



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

June 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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We are constantly striving to make the Lancaster High School band a place where all of our members feel a sense of belonging. We truly believe there is a place for everyone in the Lancaster High School band program. One of the things we discuss most with our student leadership team is how to make our band room a welcome place where everyone feels welcome, valued, and understood.

As we work to reopen our band facilities, we continue to put the health and well-being of our band members first. We want what is best for all of our students and staff. We look forward to providing a safe and positive experience for all of our members again very soon.

It is important 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.

As you all know, registration for marching band has now begun. More information can be found on page 2. We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Now that we have plans to begin opening up for marching band, we need some information from you. The link below will explain all of the steps needed to get started.

Typically, we would turn in many of these forms at our spring parent meeting. Instead, many of them will be filled out digitally. There are a couple of exceptions, so please read carefully.

www.LancasterBands.com/forms

Please help us out by sending fellow band parents this information. If you know any new band parents, encourage them to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, as well as signing up to receive email updates. This can be done on the main page of the band website. Go to the top of the right column and click "follow."

We are very much looking forward to another fantastic year with the Band of Gold!

Ben Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Last month, I wrote what I thought was my final newsletter article only to find out I had one more month to go. I was prepared to pass the monthly task of writing a newsletter article to the newly elected President of the Band Boosters. With that said, however, I am delighted I have one more opportunity to publicly say thanks.

This month I want to say thanks, not as the President of Band Boosters, but as a Parent of a Senior Band Student. On May 26, 2020, the Band Directors and Band Booster Volunteers held a senior recognition ceremony at the Lancaster High School. It was not the typical end of the year banquet we have all come to enjoy greatly; but from our perspective, it was so much more meaningful.

The Seniors have lost out on so much due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the community has worked hard to celebrate our students, missing the end of the year banquet that celebrated the culmination of four years of hard work and immense commitment to the music program was especially agonizing. The Band Directors knew this and on their own efforts, with the assistance of booster volunteers, gave back to the students who dedicated so much to the music program and created a virtual ceremony to be viewed from our cars in the parking lot of the high school. It was so wonderful to see all the students together again (while remaining in their cars), laughing and smiling and being recognized for their efforts. The family atmosphere of the band members shined through as the cars would collectively honk as each senior was recognized. On behalf of my son, my family and the seniors of the Lancaster Music Program, thank you to the Directors and the wonderful volunteers.

Now, as I truly sign off, I want to wish the future Officers of the Band Boosters and many volunteers success and well-being. Eric Myers will join Tim Culver, Jean Robertson, Jennifer Bales, and Jean Comer as officers for the upcoming school year and they will do a tremendous job. Please support these officers and the many volunteers that work tirelessly for the students of the wonderful Lancaster High School music program by finding a way to donate your time and skills.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President

FUNDRAISING

And just like that – this school year is over. Who Blinked? With Covid19 still causing us to make some changes to our daily living, we have also had to make some changes with fundraising events.



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:

1. School's mascot – Gusto
2. The Masked Gale
3. LHS Bands' Gusto
4. 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 - Please continue to put items to the side that you wish to donate for this fundraiser. We are going to see about a late August or early September to hold this amazing fundraiser.

Roosters' Card Sales – We 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.

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair

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