



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

September 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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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

While the beginning of the summer can be an exciting time in marching band, it is probably the most challenging time of the season. Rehearsals are hot, band members are still getting used to one another, and there are so many new things to learn. To add to that, nothing is "performance ready." Each section spends time refining their skills and breaking down technique. The complex process of synchronizing all of the visual and musical elements takes a lot of time. Thankfully, the hard work begins to pay off now.

Once football games and competitions take place, the finished product begins to take shape. The confidence level of the band increases and performances become even more inspiring. One thing that greatly helps to boost the confidence of the band the most is audience participation. Don't hesitate to stand up and cheer on the band as it marches into the stadium. Enthusiastic applause after a solo or an intense musical moment can add a lot of energy to the performers. The band relies on you for this!

In addition to the excitement of marching band, the rest of the band program is off to a tremendous start. At Lancaster High School, we have been extremely pleased with the first few days with our three concert bands. Over the next few months each band will be working diligently in class to develop their overall band sound, focusing on tone, tuning, blend, and balance. Our first performance of the year will be on Thursday, December 12.

At Thomas Ewing and General Sherman the directors' focus has been on our sixth grade beginning band. Throughout the last year we have made many improvements to our recruitment and retention process. We are delighted to be working with our largest beginning band class in recent years... *over 140 beginners between the two schools*. If you ever get the opportunity to chat with a new band member or parent, be sure to encourage commitment to the band program. The future is very bright for the Lancaster Bands!

On a housekeeping note, we again ask that all vehicles that are picking up band members after a performance or rehearsal stay clear of the fire lane. To accelerate the process of unloading, we need this entire drive clear of cars. Instead of pulling up on the curb to wait for your son or daughter, we suggest pre-planning a specific parking spot where you can meet each time. We appreciate your cooperation.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate Mike Courtney's call to get involved. Many parents see the most active band boosters and think that they don't have enough time to do that. The good news is, you don't need to do that. We very much love the volunteers that are willing to help no matter what. We also understand that most people aren't able to give that much time, but we still very much appreciate those who can occasionally spare a few minutes. If you're not sure how to help, contact any of the Band Booster officers or committee chairs. They can point you in the right direction.

With gratitude for all that you do,

Ben Factor
Director of Bands

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

It is finally here...the start of the school year, football season and of course, marching band season. Now we all know marching band season for our students started long ago as they have been working hard for months on their marching band show; however, the time has finally come for the families, friends and football fans to enjoy the efforts and talents of our musicians under the lights on Friday nights! What an exciting time of year!!

With that said, as the marching band season gears up, I must step up my push for volunteers. I know I sound like a broken record but the success of the marching band really does rely upon the hard work of the volunteers and fundraisers. I recently came across an article that detailed a story of an award winning marching band that dropped 90 percent of its members after a new policy was implemented requiring parents to volunteer at band events. Can you imagine such an impact to the marching band simply because it became mandatory for parents to volunteer at their student's band events?

Now, the good news about the article I mentioned above is that it was a farce and it came from a satirical blogsite. The sham article was created entirely as parody of the issue related to the struggle of securing volunteers for marching band; however, it really does bring to light the difficulty of recruiting volunteers. To be clear, the Lancaster Band Boosters has not and is not considering a mandatory volunteering policy! However, the Lancaster Band Boosters does struggle with low volunteer participation and it is often said "we always see the same parents volunteering." With that said, I encourage all parents to find just a little time to volunteer and help out in the concession stands, on the sidelines with the percussion crew, working the invitational or anything else you can do to help out. The more the volunteers, the lesser the commitment for each one of us individually. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work."

Moving on, I want to thank everyone that helped out for the mattress sale. This was a great fundraiser raising over \$5,000 for the band program. Also, I want to thank Dana Travis and everyone participating in the Yankee Candle Sale. Another "easy" fundraiser with great returns! And finally, I want to thank everyone who has signed up to help in concessions through sign-up genius. The support and help is greatly appreciated and the sign-up genius is really a wonderful way to sign-up and find out where help is needed.

Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe start of the school year. Look forward to seeing you at the games and Marching Band Competitions. Go Gales!!

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President

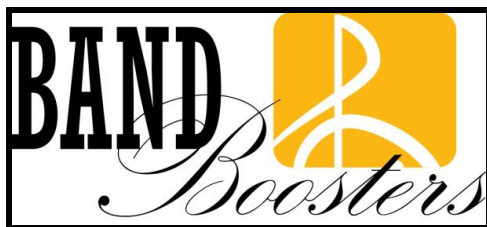


Welcome Band of Gold Volunteers! By now you should have received the Sign Up Genius links. If not message me :) Your time and talents are needed to make this a great season. If you can volunteer a couple hours - we sure could use you! Hey- bring a friend, parent, sibling, or grandparent along. We love them all! Remember when you sign up, you will receive free parking and admission to the game. So, sign up for your favorite spot on Sign Up Genius, grab your ball cap and come see us in Concessions this fall!

Tera Kuehne
LBB Concession Chair
614-871-7656

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.



BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The next band booster meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.

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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BAND OF GOLD INVITATIONAL

Saturday, October 5, 2019

This event is highly regarded in our band community, with credit revolving around our parent volunteers. No "job" is too difficult and your time is greatly appreciated. Please consider helping out! You will get free admission and meal, awesome entertainment, and the ability to watch your child perform towards the conclusion of the event. Contact Lori Peters, Invitational Chair, at lori.peters1988@gmail.com or 740 304-2594 for more information and to sign up. Thank you for your support of the Lancaster Band Boosters.



We will be having a bake sale at the Invitational this year. All donated items will be pure profit for the band. Watch for more information about how you can help!



Fall is in the air and it will soon be time for the Fairfield County Fair. We will need a lot of volunteers to work the band boosters' fair booth. There are over 70 slots that we need to fill to make the booth a success. No experience is necessary and we love to have a good time while we work. 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. This is a great opportunity to meet other band parents. Students are welcome if they are accompanied by a parent. Please remember to bring a ball cap with you to the fair booth.

The link for the signup genius is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dafa622aaf94-fair3>

We are also in need of volunteers to donate baked goods. We 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 east of broad street and west of high street. 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 lunch special. You can sign up to donate baked goods at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dafa622aaf94-fair2>

If you like to cook we also need help with pre-cooking for the week of the fair. We will be meeting at St Bernadette at 1325 Wheeling Rd at 8:00 am on September 14th. It takes about six hours to complete all of the prep needed. If you are interested please call and let us know. We can be reached by phone at 740-653-2749 or 740-785-8313. You can also e-mail us at cookdd@hotmail.com

Dean and Debbie Cook
Fair Booth Chairs



Welcome back to School Band Members and Families!
2020 😊

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser: (ending soon). There is still a little time to get your orders in. Just forward the event info to your family, friends, co-worker, etc. via FB, text or email. The link is all set up for that. This is a great way to earn money for your student's account which can help with the Disney trip (or band camp, uniform costs, etc.). At the end of this fundraising event, the student with the most sales will receive a \$50.00 gift card to the merchant of their choice.

Trophy Sponsors: Our invitational is coming up and I still have a few trophies you can sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a trophy, please reach out to me soon at danatravis@columbus.rr.com or 304.312.0020.

Window Decals: Order forms are in the band room. The deadline for decal orders are September 6th. Let's all get the new decals and show pride at every game or competition with the LHS Band Decals on our vehicle windows.

Gypsy Joe's Ice Cream: Running every Friday-Sunday, Gypsy Joes will be selling Lancaster Band of Gold donuts. With each band donut purchased, a percentage of EACH donut will be given back to the Band of Gold. A yummy way to support your BOG.

Thank you to everyone who participated in The Charles F. Smith Golf Outing and/or our Mattress Sale which were both held on August 17th. We had a great outcome with both events. Way to go Band Families!!!

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Full Band Rehearsal 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	4 Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 3-4:30pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	5 Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	6 Home Football Game vs. Cathedral	7
8	9 Rehearsal - Winds and Battery 3-5pm Front Ensemble Sectional 5-7pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	10 Full Band Rehearsal 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	11 Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 3-4:30pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	12 Band Dress Rehearsal at Fulton Field 5:45-9pm Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	13 Home Football Game vs. Hilliard Darby	14 Marching Band Contest at Circleville
15	16 Rehearsal - Winds and Battery 3-5pm Front Ensemble Sectional 5-7pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	17 Full Band Rehearsal 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	18 Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 3-4:30pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	19 Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	20 Away Football Game at Newark	21
22	23 Rehearsal - Winds and Battery 3-5pm Front Ensemble Sectional 5-7pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	24 Full Band Rehearsal 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	25 Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 3-4:30pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	26 Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	27 Home Football Game vs. Upper Arlington (Homecoming and 8th Grade Band Night)	28
29	30 Rehearsal - Winds and Battery 3-5pm Front Ensemble Sectional 5-7pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	October 1 Full Band Rehearsal 3-5pm Percussion Sectional 6:30-8:30pm	October 2 Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 3-4:30pm Guard Sectional 6-8pm	October 3 Full Band Rehearsal 6-8:30pm	October 4 Home Football Game vs. Grove City	October 5 Band of Gold Invitational

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