



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

March 2020

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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LHS Winter Band Concert

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:30pm

LHS Auditorium

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

If you take a moment to zoom out on our year, we are exactly in the middle of it. That's right - in just six months, we will begin another school year and start this process once again.

One of the most beautiful and comforting things about the band year is that it is cyclical. Band members, directors, and parents look forward to those recurring performances and events on the calendar. What we often look forward to is familiarity. We know what to expect and love it - whether it's the first time playing "Long Train Runnin" or the one hundredth.

Tradition is one of the most powerful elements of a band program steeped in as much history as ours is. The many generations of band members that share these same memories provide a unique continuity that few organizations can claim. This has never been clearer than during our recent football games with the Alumni Band.

Recently, we've put out a form online to ask current and alumni band members the question, "If you knew as an 8th grader what you know now, what single thing would've reassured you about your decision to join high school band?" These answers were powerful, giving even more meaning to the experiences that band provides to the students at Lancaster High School. We encourage even more participation on this form (you can find it on social media or by emailing the director). We will use select answers to encourage 8th grade band members to embrace their LHS band family.

In this middle part of the year, we begin to look ahead to the next cycle. It is crucially important to embrace the traditions and values that have built our program. It's perhaps more important, however, to reflect upon improving, enriching, and enhancing these same experiences for the next generation of band members.

In the high school band, we encourage ownership. We want the students to have a voice in how to improve the experience and we want them to take the lead in how to do it. We are continuing to develop our student leadership model in order to train thoughtful, qualified leaders who can assist the directors to make high school band a great experience for everyone.

As parents and band boosters, I encourage you also to do your part to make the program even better each year. While many of us live in the moment, enjoying the exciting yearly events and working hard at the next band fundraiser, the directors are constantly "zooming out" and making sense of the momentum and direction of an ever-evolving program.

There are wonderful things coming ahead in the Lancaster Band program. I look forward to everyone embracing this common vision of the directors and students, in order to make the Lancaster High School Band "*the place to be*" for many years to come!

Ben Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Are you as excited as I am that we are days away from Spring? Though the winter was mild, I am looking forward to sunny days ahead.

Spring is a time for renewal, rejuvenation, and regrowth. With that in mind, Spring is an important time of the year for the Lancaster Band. This month, our wonderful Band Directors and students will visit the local elementary schools and begin recruiting young musicians for the annual regrowth of the music program. I still remember the day our son came home after the visit by the band directors and the excitement in his eyes about learning how to play a musical instrument. The long term impact these directors have on our students is amazing. Good luck to all of our directors for their continued efforts.

In addition to recruiting and replenishing the music program, the music program remains busy and active. The musicians and Winter Guard participants have been actively participating in competitions and representing Lancaster High School exceptionally. Additionally, the students will be actively participating in Guard clinics, Jazz Band and other ensemble practices and private lessons. I am always so impressed by the work ethic and drive of these students.

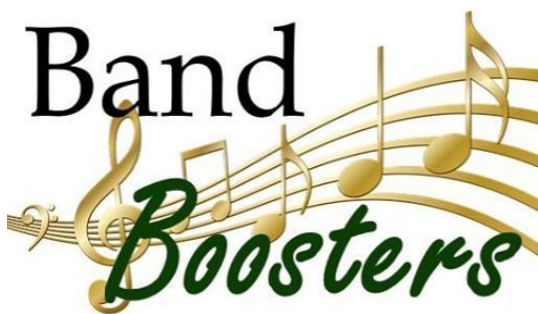
Recognizing the students keep such a busy schedule with practice and competition, parents may find it hard to keep up with their schedules. There are many ways to stay connected and I encourage you all to utilize these tools. First, please visit the website (www.lancasterbands.com) for recent updates and the events calendar. For more frequent and daily updates, please connect with Lancaster Bands on Facebook (Lancaster Bands) and Twitter (@LancasterBands). You are also welcome to attend the Booster's meetings to get firsthand information on the activities of the Band. Next meeting is March 2nd at the Lancaster High School Band Room. Finally, on March 31st, a meeting for beginning band parents will be held at the High School from 7pm to 8pm. If you know of potential new parents, please spread the word. Look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President



EVENTS

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| Thursday, March 5 | Winter Band Concert |
| Friday, March 13 | OMEA District Adjudicated Event |
| Saturday, April 4 | Jazz Band Dinner Dance |
| April 24 or 25 | OMEA State Adjudicated Event |
| May 8 and 9 | Percussion Ensemble Concert |
| Thursday, May 14 | Spring Band Concert |
| Monday, May 25 | Memorial Day Parade |
| Saturday, May 30 | LHS Graduation |



Band Boosters

The next band booster meeting is Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.



stay informed

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.



1. PROCEED NIGHT AT CANES:

APRIL 22 – 11-8 pm - Last proceed night for this school year. Let's make this the biggest night for our Music Programs!!!

2. **CANDY SALES** - I have candy left at home. I will NOT order more this season. Please get yourself some bags of candy. Proceeds go directly to student's account.

3. **YARD SALE – Saturday, May 16th** - This event will take place at Tarhe Trails' Gym. Now is the time to start putting items aside you wish to donate for this event. Last year was a great success and we had a ton of fun. 😊 Soon I will be asking for volunteers to help set up on Friday the 15th for this event. I will also be needing volunteers during the main event on the 16th. This fundraiser is a blast and a great event for our students to help out as well.

4. **SHIRT AND CUP SALES** –Shirt and Cups will be sold at our upcoming Band concerts.

5. **Rooster's Discount Cards** – We have received Rooster Discount Cards for 2020. They sell for \$10.00/each and will go into your student's accounts.

6. **Gift Raffle** – will be held at our last concert of the school year. This basket will be exciting and will have two (2) Season Passes to Kings Island among other fun items. So bring extra money to the last concert of the year and get yourself some Raffle Tickets!!!

With the upcoming proceed night AND Roosters' Card sales, please utilize your Social Media, email contacts, text contacts, etc. to let all friends know of these events. It is an easy way to get the word out. These are easy fundraisers that benefit both the Band Boosters AND the students.

Please feel free to contact me at 304.312.0020 or danatravis@columbus.rr.com should you have any questions, wish to help with fundraising or have an idea for possible future fundraisers. I thank you 😊

Dana Travis
Fundraiser Chair

MARCH 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm | 3 Jazz Band 3-4pm | 4 Sectionals 4:30-5:15pm 5:15-6:00pm | 5 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Gorsuch West 9:30-10:30am 1:30-2:30pm LHS Winter Band Concert 7:30pm | 6 Jazz Band 3-4pm | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Tallmadge 9:30-10:30am 1:30-2:30pm | 10 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Mt. Pleasant 9:30-10:30am 1:30-2:30pm Jazz Band 3-4pm | 11 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Medill 9:30-10:30am 1:30-2:30pm Sectionals 3-3:45pm 3:45-4:30pm 4:30-5:15pm | 12 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Medill 1:30-2:30pm | 13 Elementary Recruiting Assembly at Tarhe Trails 9:30-10:30am 1:30-2:30pm Jazz Band 3-4pm OMEA District Adjudicated Event | 14 OMEA District Adjudicated Event |
| 15 | 16 Field Commander Clinic 5:15-6pm | 17 Jazz Band 3-4pm | 18 | 19 Instrument Selection Day #1 5-8pm | 20 Jazz Band 3-4pm | 21 Junior High Solo and Ensemble |
| 22 | 23 Guard Clinics Field Commander Clinic 5:15-6pm | 24 Jazz Band 3-4pm Instrument Selection Day #2 5-8pm | 25 | 26 Guard Clinics | 27 Jazz Band 3-4pm Guard Clinics | 28 Instrument Selection Day #3 10am-1pm |
| 29 | 30 Guard Clinics | 31 Jazz Band 3-4pm Beginning Band Parent Meeting 7-8pm | 1 Guard Clinics | 2 Guard Clinics | 3 Jazz Dinner Dance Dress Rehearsal 6-8:30pm | 4 Jazz Dinner Dance |

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