



LANCASTER BAND BOOSTERS

September 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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Our Virtual Tag Day is Underway!

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The Lancaster High School band program is excited to kick off this virtual fundraiser. Gifts of all sizes together make a huge difference. Please consider helping the Band Boosters continue our mission to support the band program.

2020-2021 is our band's 100th season! During this centennial year, the band will be actively performing in the community more than ever. We are so grateful to be part of the Lancaster community where we have served in such an integral role for the last century. Thank you for your continued support of the band program in the Lancaster City Schools.

DIRECTOR OF BANDS

I must be honest. There were many times over the spring and summer that I didn't think that marching band season would make it this far, yet here we are. We are so grateful to the entire "team" for making this happen.

Certainly we had some good fortune to allow this to happen, but more importantly, we had the cooperation of many, many people. Our school administration and Board of Education have been so supportive of our students. Our band members have been more cooperative than ever, and their parents have been extremely understanding and flexible through the numerous changes we've had to make.

The most positive outcome of all of the changes we've had to make is our ability to stop and reflect upon what is important to us. For the Band of Gold, this has inspired us to reach out to our community like never before. The Lancaster community has always been extremely supportive of our program. Since our travel is limited this year, it is the perfect time to embrace our local supporters even more.

Our first community concert, originally scheduled for Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, was adjusted to a virtual performance due to that evening's thunderstorms. As a result, we were able to reach out to many beyond our city boundaries. The live performance was viewed by hundreds, and throughout the weekend the video has had over 4,000 views! To continue this unprecedented success as we plan live performances, we will need everyone's help to encourage cooperation with social distancing and, when necessary, the use of face coverings, at these events.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate Eric Myer's call to get involved. Many parents see the most active band boosters and think that they don't have enough time to do that. The good news is, you don't need to do that. We very much love the volunteers that are willing to help no matter what. We also understand that most people aren't able to give that much time, but we still very much appreciate those who can occasionally spare a few minutes. If you're not sure how to help, contact any of the Band Booster officers or committee chairs. They can point you in the right direction.

With gratitude for all that you do,

Benjamin Factor
Director of Bands
Lancaster High School

BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

We are finally at the start of the school year, football season, and marching band season. Although students started long ago as they have been working hard for months, the time has finally come for the families, friends, and football fans to enjoy the efforts and talents of our musicians under the lights on Friday nights! What an exciting time of year!!

With that said, as the marching band season gears up, I must step up my push for volunteers. I know I say this a lot, but the marching band's success does rely upon the hard work of the volunteers and fundraisers.

To be clear, the Lancaster Band Boosters has not and is not considering a mandatory volunteering policy! However, the Lancaster Band Boosters struggle with low volunteer participation, and it is often said, "We always see the same parents volunteering." With that said, I encourage all parents to find just a little time to volunteer and help out in the concession stands, on the sidelines with the percussion crew, working during our concerts, or anything else you can do to help out. The more the volunteers, the lesser the commitment for each one of us individually.

I want to thank everyone that helped out for the mattress sale, and I want to thank everyone who has signed up to help in concessions through sign-up genius. The support and help are much appreciated, and the sign-up genius is a wonderful way to sign-up and finds out where help is needed.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe start of the school year. I look forward to seeing you at the games and Marching Band Concerts. Go Gales!!

Eric Myers
Band Booster President
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BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The next band booster meeting is Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30pm in the band room at Lancaster High School.

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.

CONCESSIONS

Hi! I am the incoming Band of Gold Booster Booth chairperson for the 2020-2021 season and would like to introduce myself for those of you I have not met yet! My name is Sarah Grate. I graduated from LHS in 1989. I am married and have 3 kiddos: Abbey Beadling, a Sophomore in her second year with the Color Guard, Nathan Beadling a Junior at LHS and an OU-Athens Junior Hannah Beadling. I attended a couple of BOG Booster meetings last fall and volunteered in the Booth under Tera Kuehne and quickly fell in love with the comradery of the volunteers, the ability to meet and connect with other band and guard parents and the community at the games and performances!! (not to mention being able to watch the kids march into Fulton from our window!)

There are so many opportunities to volunteer with the BOG boosters that you can pick a spot that works perfect for your interests and time availability. If you are interested in volunteering in the Booster Booth this season, watch for the Sign-Up Genius notices to go out Monday before the games. We have the shifts broken down so that no one is committed their entire night!

We are taking precautions to keep everyone safe during the COVID pandemic including: following all guidelines from the Department of Health for HS concessions, having volunteers check in with a QRC code (like the band does) to screen for symptoms, limiting the number of volunteers, maintaining social distancing in the booth and marking the ground for patrons, wearing facemasks and good hand washing.

We will be offering a limited menu of only pre-packaged items at this time. The COVID pandemic restrictions have also given us the opportunity to try some new things this year. We have partnered with some businesses in the community who are working with us to provide: ice cream, subs/sandwiches and plain and flavored popcorn! In addition, we will be opening on Sundays for the Youth Gales Football League games for the first time this year and will be looking for just a couple folks for those games. Lastly, I would like to recognize a couple of folks.

First, I would like to formally recognize The OSCAR W. LARSON COMPANY in Columbus for their generous donation of a GRILL and all the fabulous set up (cover, propane, utensils, etc) to the BOG Booth. We look forward to using it to serve the band and community for years to come! I would also like to recognize Ryan Carpenter for coordinating the donation of and delivering the grill. Ryan took time on his weekend to pick up and deliver our new ice cream freezer!! (If you or any business you know would be interested in sponsoring the cost of the freezer please reach out to myself or one of the Treasurers: Jean Robertson or Jennifer Bales).

I am so excited for this season I could write a novel! We hope to see you at the games and performances!!

Sarah Grate
Concessions Chair

FUNDRAISING

Welcome to September Band Families! I hope everyone had some amazing family time for our unique Summer. Now let's get excited for our Marching Band season. WE HAVE CANDY BARS ! I have candy bar bags made up of all 4 of the Anthony Thomas flavors. Carmel, Crunch, Almond and Peanut Butter. Each bag has 30 bars and Cost per bag is \$31. The extra \$1 Per bag helps offset the cost for the purchase of the candy by the Boosters. To purchase a bag you pay for them up front. Then any money collected you keep. You do not return any money back to us. Additional half of every bag you sell goes right into your student account. This money can be used to help pay for uniforms, band fees or any cost now or in the future. Except the pay to play fees. Please reach out to me by text or email if you would like to purchase a bag.

We also have some exciting news. We have started an Annual Sponsorship Drive and we need your help !!! We will have a list of local businesses and a spreadsheet to be posted on line that anyone will be able to view. If you can help make some calls or even know of a business that would be willing to donate, we would GREATLY appreciate any help you can give. We will start the drive on Saturday, August 29th and end on Friday, September 11th. Additional information on where to find all the information will be posted soon. So if you have some time to donate to help make some calls please reach out to myself or Tim Culver.

We also will be doing a dinner night with Raising Cane the month of September. The exact date will be announced once we get our confirmation date. So be on the lookout on all of our social media outlets.

Finally, we will be doing car decals. I will be asking Mr. Factor to announce our final design and cost as soon as I hear back from our graphic representative.

I am really excited to have some fun with our kids even though we have a modified season. Seeing their excitement and happiness doing what they love is the greatest feeling.

Sarah Carpenter
Fundraising Chair

TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

We are always looking for more truck drivers and people to pull the band trailer. A CDL License is not needed. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Doug Hennis, Transportation Coordinator, at 740-205-7160 or hennisdoug@yahoo.com.

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