presentation.

In addition, we would like to invite you to join us on Saturday, August 20, 2016, at Pleasant Valley Golf Course and enjoy the friendly competition at the outing. If you wish to enter a three-person team for a “shotgun start” scramble on Saturday morning, August 20, an entry fee of \$150.00 per team will provide 18 holes of golf, prizes, lunch and refreshments. The field will be limited to 36 teams so early registration is recommended.

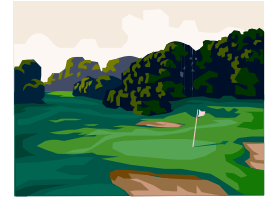
Thank you for the support of this scholarship fund.

Mail To: Lancaster Band Boosters
c/o Gary Johnson
425C West Walnut St.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130



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Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Registration Opens at 7:00 a.m.
Format: Three Man Scramble (Best Ball)
Entry Fee: \$150.00 per Team
Fee Includes: Golf with Cart; Prizes and Lunch; Drinks All Day
Deadline: First 36 Teams



Make Checks Payable To: Lancaster Band Boosters
c/o Gary Johnson

Registrations Can Be Turned In At: Gary's Service Center
425C West Walnut St.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

or to

Mike Kilbarger at
Pleasant Valley Golf Course

TEAM MEMBERS, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON



1. _____ (Contact)
2. _____
3. _____

Lancaster High School ~ Instrumental Music Department ~ July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3 pm Brass Sectionals Color Guard Sectional	June 30 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL	1 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL	2
3	4 4 th of July Parade	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 8:45-10:20am Snare Drum Sectional 10:30-noon Bass Drum Sectional 1:30-4:30pm Sideline Sectional 6-9pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice	12 8:45-10:20am Tom Sectional 10:30-noon Crash Cymbal Sectional	13 8:45-10:20am Snare Sectional 10:30-noon Bass Drum Sectional 1:30-4:30pm Sideline Sectional	14 8:45-10:20am Tom Sectional 10:30-noon Crash Cymbal Sectional	15	16
17	18 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1:15-2:45 Snare Drum/Tom Sectional 3-4:30pm Bass Drum Sectional 6-9pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice	19 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3pm Clarinet Sectional Trumpet Sectional Color Guard Sectional	20 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3pm Low Brass Sectional Saxophone Sectional Color Guard Sectional 1:30-4pm Sideline Sectional 4-5:30pm Crash Cymbal Sectional	21 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3pm Flute Sectional Mello Sectional Color Guard Sectional 6-9pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice	22 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1:30-4:30pm Sideline Sectional	23 9am-noon Full Percussion Sectional
24	25 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 6-9pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice	26 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3pm Flute/Clarinet Sectional Trumpet Sectional Color Guard Sectional 1:15-2:45pm Snare Drum/Tom Sectional 3-4:30pm Bass Drum Sectional 6-9pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice	27 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL 1-3pm Low Brass Sectional Saxophone/ Mellophone Sectional Color Guard Sectional 1:30-3:30pm Sideline Sectional 5-7pm 2016 Percussion Ensemble practice and load for Festival	28 8:30am 2016 Percussion Ensemble unload and set up downtown Noon Percussion Ensemble Performance at Lancaster Festival	29 9am-noon FULL BAND REHEARSAL	30 9-noon Full Percussion Sectional and load for band camp
31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6
Band Camp – July 31 st – August 5 th						

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