



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

December 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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General Sherman Holiday Concert
Wednesday, December 14th ~ 7:00 p.m.
General Sherman Junior High Auditorium

Thomas Ewing Holiday Concert
Wednesday, December 14th ~ 8:00 p.m.
Thomas Ewing Junior High Auditorium

Lancaster High School Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 15th ~ 7:30 p.m.
Lancaster High School Auditorium

From the Director of Bands

Winter is “Weight-Training” for Bands

Contrary to popular belief, it is actually in the winter where most of the learning must occur to sustain a quality band program. Throughout these next few months, band members will be focusing on the development of their individual musical skills and how that contributes to the success of the entire band. We encourage all band members to take advantage of the numerous opportunities that are offered in our band program.

In the summer and fall months, when the weather is warm and pleasant, everyone can see the hard work of the marching band outside. In the winter season, the majority of the “heavy lifting” is done by practicing individually at home or after school. This is the best time for band members to get serious about their individual playing ability and what they can do to improve their skills.

The summation of all of this great individual work is what you hear on stage with our concert bands. While all of our performing groups are important, our concert bands provide a unique opportunity to work on technique, listening skills, and musicality. During concert band season, the amount of music performed increases, there is a higher level of refinement, and there is a greater variety of musical styles to study.

The secret to success in our program is quite simple: emphasis on focused, deliberate, individual practicing. One of the best ways to build this musical independence and confidence is by taking private lessons with a qualified expert on

their instrument. We currently have several private instructors who teach lessons in the afternoons and evenings at Lancaster High School. All band members can benefit greatly from private lessons. If your son or daughter is not currently taking private lessons, now is a great time to begin. Ask one of the directors for more information!

In addition to our concert bands, several other performing groups will be taking shape in the next few weeks. These include the Swinging Gales, Percussion Ensemble, and Pep Band. Band members will also be hard at work preparing for OMEA Solo and Ensemble. Many band members will be forming small chamber ensembles in preparation for this event. Solo and Ensemble is one of the most important events of the year for the development of our musicians!

As you can see, the winter months are very busy and important for our band program. Please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of these fantastic opportunities to improve and develop their abilities.

During this week of Thanksgiving, my thoughts turn gratefully to all of you in appreciation for all that you do for the Lancaster Bands.

Benjamin E. Factor
*Director of Bands,
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From the Band Booster President

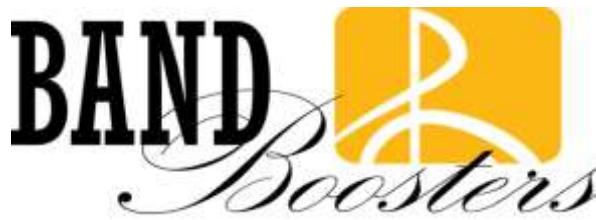
I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and was able to see the Band of Gold in the Holiday Parade. The weather was a little interesting this year, but I think all of the band students enjoyed the parade anyway. It was a great way to wind down the marching band season. Our band students had such a great marching season this year, I would like to say "Congratulations" one more time. All of your hard work really paid off.

Our gift wrapping fundraiser has begun at JCPenney. Please consider donating some time to help wrap gifts. We would love to see all of our band students wrapping gifts also. It is a busy time of the year, but please donate some of your time for this fundraiser. It will be a lot of fun, and it will help put you in the holiday spirit.

Please show your support to our band students and attend the Holiday Band Concert on Thursday, December 15th. I love to hear their holiday music. It really puts you in the mood for the holidays.

I cannot express how much I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you so much for all you do to support our band program. I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beth Wing
Band Booster President



Band Booster Meeting

Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
In the band room at LHS
(No booster meeting in December)

Fundraising

We still have plenty of candy bars left for sale. Please contact Mark Molnar if you need more or want to start selling. Remember, this is free money. You pay for the bag of candy bars upfront and reimburse yourself as you sell them. Meanwhile, \$15 of each bag goes to your individual account.

I am sure your Holiday shopping has begun or about to begin. Please remember to use the Amazon Smile program provided by Amazon. Follow the information below and the band will earn a small reward with each purchase. This works seamlessly with your existing Amazon account if you already have one.



Support us when you shop for holiday gifts.

#StartWithaSmile
at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-6077693> and
Amazon donates.

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Gift Wrapping at the Mall

Due to some changes at the Mall, this year we will be inside JCPenney at the Men's Department on Saturdays only. Our hours will be 11am-7pm on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Gift wrapping will also take place in the LHS Cafeteria from 6-10pm on December 13th during the basketball game. We will wrap while you enjoy the game!

Sign up in the band room if you can help!

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