



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

August 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 adult persons who are committed to supporting the instrumental music program in the Lancaster City Schools. 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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Band Camp

University of Rio Grande

July 29th – August 3rd

Band of Gold preview
performance on Friday, August
3rd, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the
Lancaster High School band
room. Bring a lawn chair and
tell your family and friends!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

In case you haven't noticed, the Band of Gold has had a really great start to our season! We had great success with our new member training, our student leadership training, and our first few practices. Our "pre-season" practices culminated with an exciting performance in the Lancaster Independence Day Parade.

Each year, the directors talk to the band members about things we want to focus on as a band to make us better. Here are a few big picture ideas that each family should focus on in order to have a great season.

1. COMMUNICATION - A lot of things can be prevented with good communication. The directors are busy but want to be approachable with anything that may come up, whether it's an upcoming absence, trouble learning the music, or problems with other members. Don't be afraid to send a quick email if there's a question. If there's a problem in its early stages, it's better to mention it early and solve it together before it becomes a disaster.

2. PRACTICE AT HOME - Everyone knows how beneficial this is, but it's rare to find a band which has this deep within its culture. If we can be serious about individual preparation, huge improvements will be seen. Learning effective practice techniques is a process. Make a commitment to work regularly at home and always work at your own pace. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help when things aren't progressing like you want.

3. WORK HARD AT REHEARSAL - When it comes to rehearsals, more isn't always better. If everyone comes to rehearsal prepared (see #2), rehearsals will be much more efficient. Our time together then may be able to be less, but when it happens it must be intensely focused. When it's time to work hard, there needs to be a commitment to hard work. We can certainly have fun while working hard, but there always should be a clear understanding about what we're here to do. Give it 100%!

4. MAKE IT BETTER - We have designated student leaders in the band, but it's really everyone's job to lead. We have a catch phrase in the Band of Gold that says "you don't need permission to make something better." This gives everyone a right to have ideas that will improve the band experience. Band members should take ownership in their program. There are always small things that anyone can help with, whether it's helping a new member in their section, picking up trash, or bringing a set of sharpened pencils to rehearsal for those who need one.

We are all looking forward to a fun and productive week at band camp. For new parents, you should expect your son or daughter to say afterwards that they've worked harder than they ever have throughout the week. But, the band members also have the opportunity to have a lot of fun and create lasting memories with new friends. We encourage a team atmosphere in our band program. Band members will push each other to be the best, but will always be there to support each other when they need help. Most especially during band camp, we hold our students to high level of conduct in order for us to have an enjoyable week.

In addition to the Lancaster band staff, we will be joined at Rio Grande by a top-notch team of sectional instructors, experienced chaperones, and a school medical professional. We look forward to sharing all of our hard work with you on Friday evening, August 3 in front of the band room at 6:00pm! Don't forget your lawn chair!

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

FROM THE BOOSTER PRESIDENT

July 4th is in the rear-view mirror, the Lancaster Festival is in full force, and "Back to School" ads are starting to arrive. That can mean only one thing to a band parent...BAND CAMP!!!

I find Band Camp to be remarkable as it is truly the culmination of the kids' hard work over the past several weeks. Isn't it amazing how hard our kids work and the commitment they make for the Lancaster Band of Gold! I am so impressed, as I am sure you are as well. With that said, parents are not off the hook. I ask that you take a moment during the time the kids are away and think about how you can volunteer your time and skills to the Band Program. Any help would be appreciated!!

Now that I have made my monthly pitch for volunteers, I want to take a moment and thank the volunteers who worked under the hot sun parking cars at the Fairfield County July 4th Event. This was our first year and we received the opportunity late, so the turnout was small but dynamic. Thanks to Dana Travis and her team for organizing the volunteer event and raising some much-needed funds for the program. Great job!

Finally, as we head into August, there are some key reminders for parents. First, please support the kids and drop off your 2 – 12 packs of soda and 1 – 24 pack of water when you drop the kids off to camp on July 29th. These items go to the kids and are used during road trips, banquets, and other events. Second, please plan to attend the Band Camp Parent Preview on August 3rd, between 6 – 7 pm, to witness all the progress of the musicians during the week. Lastly, please save the date and attend the annual Band Picnic and Swim party on August 6th. There will be a small parents' meeting and it is a wonderful time to meet other parents and learn more about the band experience for parents. More details on these events follow inside this newsletter.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to a Board member. All Board information, including contact information, may be found at www.lancasterbands.com.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President

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 29th, 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 BOOSTER PICNIC/SWIM PARTY

WHEN: Monday, August 6th - 7:00pm

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

TIME: Picnic for everyone at 7:00pm
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 BOOSTER MEETING

The next band booster meeting is Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.

TREASURER NEWS BY THE NUMBERS

\$225	Band camp cost per student
\$23,625	Cost to send 105 students to band camp
\$15,803	Band camp payments received
\$7,821	Outstanding band camp payments
Priceless	Confidence on the marching field from the camp experience

If you still owe band camp fees, please make checks payable to "Lancaster Band Boosters" and send to P.O. Box 217, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 or give to a band director. Thank you for supporting our Band of Gold!

CONCESSIONS

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Love FREE admission to home football games? We LOVE volunteers!

The Lancaster Band Boosters operate a concession booth at Fulton Field for each of the five home football games, the Band of Gold Invitational and the Sherman-Ewing football game.

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 31st- Friday, September 14th- Saturday, September 15th (Band of Gold Invitational)- Friday, October 5th- Friday, October 12th- Thursday, October 4th (Sherman-Ewing FB game)- and Friday, October 26th.

Some volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to:

Working the counter-Making coffee/hot chocolate-Make sandwiches, popcorn-pretzels- assemble marching tacos- food prep and much more!

Be watching your inboxes and social media for your opportunity to sign up through SignUpGenius.com.

I look forward to meeting YOU!

Tera Kuehne
Concession Chair
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FUNDRAISING

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>

On August 6th, LHS marching band will have their annual pool party picnic. At the picnic – you will have the opportunity to become a trophy sponsor for our annual marching band invitational being held on September 15th. As a sponsor – your name will be included in the invitational program! If interested, please see me at the picnic.

Thank you all for your continued support in the marching band program! We have a fun day planned for everyone.

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair
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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.

April 20	\$75
May 18	\$50
June 15	\$50
July 13	\$50

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 Michele Courtney at 740-277-8154 or courtnm1@ohio.edu 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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Band Camp Packing List

Instrument and accessories (reeds, valve oil, slide cream, sticks)
Music, pencils, 3-ring binder
Folding music stand with six clothespins
Alarm Clock (or Cell Phone with Alarm)
Lanyard for room key
Bedding (twin size sheets / sleeping bag)
Blanket
Pillow
Toiletries - soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
Wash cloths and towels
Extra hand towel for use at field (if it gets really hot)
Sunscreen
Insect repellent
Sunglasses
Large water container
Back-pack
Chapstick
Snacks (optional)
Money (optional – seniors will need money for Bob Evans on Friday)

Clothes:

Shorts
Shirts (bring extra)
Underwear
Socks (bring extra in case they get wet)
Tennis Shoes (2 pairs recommended)
Flip-flops (for dorm rooms and use in the shower)
Poncho or raincoat
Hat
Swimsuit
Pajamas
Light jacket
Pair of long pants

REMEMBER, whatever you bring, YOU will be responsible for loading and unloading.
Pack lightly

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 29	July 30	July 31	1	2	3 Band Camp Parent Preview 6-7pm	4
Band Camp at the University of Rio Grande – July 29 th – August 3 rd						
5	6 Percussion Sectional 9am-noon Booster Picnic and Swim Party 7pm	7 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Music Checks 12-1:30pm	8 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Music Checks 12-1:30pm	9 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Full Band Rehearsal 6-8pm Community Preview Performance 8:15-9:15pm	10 Percussion Sectional 9am-noon	11
12	13 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Percussion Sectional 1-4pm	14 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Music Checks 12-1:30pm	15 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Music Checks 12-1:30pm	16 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-noon Music Checks 12-1:30pm	17 Percussion Sectional 9am-noon Futbol Friday Night (performance in the evening TBA)	18 Charles F. Smith Golf Outing
19	20 Full Band 3-5pm Sideline Sectional 5-7pm	21 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	22 Full Band 3-5pm	23 First Day of School Full Band 3-5pm	24 Football Game away vs. Springfield	25
26	27 Full Band 3-5pm Sideline Sectional 5-7pm	28 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	29 Full Band 3-5pm	30 Full Band 3-5pm	31 Football Game home vs. St. Francis de Sales (Alumni Band Game)	September 1

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