



LANCASTER

BAND BOOSTERS

October 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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Congratulations, Band of Gold!
Ohio Music Education Association
State-Qualifiers
for the 38th Consecutive Year

Upcoming Competitions:

Saturday, October 20th

Newark (early afternoon)

Saturday, October 27th
OMEA State Finals at Hilliard Darby

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

The Band of Gold has a lot of exciting performance opportunities in the last month, the pinnacle being a performance at the Buckeye Invitational on September 29. Aside from getting a chance to perform in such an iconic venue, our goal as a staff was to allow our band members to watch many other bands, of various sizes, styles, and abilities. This allows our band members to appreciate what we do well and broaden their perspective to what else is possible.

I often tell our band members, “We can do anything we want to do, but we can’t do *everything* we want to do.” As directors, we are constantly evaluating the direction of our program to decide what is in the best interest of our students and the band program. There are certainly wonderful marching bands of all styles and traditions, but there are always choices to make since we have limits on time, resources, and personnel.

When making these decisions, we consider many elements. Here are some examples of values that guide our band program.

Music comes first - Some bands spend a lot of time and money on complex choreography and don’t prioritize sounding good as a band. We believe that music must come first and that audiences enjoy hearing tuneful melodies, as opposed to overly artistic music that is hard for audiences to follow.

We want to include all students - Band is a big commitment, but we try not to alienate students who have an occasional scheduling conflict or financial issues. We care first about giving a lot of students a great experience, as opposed to having a small, super elite group of musicians.

Our community is important - Some competitive bands worry so much about what judges think on Saturday that they forget about their community, parents, and football audiences. All are important. If we’re careful, we can design a show that works in all situations.

We value quality and progress - We compete because we want to get better. We look forward to constructive criticism from judges and like to learn from bands who may be better than us. We value tradition, but also are always looking for ways to make progress as a band program.

These are values that we feel are best for our students and community. As the needs and interests of our program changes, sometimes priorities may shift slightly, but we always go back to what will be best for the program in the long run. This sometimes means not taking a first place trophy, but it ensures that band members graduate and continue to have fond memories of their experience in the Lancaster High School Band.

Ben Factor
Director of Bands,
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

AMAZING!

For many reasons, that is what comes to my mind as I write this month’s letter. I think it is AMAZING that it has been two full months since band camp. It is also AMAZING that we are more than halfway through the marching band season. I think Mr. Factor and the Band Directors are AMAZING for their tremendous commitment to our kids and how they have educated and guided our kids into becoming better students and musicians. Along those lines, I think our kids are AMAZING and the way their performances continue to reach high levels is AMAZING. Finally, as I watch the activities related to the Band of Gold, I witness how AMAZING our parents and volunteers are this season. The volunteers have reported in full force and their commitment has been AMAZING. As we continue to march through the season, I hope you all find time to sit back and witness how fortunate we are to be involved in such an AMAZING program!

Now that we have completed our mid-season reflection and have found this season to be amazing, we cannot stop now. One of the biggest events and fundraisers for the Boosters is quickly approaching ... the Fairfield County Fair. As you know, Dean and Debbie Cook are amazing in all they do organizing and managing the food booth at the Fairfield County Fair. But they cannot do it alone, they need numerous volunteers. Please consider finding some time to help in the food booth for the Boosters. It is a lot of fun and it is a great way to help the kids. If you cannot find time to help in the booth, please consider providing baked pies and cakes for the booth’s bake sale. Sign-up for the fair booth at sign-up genius or contact Dean and Debbie directly.

Again, thank you to all the volunteers, friends and family of the Lancaster Band of Gold. Hope to see you all at the Fair.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President

Fundraising

Happy Fall Y'all and FUNDRAISING SEASON!!! As we begin this season, we will have a few fundraisers coming up. I am hopeful to see our entire LHS Band participate. Fundraising is critical for gaining financial stability in every organization and Band is no different. And with certain fundraisers – monies earned by your child, can go towards YOUR child's uniforms, fun adventures, etc. And with our Disney World trip next school year (2019), these fundraising events can help with those costs as well. So stay tuned for more information on upcoming fundraisers, and let us ALL get together, have FUN and raise money for our LHS Band.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair

BAND OF GOLD INVITATIONAL

I want to send a HUGE thank you out to all of our volunteers that made this years Invitational a huge success!! The weather was perfect and so was each and every one of you! It took more people to pull off hosting our 17 visiting bands, and everyone stepped up to the challenge to make this one of the most successful events we have ever hosted. If you have any suggestions please feel free to share them so we can continue to be considered the best hosts around!! Again, thank you for all your work, and spread the word about the fun you had!

Lori Peters
Invitational Chair



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAIR - October 7-13

It will soon be time again for the Fairfield County fair. That means we are in desperate need of volunteers to work the booth and donate baked goods. Again this year the county health department rules say all homemade baked goods must have a list of ingredients attached. This is to prevent issues with food allergies. The amounts of each ingredient are not necessary. We also can only accept cream and pumpkin pies that are store bought. All other pies and baked goods can be made at home. The pie cart will be available to drop off your baked goods at the middle entrance on Fair Avenue near the white house. It will be there every day from early in the morning until evening. There is room to pull off the road, and the ticket takers can assist you. Our biggest day for baked goods is Wednesday due to our senior citizens lunch special.

We are also in great need of volunteers to work the booth. We have several open slots on every day to fill. It takes a lot of volunteers to man the booth. There are 89 slots that must be filled in order to properly staff the booth for the week. Anyone that can spare even a few hours it would really be a big help. We appreciate any time that you can give us and will be happy to work around your schedules. A Ticket to the fair will be provided for all volunteers. Please remember to bring a ball cap when you work the fair booth. The link for the signup genius is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAF A622AAF94-fair1>

We can be reached by phone at 740-653-2749 or 740-785-8313. You can also email us at cookdd@hotmail.com.

Thank you!

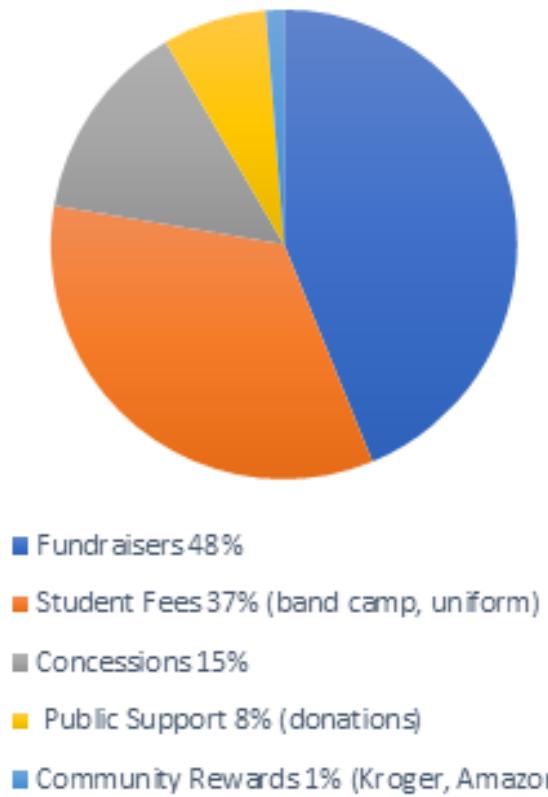
Dean and Debbie Cook
Fair Booth Concession Chairs

TREASURER NEWS

Most of our non-profit income comes from fundraising outside of concessions. This year our fundraising goal is \$34,000. With a successful Invitational, Golf Outing and 4th of July Parking, we are already halfway there! Dana Travis, our Fundraising Chair, is rolling out some new fun ideas, so be on the lookout for opportunities to help. Concessions is listed separately from general fundraisers with a goal to raise \$10,000 from a combination of football games, the County Fair and the Junior High spring track meet. We have an opportunity to greatly increase our Amazon and Kroger rewards from the current goal of \$900 to more than \$5000. Please sign up yourself, your family and your friends! The more we earn from these rewards, the less fundraising we have to do.

Jean Robertson
Treasurer

Band Boosters Income budget \$70,990



A HUGE thank you for all the help for the Invitational! If you did not get to serve, not to worry, October is filled with Concession Volunteer Opportunities! See the Sign Up Genius today to grab your spot! I'd love to see you there!

Tera Kuehne
Concession Chair
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What's Happening

OFFICIAL BAND CALENDAR

If you would like to subscribe to our online calendar, please visit the band website at LancasterBands.com and click on the "Events" tab on the top menu. Simply click on the plus sign at the bottom of the calendar to subscribe.



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The next band booster meeting is Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.

OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Full Band 3-5pm Front Ensemble 5-7pm Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	2 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	3 Full Band 3-5pm Sherman- Ewing Football Game	4 Full Band Rehearsal at Fulton Field 6-9pm	5 Home Football Game vs. Pickerington (8th Grade Band Night)	6
7	8 Full Band 3-5pm Front Ensemble 5-7pm	9 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	10 Full Band 3-5pm	11 NO SCHOOL Fairfield County Fair Performance	12 NO SCHOOL Home Football Game vs. Gahanna Lincoln	13
14	15 Full Band 3-5pm Front Ensemble 5-7pm	16 Full Band 3-5pm	17 NO SCHOOL Full Band 3-5pm	18 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	19 Away Football Game vs. Pickerington North	20 Marching Band Contest at Newark
21	22 Full Band 3-5pm Front Ensemble 5-7pm	23 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	24 Full Band 3-5pm	25 Home Football Game vs. Reynoldsburg (Senior Night)	26	27 OMEA State Marching Band Finals
28	29 Full Band 3-5pm Front Ensemble 5-7pm	30 Full Band 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	31 Full Band 3-5pm	November 1 Band of Gold in Concert, 7:30pm	November 2 Potential Playoff Game	November 3

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