



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

March 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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OMEA District Adjudicated Event

Symphonic Band – 8:15pm
Friday, March 8th

Freshman Band – 1:15pm
Saturday, March 9th

Teays Valley High School



DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Concert Band season is now in full swing. We look forward to a lot of Lancaster support at District Large Group Adjudicated Event in a few days! Our bands will be performing either on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, both at Teays Valley High School.

Performance times are as follows:

Symphonic Band - Friday at 8:15pm

Freshman Band - Saturday at 1:15pm

All performances are free and open to the public. Please note that taking photos or videos is strictly prohibited at this event.

As we look ahead to the spring, I ask that all of you please mark your calendars to attend our annual band parent meeting on Monday, April 8. Parents who will have a child in the high school band program next school year are asked to attend. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the Lancaster High School Cafeteria. Information regarding volunteer opportunities with the Band Boosters will also be available.

Also, it is never too soon to look ahead to some important summer and fall dates. The band's calendar can easily be found on the band website. In addition to viewing it online, you can subscribe to it so that all band events are automatically synced with your personal calendar on your mobile device.

Some events of particular value are:

Band Camp – July 28 through August 2

Marching Band Contests – September 14, October 5, October 19, and October 26

OMEA State Marching Band Finals – November 2, 3, 9, or 10

Lastly, I'd like to encourage all incoming marching band students to make sure they are signed up for December's Florida trip. With the addition of chaperones and additional family members, the first two buses are now basically full. To make it financially possible to book a third bus, we would need about twenty additional travelers. If you are still interested, please be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of the Lancaster High School Band program!

Benjamin E. Factor

Director of Bands,

Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Time sure does fly when we are having fun! All of the band directors, students and families have been so busy and are having so much fun that March has quickly arrived.

Before moving into March activities, I want to thank all of the Students, Directors and Band Parents that came out for the Thunder Alley. It was such a fun event and it is always wonderful to see all of the students interact and have a good time in a safe environment. It was especially nice to see the large turnout of 7th and 8th graders. The future of the Lancaster Band Program is strong!

I also want to congratulate all of the musicians and directors for their hard work and success at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble event on February 16th. As Director Factor shared, the students performed in a record number of events and brought home more superior ratings than ever. So impressive! As evidenced by these great musicians, the Lancaster Music Program is strong.

The students have been busy and there is no sign of slowing down in March. Our students continue to work hard and fortunately for us, March provides many opportunities to witness their efforts. On March 2nd, the Winter Guard will perform at the OIPA Winter Guard Show at Central Crossing. The Concert and Freshman Bands will also be performing this month in an OMEA Adjudicated event during the weekend of March 8th. Finally, the Swinging Gales will close out the month with their Annual Dinner Dance on March 30th. Please come out and support our musicians.

This has been a busy year for Band families and it will certainly become more hectic as we near Marching Band season and the Florida Trip. If you are like me, you may find it impossible to keep up with all of the activities with the Lancaster Band. There are many ways to stay connected and I encourage you all to use access 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 4th at the Lancaster High School Band Room...Hope to see you there!

Mike Courtney

Band Booster President

Lancaster High School band students, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Factor, Mr. Bruce Gerken, Mr. Jared Smith, Mr. David Bode, and Ms. Cassandra Bull participated in the Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event held on Saturday, February 16, at Pickerington North High School.

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class A were: Olivia Maynard (flute), Lauren Parrett (flute), Ryan Voight (horn), Murray Robertson (tuba), Kayley Brunton (marimba), Kristin Burnside (marimba), Julianne Callahan (marimba), Hannah Culver (marimba), Julia Fyie (marimba), Parker Persinger (marimba), John Zishka (snare drum), Alexander Haroon (multiple percussion), Nicholas Oettinger (timpani), the Flute Trio, the Trumpet Trio, the Brass Quartet, the Percussion Ensemble ("Concerto for Percussion"), and the Mallet Ensemble ("Ragtime Robin").

Students receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class A were: Joe Zishka (clarinet), Isis Carpenter (marimba), and Justice Courtney (multiple percussion).

Receiving a "Good" rating in Class A were: Parker Persinger (snare drum), and the Woodwind Quintet.

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class B were: Caspian Barstow (flute), Jennifer Donahey (flute), Claire Blaisdell (clarinet), Megan Bash (alto saxophone), Jonah Hoffmann-Weitsman (alto saxophone), Aidan Inboden (bari saxophone), Kyle Miller (trumpet), Cam Schoonover (horn), the Freshman Woodwind Trio, the Freshman Saxophone Quintet, the Trumpet Trio, and the Mallet Ensemble ("Ave Maria").

Students receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class B were: Kieah Hamric (trombone), Benjamin Jurecki (trombone), Zach Kette (trombone), the Flute Choir, the Clarinet Quartet, the Freshman Flute Trio, the Clarinet Choir, and the Sophomore Brass Trio.

Receiving a "Good" rating in Class B was: Cora Dunn (marimba).

Students receiving a "Superior" rating in Class C were: Mallory Scott (clarinet), Eli Schleich (bari saxophone), Leah Watson (marimba), the Freshman Brass Quartet, and the Low Brass Quartet.

Receiving an "Excellent" rating in Class C was: Katie Cordle (clarinet), Caspian Barstow (alto saxophone), Ian Houghs (trombone), the Flute Quartet, the Freshman Woodwind Quartet, and the Freshman Trombone Trio.

Receiving a "Good" rating in Class C was: the Clarinet Trio.

Performing for "Comments Only" were: Mackenzie Lape (marimba), and the Saxophone Sextet.

FUNDRAISING

Hello Band Families! I want to keep you updated on future fundraisers. Let's all get involved and help both our Band and earn money for your Student Accounts. That will help you with our upcoming Florida trip next December.

Our next Canes Proceed Night is **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13** from 11 am – 8 pm. Coupons will be in the Band Room and a picture of the coupon will be on the Band's Social Media Pages. Spread the word to all of your friends, family, teachers, co-workers, on your Social Media pages, etc. This is an easy way to earn money for our Band.

We just finished up our popcorn sales. Thank you to all who participated.

In March – we will be doing the Candy Bar Sale. These proceeds will go to your student's account. Stay Tuned for more information.

March 30th – Jazz Dance. This is a fun evening with great music performances by our very own Jazz Band. Please come out and support these students. It is exciting to watch everyone dance while the students play fabulous music. Invite your friends and family to this event. Tickets will soon be on sale. Let's sell this event out!

May 18th we will be holding the 1st annual Community Yard Sale! This is a fun way to earn money for our Band. Please begin preparing for this by setting aside any and all items you wish to part with. Clothing, games, books, sports equipment, furniture, etc. Anything in good condition. This event will be a huge success with ALL of your help. **NOW IS THE TIME TO START PUTTING ASIDE ANY AND ALL ITEMS YOU WISH TO DONATE TO OUR YARD SALE.**

I thank everyone who has participated/continue to participate in our fundraisers. Remember, our Florida Trip is in December. These fundraisers not only help the Band but also help your student raise money for their Student Accounts. I hope to see everyone participate in the next few fundraisers.

Dana Travis
Fundraiser Chair

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.

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jazz Band 3-4pm	2 OIPA Winter Guard Show at Central Crossing High School
3	4 Band Booster Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7	8 OMEA District Adjudicated Event Symphonic Band	9 OMEA District Adjudicated Event Freshman Band
10	11	12 Jazz Band 3-4:30pm	13 Raising Cane's Night	14	15 Jazz Band 3-4pm	16
17	18	19 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL Jazz Band 3-4:30pm	20	21 Beginning Band Instrument Fittings 5-8pm	22 Jazz Band 3-4pm	23 Junior High Solo and Ensemble
24	25	26 Beginning Band Instrument Fittings 5-8pm	27	28 Color Guard Tryouts	29	30 Beginning Band Instrument Fittings 10am-1pm Swinging Gales Dinner Dance
31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8

OMEA District Adjudicated Event - Symphonic Band

March 9

OMEA District Adjudicated Event - Freshman Band

Saturday, March 30

Jazz Band Dinner Dance

May 3 or 4

OMEA State Adjudicated Event

May 10 and 11

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Thursday, May 16

Spring Band Concert

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Parade

Saturday, June 1

LHS Graduation

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