



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

June 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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Summer Uniform Fittings

Tuesday, June 4th - 5-8:30pm

Wednesday, June 5th - 5-8:30pm

For all Band of Gold students.

Congratulations to our seniors:

Claire Blaisdell, Kristin Burnside, Kody Coakley,

Riley Griffith, Nathan Haberle, Joshua Jones,

Stephen Kernaghan, Alex Mathias, Lauren Parrett,

Parker Persinger, Madison Prueter,

Dakota Richardson, Cameron Schoonover,

Kayla Shook, Megan Smith, Justin Spires,

Tiffany Stevens, Carson Thomas,

Brittani Towe, and Ryan Voight

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Building Blocks of a Successful Marching Band

For many band parents, marching band season brings with it excitement and oftentimes, many questions. One part of the season that produces a lot of curiosity is competitions. If you've ever wondered why one band is consistently high-achieving or why another seems to struggle, this article may provide a different perspective. As we begin the long process to continue our long-standing history of success, let's explore eight characteristics of a successful marching band and what you can do to help.

#1 - Great Individual Musicians

Without a doubt, the most important ingredient to a successful band program is to have a lot of wonderful players. This starts with a great fundamentals and teaching in beginning band and continues throughout junior high school. Bands that consistently do well have many students taking private lessons. Students in these programs take part in honor bands and extra opportunities to get better when they are presented. Band members in these programs take their individual playing very seriously. They also take practicing at home very seriously because they know that the performing group is a sum total of it parts.

#2 - Esprit de Corps

While similar to culture, esprit de corps can often be harder to observe and also harder to develop. Band members who have high esprit de corps are proud to be part of the marching band. They wear their uniform with pride. They march across the field with confidence. They have unusually high morale and are extremely enthusiastic about being in the band program. It's basically a placebo effect for band... band members think their band is the absolute best, so the band performs like it is.

#3 - Championship Culture

Culture is everywhere. Whether you realize or not, every community, every family, and every workplace has a culture. Every marching band has one too. It is that invisible set of beliefs and habits that say, "this is how we do things here." A championship culture starts with a safe, welcoming environment for all members. There is a high level of trust, which means members are able to hold each other accountable for their behavior and their performance. Team members in a top-notch culture work hard because of what the organization has done for them, and they in turn want give back to help the group succeed.

#4 - Supportive Community

It means a lot to a marching band when the stands are full with fans from their own hometown. The confidence level increases and as a result, the performances tend to go better. That takes more than just great parents who travel to performances, it also takes a supportive community. When it comes time to fund raise, local residents should look forward to supporting their band. This is why our community parades and football games are such an important part of what we do.

#5 - Well-Designed Show

Competitive marching bands in the 21st century require a show that is extremely complex with a high degree of artistry throughout. Most successful competition bands find themselves seeking the absolute best to write the music arrangements, the drill, and the guard choreography. Still others have specialists to design props or electronic needs of the program. The process of designing a show may start as early as December or January. The show must be challenging enough for the students and it must wisely feature the strengths of the group. Any part that is not well thought out may be a problem throughout the entire season.

#6 - Quality Instruments

Not all performing groups are fortunate enough to have quality instruments. They may be in need of repair. Others may not be of a quality, reputable brand. Instruments that aren't quality may not have the same resonance or projection as those that are. Some won't play in tune as easily. Still others simply might not match visually and can be a distraction to the audience. This is why it is a blessing when we have a supportive school district and booster program like ours! Not all schools can afford great instruments and it can affect a performance.

#7 - Number of Band Members

This is another reality that bands shouldn't use as an excuse, even though there's some truth that bigger bands typically score higher. It may be harder to get 200 band members to play precisely, but the impact of a large band is hard to match. We try hard to get as many qualified musicians as possible involved in high school band. Most spectators understand that a field full of band members gets your attention both visually and musically.

#8 - Luck

Let's face it.... luck is a reality. Some days you hit all the green lights on the way to work and other days you get stuck behind farm equipment. Marching bands have those days too. These are things that are out of our control and we have to accept them. There are many things we can consider good or bad luck, including field conditions, weather, the panel of judges, health of the students, and what other bands are at the contest. We don't talk a lot about this because we simply can't fix it. Instead, we have to prepare better so that even on bad days, the performance goes smoothly.

While all of these characteristics are complex, everyone who supports the band program can help lay the groundwork for a top-notch program to develop or continue to flourish.

Benjamin E. Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Summer is here and another band year is in the books. Hard to believe this year has passed so quickly!

In typical fashion, the Directors and Students of the Lancaster Band Program delivered another amazing year. From marching in the community festivals, entertaining the crowds at football games and concerts, to earning Superior and Excellent ratings in the various individual and group contests, we have much to be thankful for when it comes to our students and the Lancaster Band Program. Thank you to the Directors and Students who worked so hard in representing Lancaster so marvelously. You have made us all so proud!

The musicians are always the star of the show; however, I would be remiss if I did not thank those who did so much behind the scenes that ensured the opportunity for success. This includes the many volunteers who helped at the concession stand, the invitational, the concerts, fundraising, uniform maintenance and the many, many other activities that are completed for the benefit of the program. A big thank you also goes to the Board Members and Committee Chairs who volunteer a great amount of time to the Boosters Organization ensuring the efficient and effective management of the invaluable funds and resources supporting the Lancaster Band program. The strong foundation of the Boosters, through its leaders, volunteers and supporters, truly does lift up the Students, Directors and the Band Program. Thank you for your time and commitment!

As you enjoy the summer break and send our kids to band camps and practices, I ask all parents to consider donating your time, skills and resources to the Lancaster Band Boosters. Next year is going to be a very busy and exciting year topped off with a trip to Walt Disney World. Additionally, based on this past year, we expect to see a larger than average turnout for the Annual Invitation, we intend to have a very successful concession stand, and we anticipate Dana Travis continuing her efforts in creating wonderful fundraising opportunities like yard sales and basket giveaways. With that in mind, **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** Please consider donating your time and skills in the upcoming band season. A small commitment truly goes a long way.

Finally, congratulations to the students who are graduating this month. Best wishes and good luck in your future endeavors.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President



What a busy month we have had. The Candy Sale ended on May 14th. This was a huge success for our Band Families to earn money for their student band accounts. The final numbers have been sent to Michele Courtney (courtnm1@ohio.edu) and added to the accounts. Please reach out to her if you have any questions regarding your child's account(s).

On Saturday, May 18th we held our first Band Booster Yard Sale at Tarhe Trails. This was an easy and successful fundraiser. I thank each one of you who participated and helped during the event.

During the summer break, we plan to hold spontaneous car washes (event is in planning stages at the current time). I will send emails out to students with sign-up information. I'm hopeful we can get wonderful volunteers for this easy, fun adventure.

We will also hold another Yankee Candle Sales event. A portion of the student's sales go toward the student accounts. We will hold another candy bar sales event. Sales from this event go toward the student accounts.

There will be a Mattress Sale fundraiser on Saturday, August 17, from 10am–5pm in the LHS cafeteria. A full showroom will be set up with many different mattress types/brands to choose from. Once you find your perfect mattress, you will place your order. You have the option to pick up or have delivered at your home (small extra charge). A portion of these sales will go towards student accounts.

Last but not least, our annual Charles F. Smith Memorial Golf Outing 2019 is fast approaching and being held on Saturday, August 17th as well. Forms will soon be mailed out regarding this event. Please consider getting a team together and enjoying a fun day of golf. The students also love being a part of this event so get yourself a team along with your son or daughter's teams together and enjoy the day on the greens. Stay tuned for more information soon.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to the next school year's fun "Fundraising" events. Thank you all for your continued support of the LHS Band Boosters.

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair



A huge "Thank You" to all that came out to help with Concessions on May 11th. We were crazy, busy and had a lot of fun while working to help support our Band of Gold.

If you did not receive a notification to sign up, please email me your contact information (email-text numbers). I am seeking to establish a Concessions Committee this year and would love to hear from you.

Mark your calendars for our fall concession events:

August 30th

September 6th

September 13

September 27th

October 4th

October 5th

October 9th

October 25

If you are unable to help during concessions, there are other opportunities to serve. These include, but are not limited to volunteer organization, product ordering and vendor relations, prepping the buildings before the games and more! Email me for more information or see me at our next event.

Tera Kuehne
Concessions Chair

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30pm

LHS Band Room.

All are welcome!

FROM THE TREASURER

Thank you to everyone who has been making band camp payments. The cost is \$230/student. We will have balances available and accept payments at all uniform fitting dates. Payments also may be handed in at any band practices or mailed to Lancaster Band Boosters, P.O. Box 217, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130.

Need Student Account money transferred to your Disney account or toward band camp? Please email me at trober@columbus.rr.com.

Do you have any financial concerns or questions? Please contact myself or Mr. Factor.

Jean Robertson
Treasurer

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 in helping with this, please contact Doug Hennis, Transportation Coordinator at 740-205-7160 or hennisdoug@yahoo.com.



Congratulations to Kristin Burnside, Megan Smith, Riley Griffith, and Lauren Parrett for receiving Lancaster Band Booster Scholarships. Also, congratulations to Lauren Parrett, the recipient of the John Philip Sousa award!

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Snare Drums 2-3:30pm Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	4 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm Rookie Marching Training 6-7:30pm Summer Uniform Fitting 5-8:30pm	5 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm Rookie Marching Training 6-7:30pm Summer Uniform Fitting 5-8:30pm	6 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm	7	8
9	10 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm	11 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm	12 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm	13 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm	14 Full Percussion Sectional 2-5pm	15
16	17 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm High Brass Sectional 9-10:30am Field Commander Sectional 10:30am-12pm Low Brass Sectional 1:30-3pm	18 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm Flute Sectional 9-10:30am Clarinet Sectional 10:30am-12pm Saxophone Sectional 1:30-3pm	19 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm High Brass Sectional 9-10:30am Field Commander Sectional 10:30am-12pm Low Brass Sectional 1:30-3pm	20 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm Flute Sectional 9-10:30am Clarinet Sectional 10:30am-12pm Saxophone Sectional 1:30-3pm	21	22
23	24 Bells 10:30am-12pm Snare Drums 2-3:30pm Guard Camp 5:30-8:30pm	25 Quints 8:45-10:15am Bass Drums 10:30am-12pm Cymbals 2-3:30pm Full Band Rehearsal 9am-12pm Woodwind Sectional 1-2:30pm Guard Camp 5:30-8:30pm	26 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-12pm Brass Sectional 1-2:30pm Full Percussion Sectional 2-5pm Guard Camp 5:30-8:30pm	27 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-12pm Woodwind Sectional 1-2:30pm Brass Sectional 1-2:30pm Guard Camp 5:30-8:30pm Full Percussion Sectional 6-9pm	28 Full Percussion Sectional 9am-noon Guard Camp 5:30-8:30pm	29
30	July 1 Full Percussion Sectional 9am-noon Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	July 2 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-12pm Full Percussion Sectional 6-9pm	July 3 Full Band Rehearsal 9am-12pm	July 4 Lancaster Independence Day Parade	July 5	July 6 Full Uniform Fittings 9am-12pm 1-3pm

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