



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

May 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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Important Message about Summer 2020

The health and well-being of our band members is our number one priority. As we plan the summer and fall, we will be taking into consideration what is best for all of our students and staff, their safety, and the overall experience we want to provide to our students.

The needs and concerns of our band families are always important to us, but most especially during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Lastly, it is crucial that all of our families are receiving timely information from us. We ask that you do your part to stay informed by checking the band website and social media regularly, and by reaching out to others who may not be getting this information.

The directors are not waiting around to see what happens. We are playing chess. We don't know the next move of COVID-19, but we are staying several moves ahead of any possibility. With each possible scenario we have a plan in place to give our band members an outstanding experience. As details unfold, we will keep our families informed of future plans.

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

This spring has definitely not looked like we expected it to in our band program. The summer is already looking like it will also be quite different. Next fall is still up the air. With all of the uncertainty, we need to focus on what the band program is here to do. A lot of things change from year to year, but our purpose doesn't.

What are we here to do?

We are here to teach instrumental music to students so they can bring joy to our communities through performing. There is no substitute for this.

In the process of rehearsing and performing, we develop students to become kinder, more independent, more resilient, and more mature.

Through band, students learn the importance of belonging to a group that cares deeply about one another.

How should this apply to our students in this current situation?

When and where we perform doesn't matter. Performing on your front lawn or on an Instagram video can bring the same joy to people. Don't stop performing simply because it's not the same.

A lot of personal growth happens in the band room when we're interacting with one another. This can also happen from a distance. Our current challenges have forced students to become more resilient and more independent. Take this time to focus on personal growth. Don't stop growing as an individual simply because it's not the same.

Going away to band camp builds a sense of belonging. Pushing through tough rehearsals brings the band together. Checking in with one another virtually also builds trust. Talking to a fellow band member who's struggling can also bring the team together. Don't stop caring about one another simply because it's not the same.

The details have changed a lot for band, but the purpose has not shifted. These things have continued. Band hasn't stopped.

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this horrible pandemic.

The COVID-19 crisis has certainly forced us to shelter in place, but it cannot stop the continuing work of the Lancaster Band of Gold Boosters. With that said, the Annual Meeting of the Lancaster Band Booster's will occur on Monday, May 4, 2020.

We cannot meet in person as we respect the social distancing guidelines; however, we are providing the opportunity for all to join in a virtual meeting utilizing Zoom. If you are interested in participating in the Annual Meeting, please contact a Board member and simply ask for the Zoom meeting log-in information.

The Annual Meeting is a very important gathering as the annual budget is discussed, new officers are positioned, and the booster activities for the upcoming school year are discussed. And yes, there will be an upcoming school year (fingers crossed)! I strongly urge all parents of current and future student musicians to attend the meeting and find out how the Boosters successfully support your students' musical education.

The upcoming meeting is especially significant to me. After serving two academic years, this meeting will be my last meeting as President of the Boosters. It is hard to believe how fast these years have passed but they truly have been wonderful. For one, it has been so enjoyable to be a part of my son's musical education and witnessing his musical growth from the front row. This is time I wouldn't trade for anything. Additionally, it has been extremely enlightening and informative to see how the Boosters raise funds and apply these funds directly to the betterment of the students. Seeing the behind the scenes management of the organization reinforced my belief that the funds and tools of the boosters are well-managed and efficiently utilized. Finally, I have been so blessed to work alongside and be associated with such a wonderful group of hard-working volunteers and parents. These individuals are the unsung heroes who dedicate hours and hours of hard work on behalf of our young adults. Collectively, I gained so much more than what I contributed from my time participating with the Band Boosters and for that, I am thankful.

As I sign off, I will make one final plea. My goal while working with the Band Boosters was to increase the numbers of volunteers. I strongly feel that with a musical program of our size, the volunteer resources are available; yet, we frequently see the same faces at each and every event. If we all do a little, we will collectively gain a lot. As we all know, "many hands make light work." I strongly encourage the family and friends of our student musicians to please find time to volunteer.

I sincerely want to thank the Officers, Committee Chairs, Band Directors and all volunteers for their dedication and amazing efforts to support the many students at Lancaster High School. You all are truly remarkable!

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President



Can you believe this school year is almost over? The Coronavirus has put a stop to most everything, but we are slowly trying to get back to fundraising (all the while staying within the guidelines of social distancing).



LHS Bands' Spirit Store – our Spirit online store is open. Logo Images LLC is our Vendor. Along with our T-shirts, sweatshirts (some are new designs) and tumbler mugs, we are also selling face masks. These face masks will have the following printed on them:

School's mascot – Gusto, The Masked Gale, LHS Bands with Gusto, LHS Senior 2020 – Straight out of quarantine

Transactions will be done online and shipped directly to you so we are staying within guidelines of social distancing. The proceeds from the Masks will go directly to the Fairfield County Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund and the other merchandise will benefit LHS Bands.

The Multi Band Family Yard Sale has been canceled for May – however, it may be held in August or early September of 2020 (stay tuned for further information). Please continue to put items to the side that you wish to donate for this fundraiser.

Roosters' Card Sales – I still have Roosters Discount cards available for purchase. Each card is \$10.00 and this entire amount goes directly into your student's account. The dollars earned by your student can be used to help offset Band Camp Costs, Uniform Costs, etc. The Discount cards are good until December 31, 2020. Please reach out to me either by phone or email if you would like to purchase a Discount Card(s). I can mail them to you.

With the upcoming proceed night AND Roosters' Card sales, please utilize your Social Media, email contacts, and 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.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

Lancaster High School Bands

DATE & TIME:

May 11th, 2020 from 11:00am - 8:00pm

LOCATION:

1934 N Memorial Dr Lancaster, OH 43130
740-777-0145



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

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.

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