



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

February 2018

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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LHS Winter Band Concert

Thursday, March 1st ~ 7:30 p.m.

LHS Auditorium

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

I think it is fitting that the winter months are those in which band programs around the country focus the most time and energy on individual musicianship. The summer and fall months are ideal for marching band, with its many public performances, and the social atmosphere that comes from it. The celebratory feel of the spring season also fits nicely with extraordinary large group performances like the Jazz Band Dinner Dance, Percussion Ensemble Concerts, State Concert Band Contest, the Spring Band Concert, and Graduation.

The few months that happen in between are the least visible part of our band program, but are also the most important to the success of the others. It is in these few months in which the bands turn their attention inward to individual musicianship. The quality of a large ensemble is always a direct result of the individual musicians in it.

Lancaster band members are currently focusing their attention on many things in order to improve their own musicianship. One of which is Solo and Ensemble Contest, which was held on Saturday, January 27, at Pickerington North High School for our high school band members, and coming up on Saturday, March 17, at Lancaster High School for our seventh and eighth grade band members. We are fortunate to have a large number of students participating again this year at both events. Please continue to encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of this great learning opportunity each year.

Both Freshman Band and Symphonic Band are in the midst of preparing for our annual winter concert on Thursday, March 1, which also serves as a "preview concert" for the District Concert Band Adjudicated Event. This will take place on March 10, with details to be announced when available.

In the next few weeks, our bands will be digging deep into our contest repertoire. To perform our best, band members are expected to perform their individual parts accurately and consistently, blend with their sections to sound like one, and cooperate between other sections in the band so that the prominent parts are clearly heard. At any given point in a performance, individual musicians are not only focused on performing their parts accurately, but also on dozens of other elements needed to perform well as a group.

To do all of this, our junior high and high school band members need to make time for focused and deliberate practicing. Want to get better? Practice more! Science has concluded that to attain world-class status in any skill (whether it's chess, soccer, or flute), individuals need to bank 10,000 hours of high-quality individual practicing. Another great way to help your son or daughter become a better musician is by taking private lessons. The band handbook explains:

The single best way to maximize one's musicianship is to study privately with a qualified instructor. All students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons regardless of their current skill level. Band members seeking a private instructor should contact a band director.

For those who think winter is the "slow time" for band, think again! I encourage all of you to explore these ideas fully in order to help your band member reach his or her potential.

The more investment your band member makes, the greater the return. Keep practicing!

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

FROM THE BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in All County Band on Wednesday, January 10th. This is such an honor to have you represent the Lancaster City Schools band programs in this way.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Solo and Ensemble Competition on Saturday, January 27th. We have a great group of talented musicians. I was able to hear several of the groups perform, and I thought you all did a great job.

The students practiced many hours for this event, and they showcased all of their hard work there. Great job! We have a favorite event coming up on Sunday, February 18th. This is Thunder Alley, and it will be held at Tiki Bowling Lanes from 10:00pm to midnight. (Do not worry. There is no school the next day because it is President's Day.) This event is for all band students grades 7 through 12. The cost is \$5.00 per student which is paid at the door and covers shoe rental and unlimited bowling. There will be signup sheets in each of the band rooms closer to the event. Band Boosters will provide drinks and snacks. Additional food items can be purchased at the Tiki Lanes Snack Bar. Please do not arrive before 9:45pm. The bowling alley will be having league play, and we cannot interrupt their event.

The Band Boosters will need volunteers for Thunder Alley. We need parents who will donate baked goods such as cookies or brownies and snacks such as chips or pretzels. We also need parent volunteers to oversee the event, help with the check in tables, and help chaperone during the event. We would love to see some of our junior high parents join us, especially those of incoming freshman band students. Please email me at rwing92@att.net or call me at 740-654-6542 or 740-974-7335 if you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this event.

The next band concert will be Thursday, March 1st. Please come and support our band students. I know it will be a great evening.

Our next Band Booster meeting will be held on Monday, February 5th at 7:30pm in the band room. Please consider joining us. It is an excellent opportunity to gain information about the band program and to meet other band parents.

Beth Wing
Band Booster President

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Lancaster High School band students, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Factor, Mr. Bruce Gerken, Mr. Jared Smith, Mr. David Bode, and Ms. Cassandra Bull participated in the Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event held on Saturday, January 27, at Pickerington North High School.

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class A were: Lauren Parrett (flute), Taya Tennant (flute), Kristin Burnside (marimba), Danielle Duey (marimba), Parker Persinger (marimba), Kayley Brunton (vibraphone), Xander Haroon (vibraphone), Hannah Culver (snare drum), Nathan Black (snare drum), Xander Haroon (piano), the Woodwind Quintet, and two Percussion Ensembles ("Stained Glass" and "Clair de Lune").

Students receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class A were: Olivia Maynard (flute), Ryan Voight (horn), Alex Leach (marimba), Alex Leach (timpani), and the Trumpet Quartet.

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class B were: Jennifer Donahey (flute), Ariane Penix (flute), Megan Bash (alto saxophone), Molly Price (alto saxophone), Kalli Bohach (tenor saxophone), Murray Robertson (tuba), Mackenzie Lape marimba, Justice Courtney (snare drum), Julia Fyie (snare drum), Zach Dwyer (multiple percussion), the Flute Choir, the Saxophone Trio, and the Horn Trio.

Students receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class B were: Benjamin Jurecki (trombone), the Clarinet Quartet, and the Sophomore Brass Quartet.

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class C were: Brittani Towe (alto saxophone), the Flute Quartet, the Clarinet Choir, the Clarinet Trio, the Freshman Saxophone Quartet, the Freshman Brass Quintet, and the Low Brass Quartet.

Receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class C was: Benjamin Jurecki (euphonium).

Performing for "Comments Only" was: Patrick Hewitt (trumpet) and the Percussion Ensemble ("The Whistler").

FUNDRAISING

Please remember to use the Amazon Smile program. 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>

Mark Molnar
Dana Travis
Fundraising Co-Chairs

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The next band booster meeting is Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.



Lancaster Band of Gold – Band Camp 2018

July 29 – August 3, 2018

University of Rio Grande
Rio Grande, OH 45674

All Marching Band participants, including Color Guard, are required to attend in order to participate.

The total cost is \$225.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment dates are intended to help families spread out payments. If you need to work out something different, please contact the Director of Bands so that alternative arrangements can be made. If you are able to pay the amount in full early, you are encouraged to do so.

March 16	\$50
April 20	\$50
May 18	\$50
June 15	\$50
July 13	\$25

Send all band camp payments to:

Lancaster Band Boosters
P.O. Box 217
Lancaster, OH 43130

Put your child's name and "*band camp*" in the memo line.

FUNDRAISING CREDITS

Some students may have earned credits from previous fundraisers. Please contact Mark Molnar (614-266-8238 or mmolnar001@gmail.com) to check this balance or use these funds for a payment. The primary fundraiser for band camp is the Cookie Dough Sale, which begins March 2.

QUESTIONS

You may contact Mr. Factor with any further questions.

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FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Jazz Band 3pm Pep Band 6pm	3
4	5 Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	6 Jazz Band 3pm	7	8	9 Percussion Ensemble at OMEA Conference	10
11	12	13 Jazz Band 3pm Pep Band 6pm	14	15	16 Jazz Band 3pm	17
18 Thunder Alley 10pm at Tiki Lanes	19 NO SCHOOL	20 Jazz Band 3pm	21	22	23 Jazz Band 3pm	24
25	26	27 Jazz Band 3pm	28	March 1 LHS Winter Band Concert 7:30pm	March 2 Jazz Band 3pm Cookie Dough Sale Begins	March 3

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