



# LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

April 2019

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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## ***High School Band Parent Meeting***

***Monday, April 8, 2019  
7:00 p.m.***

***Lancaster High School  
Cafeteria***

## DIRECTOR OF BANDS

The spring season for the instrumental music department finishes the school year and completes all of the hard work our students have done throughout the year. The Swinging Gales recently finished their big event, the annual Jazz Band Dinner Dance. Our remaining ensembles are currently in preparation for their final performances. May will be a busy month as we push to the end of the school year. Please invite your friends and family members to share in these performances with our students.

As you might expect, there is a lot of overlap with this year's work, and what we do to get ready for next year. Already, a great deal of work has been done for the 2019-2020 school year. We ask that parents of all 2019-2020 band members attend our parent meeting on Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm in the LHS cafeteria, to learn more about plans for next year.

Just recently, we have completed color guard tryouts. We are very excited to welcome 23 members to the guard this year - quite possibly a Band of Gold record!

During the month of March, the directors have been busy recruiting for beginning band. We have spent the last year refining our recruitment process in order to give as many students as possible a great experience in our band program. Our numbers for next year's sixth grade bands are now approaching 150 students. This is a incredible increase from past years!

In addition to color guard and beginning band, our high school band numbers are continuing to increase rapidly. As we look ahead to next year, we are expecting to have a need for an additional concert band at Lancaster High School. We look forward to this new possibility in order to continue challenging our most motivated students, while providing a quality performance opportunity for our younger band members as well.

Ben Factor  
*Director of Bands,*  
*Lancaster High School*

## BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

March was such a busy month for the Lancaster Band program. Starting with the Winter Guard show, to the many OMEA adjudicated events, to the band instrument fittings for future students, and finishing with the Jazz Band dinner on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our students and band directors have been diligently working overtime! As always, the students are performing extremely well and we congratulate all participants. We can all be proud that the students of the Lancaster Band program represent our Directors, Schools and Community superbly.

With that said, it is time to reflect and make sure we are doing all we can to support these students that work so hard and represent us so well. At the March Band Boosters Meeting, we were pleased to hear from Superintendent Steve Wigton and Director of Business Jerry Rainey. They spent time speaking to the band parents about the Bond Issue (Levy) that will be on the May Ballot. As you may know, the bond issue will address the financial needs to meet the plans and goals for a new Lancaster High School. It was great to hear that the new school will improve school security, improve school technology, and provide an overall more ideal learning environment. For those of us band parents in the room, it was especially great to hear about how much dedicated classroom and practice space would be dedicated to the Lancaster Music Programs, significantly more than what is provided today. It was truly exciting to hear about the opportunities a new school would bring to our future students. And to top it off, Lancaster will only be paying for half of the project while the State of Ohio will cover the other half. Altogether, for \$11.00 per month (for a homeowner of a \$100,000 home), we can give back and support those students who work so hard in representing Lancaster High School and provide them a safe, expanded space to learn and grow. I encourage you to join the band boosters in supporting the Bond Issue (Levy) on the May ballot.

Coming up, we have a Lancaster High School Band Parents Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> in the Lancaster High School Cafeteria at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing you all there.

As always, I will close by thanking all of the parents, family members, and friends of the Lancaster Bands for their support of our students through volunteering and fundraising, efforts. You are the foundation to our amazing band program at Lancaster High School and it is valued and appreciated!

Mike Courtney  
Band Booster President



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 8**

High School Band Parent Meeting

**May 10 and 11**

Percussion Ensemble Concert

**Thursday, May 16**

Spring Band Concert

**Monday, May 27**

Memorial Day Parade

**Saturday, June 1**

LHS Graduation

## TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

We are always looking for more truck drivers and people to pull the band trailer. A CDL License is not needed. If you are interested, contact Doug Hennis at 740-205-7160 or [hennisdoug@yahoo.com](mailto:hennisdoug@yahoo.com).



2019 Band Booster Scholarship applications are available in the music office for seniors to pick up. Deadline for application submission is Friday, May 3, 2019. All seniors are encouraged to apply.



Happy Spring Everyone!!!!

1. The Candy Sale is in full swing. Sales are going strong and this is an ideal way to earn money for your student's account – to help pay for band camp and/or the Disney Trip, etc. Be sure to get yourself a bag (or bags) of candy. I will continue with this fundraiser as interest is there. Watch for updates on school scheduled pickups on the Band's Social Media Sites.

2. Our last **CANES PROCEED NIGHT** of this school year will be held **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** (this is **NOT** an April Fools Joke) 😊 Please tell your friends, family, co-workers, EVERYONE about this fun night. We packed the dining room at Canes last time. It was fun having dinner with all of our friends. Let's DO IT AGAIN! See you all there! (take coupon in or take a pic and show at check out – forward pic of coupon to all of your friends).

3. Our Community Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Tarhe Trails Elementary School. Now is the time to start setting aside any items you wish to donate. We would love to see all families getting involved with this large event. More information will be coming in the near future. But for now – anything you wish to donate – please set aside. Great items are: Clothing, Games, Baby items, purses, backpacks, camping items, home décor, kitchen accessories, books, small furniture, bikes, skateboards, battery powered scooters, outside toys and games, to just name a few.

I thank everyone for their involvement in these fun, easy fundraisers. We have an exciting year ahead with activity and we will have more fundraisers coming up. Stay Tuned and Stay involved 😊

PS. If you would like information on your Student's Account, please email Michele Courtney at [courtnm1@ohio.edu](mailto:courtnm1@ohio.edu). Please note: Dollars earned from each fundraiser will be added **AFTER** the fundraiser has closed and all information has been documented.

Dana Travis  
Fundraiser Chair

# SPIRIT NIGHT AT CANE'S!



**Monday, April 1st**



**Lancaster Band Boosters**

**FUNDRAISING NIGHT**

**11 am – 8 pm**

PRESENT THIS FLYER AT THE RAISING CANE'S CHICKEN  
FINGERS RESTAURANT IN **LANCASTER**  
WITH THIS FLYER- **15%** OF YOUR  
SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
**Lancaster Band Booster**

Raising Cane's located at: 1934 N Memorial Drive (*Across from  
River Valley Mall*)

**April 1st, 2019**

*Raising Funds*  
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## APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 High School Band Parent Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	18 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	19 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	May 1	May 2	May 3

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