



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

July 2017

The Lancaster Band Boosters enhance the overall band experience, by working directly with the directors of the band program. Membership is open to all parents and guardians, alumni, alumni parents, and interested community members. Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of the month beginning at 7:30pm in the Lancaster High School Band Room.

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Percussion Ensemble Performances

Lancaster Festival

Tuesday, July 25th, 12pm

Zane Square Gazebo in Downtown Lancaster

TUSK – The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

Wednesday, July 26, 7:30pm

Ohio University - Lancaster

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

One of the most fulfilling parts of being a band director is having the chance to watch students develop over time into confident individuals, musicians, and leaders. Unlike other teachers, we see our band members for many years (8 years to be exact!). More often than not, we see students make incredible positive changes in confidence, social skills, organization, focus, and work ethic throughout their time in the band program. All of this is, of course, in addition to the band's primary role of developing musicians.

Band directors also have the great luxury of spending numerous hours with our students. Because of this, we are able to get to know their personalities and learning styles, as well as any challenges they face. On the flip side, we don't exactly have a typical classroom of 30 students. The challenge in the band room, of course, is having over 100 diverse individuals, many of whom joined band for different reasons. With all of this in mind, the band directors are constantly striving to get to know our students in order to assist them in maximizing their potential. This part of our job is very coach-like. To have successful bands, we must have successful individuals.

To maximize our effectiveness as educators, the directors will be working with band members to do some individual goal-setting this year. We will ask them to reflect upon what they want to achieve on their instrument and also what they want to achieve in non-musical ways. When students set their own goals, they are much more likely to work towards achieving them.

The process of "igniting" this drive in students is gradual, but can be sparked by experiences and opportunities that happen to present themselves. As parents, we ask that you continue to look for those extra opportunities which can help your son or daughter develop musically and non-musically. This can include regular individual practicing at home, taking private lessons, participating in honor bands, watching live performances of professional ensembles, etc. These are all things that the directors encourage regularly in order for your band member to achieve great things.

If there are any ways we can help your son or daughter maximize their potential in band, please be sure to talk the directors. We would love to hear from you.

Benjamin E. Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

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.

Please note on your calendars Monday, August 7th. This will be the annual picnic and swim party at Valley View. We will have a band booster meeting after we eat. This will be a great time to ask questions and get answers, and to learn about and sign up for the various booster activities for the coming year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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 2017-2018 Band of Gold.

Beth Wing
Band Booster President

BAND BOOSTER PICNIC/SWIM PARTY

WHEN: Monday August 7th, 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.

Band Camp

University of Rio Grande

July 30th – August 4th

FUNDRAISING

Please remember to use the Amazon Smile program when buying graduation gifts or outfitting college dorm rooms. Follow the link 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.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-6077693>

Remember to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program benefiting Lancaster Band Boosters. If you already enrolled, remember to re-enroll each year. You will need to register at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> and select **Lancaster Band Boosters #80120** as the choice for their non-profit organization.

Please welcome Dana Travis as Fundraising Co-Chairman. Her help will be very much appreciated as we look forward to another busy season.

Mark Molnar
Fundraising Co-Chairman

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The next band booster meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.

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

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 30th, 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.

BAND OF GOLD UNIFORMS

FULL UNIFORMS

**Saturday, July 1st 9am-noon (new students)
1-3pm (returning students)**

**Saturday, July 8th 9am-noon (new students)
1-3pm (returning students)**

Uniform fittings will be in the band room at LHS. Students need to wear a t-shirt and athletic shorts. The treasurer will be available on both days to collect any outstanding fees for summer uniforms, the uniform maintenance fee, and band camp.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbi Hoagland at pdhoagland@juno.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCHING BAND CONTESTS

September 9

September 16

October 7

October 21

OMEA STATE MARCHING BAND FINALS

October 28 and 29

November 3, 4, and 5

BAND OF GOLD INVITATIONAL

Saturday, September 16, 2017

This event is highly regarded in our band community, with credit revolving around our parent volunteers. No "job" is too difficult and your time is greatly appreciated. Please consider helping out! You will get free admission and meal, awesome entertainment, and the ability to watch your child perform towards the conclusion of the event. Contact Lori Peters, Invitational Chairperson, at lori.peters1988@gmail.com or (740) 304-2594 for more information and to sign up. Thank you for your support of the Lancaster Band Boosters.

The Band of Gold window decals are now for sale. This is great way to show your support for your student and the band. Imagine going to contest and seeing all of the vehicles with "Band of Gold" displayed on the back! There will only be two deliveries. The first delivery will be at the picnic August 7th. Cut-off date will July 14th. The second delivery will be at the Band Booster meeting on Monday, September 11th, at 7:30pm. Cut-off date will be August 25th. Use the form below to order your decal. Additional forms are available in the band room and online at Lancasterbands.com/downloads. Contact Mark Molnar 614-266-8238 with any questions.

BAND OF GOLD WINDOW DECAL ORDER FORMS



QTY

"BAND OF GOLD" - \$6.50

ADD NAME/SECTION - \$1

ADDITIONAL LINE - \$1 EACH

TOTAL -

Name on decal (please print): _____

Add on: _____

ORDERED BY: _____

PHONE: _____

**Make Checks Payable to
LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS
Payment due at time of order.**

Mail to:

Lancaster Band Boosters
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