



LANCASTER

BAND BOOSTERS

December 2018

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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Lancaster High School Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 6th ~ 7:30 p.m.
Lancaster High School Auditorium

General Sherman Holiday Concert
Wednesday, December 19th ~ 7:00 p.m.
General Sherman Junior High Auditorium

Thomas Ewing Holiday Concert
Wednesday, December 19th ~ 8:00 p.m.
Thomas Ewing Junior High Auditorium

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Contrary to popular belief, it is actually in the winter where most of the learning must occur to sustain a quality band program. Throughout the next few months, band members will be focusing on the development of their individual musical skills and how that contributes to the success of the entire band. We encourage all band members to take advantage of the numerous opportunities that are offered in our band program.

The winter is the best time for band members to get serious about their individual playing ability and what they can do to improve their skills. The summation of all of this great individual work is what you hear on stage with our concert bands. While all of our performing groups are important, our concert bands provide a unique opportunity to work on technique, listening skills, and musicality. During concert band season, the amount of music performed increases, there is a higher level of refinement, and there is a greater variety of musical styles to study.

The secret to success in our program is quite simple: emphasis on focused, deliberate, individual practicing. One of the best ways to build this musical independence and confidence is by taking private lessons with a qualified expert on their instrument. We currently have several private instructors who teach lessons in the afternoons and evenings at Lancaster High School or in the community. All band members can benefit greatly from private lessons. If your son or daughter is not currently taking private lessons, now is a great time to begin. Ask one of the directors for more information!

One upcoming opportunity that is a big focus of our program is OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event. It will be held February 16 at Pickerington North High School. Now is the time to begin forming small ensembles and to start working on solos. Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved with this in order to take ownership in their own playing.

Ben Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

FUNDRAISING

YANKEE CANDLE SALES - Our sales are going well. As you know – our Catalog Sales portion of the fundraiser is now closed. Our students and their families sold \$2,051.00 of product!!! That is awesome. We thank you all who participated!

Our Online Sales continue through January 9th. So far – online/mobile sales are \$2,276.50 with \$910.60 going to the band. Not bad for the first month of sales. Remember – our goal is \$5,000.00 in Band Profit. We have a way to go - but can do it. Get signed in to Yankee Candle Fundraising or the Mobile App and use our Customer Number 999987769 then your student's name/email address. Then share with your family, friends, Social Media Friends, email/text contacts, etc. It is very easy. If you have any questions, please contact me at danatravis@columbus.rr.com.

I thank you all for taking time to participate in this easy fundraiser. You will be also helping your child earn \$ for their student accounts. *And remember – for each 12 items you sell – you will receive a FREE medium sized candle in the scent of your choice. Also, the person with the highest sales will receive a \$50.00 gift card to merchant of their choice. And if we reach \$5,000.00 in Band Profit – there will be a party held in the Spring to celebrate! We can do this!!*

Dana Travis
Fundraising Chair

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.

BAND BOOSTERS

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

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well-rested after the Thanksgiving Holiday. As parents of amazing students who dedicate themselves to the Lancaster music programs, we have many reasons to be thankful!

The Lancaster Band of Gold capped off their Marching Band season with a cold and chilly march through downtown Lancaster. I hope you were able to brave the cold and watch our kids with their festive instruments perform for our community. The students did an amazing job decorating their instruments and based on the delight seen on the faces of the crowd, the effort and joy they put into the performance was appreciated. I am truly thankful to the students and their parents for all they do for our school, the Holiday parade, and our community.

Though the Marching Band season is complete, the work of the Boosters is not. Many may not be aware or fully appreciate that the efforts of the Boosters support the entire music program at Lancaster High School. We are certainly more obvious and noticeable during the marching band season with the concession stands, uniform maintenances, etc.; however, a lot of "behind-the-scenes" work goes into supporting the other bands. For example, preparing and printing the brochures for concerts, helping organize and serve food at the Annual Jazz Dinner, the ongoing fundraising efforts, and so on. These faithful volunteers are always dependable and their efforts are astounding. For that, I am extremely grateful and thankful.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to take a moment and give special thanks to a small group of parents who volunteered in the concession stand at the recent playoff football game.

The request to open the concession stand came late but the boosters did not hesitate to say yes. These special events bring many visitors to Lancaster and serving as the host not only highlights our facilities but provides a great fundraising opportunity for our schools. The high-quality facilities and support services (i.e. concessions) delivers a great experience for the visitors and ensures future hosting opportunities for Lancaster schools. With that said, we had less than 10 individuals respond to our call for help. The temperature this evening only reached 31 degrees and the crowd came in masses seeking hot food and drinks. In typical fashion, the small army of volunteers hustled, worked extremely hard, and met the need of the fans. All with a smile!! At the same time, the group sold off the majority of remaining inventory (an anticipated loss) and made an unexpected profit for the Boosters. This revenue is an additional contribution to support band activities and continues our efforts of keeping costs down for parents and students participating in the music program. The effort of this small group was remarkable and for that, I am very thankful.

As I close out my last article of the year, I want to give thanks for the wonderful work of the volunteers. We can always use more volunteers so please reach out to a Booster's member and let us know how you want to join the fun. I also want to give thanks to our Directors for providing our students with a wonderful musical education. Our community is blessed to have educational leaders that are willing to dedicate so much time and effort to our kids. With that said, hope to see you all at the Holiday Concert on December 6th and don't forget to place your Yankee Candle orders for Christmas! I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Mike Courtney
Band Booster President

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	4 Swinging Gales 3-4:30pm	5 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	6 Swinging Gales 3-3:45pm LHS Holiday Concert 7:30pm	7	8
9	10 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	11	12 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	13 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	14 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm Pep Band at Girls Basketball Game 6:3-pm	15
16	17 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	18	19 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm Sherman Holiday Concert, 7pm Ewing Holiday Concert, 8pm	20	21 Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game 6:30pm NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL	January 1 NO SCHOOL	January 2 NO SCHOOL	January 3 Percussion Ensemble 3-5pm	January 4 Pep Band at Boys Basketball Game 6:30pm	January 5

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