

LMBA SPRING PARENT MEETING

APRIL 7, 2025

LIBERTY MUSIC BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

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# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

- The LMBA exists to foster, promote and encourage interest in and appreciation of instrumental and vocal music among the students and the community surrounding Olentangy Liberty High School, Liberty Middle School, and Hyatts Middle School, as well as any other middle schools which feed to Liberty High School (the 'Booster Schools') in the future
- The LMBA is a 501(c)(3) organization that is a **COMPLETELY separate entity** from the school. We are self governed and our **SOLE PURPOSE** is to fund any and all extra expenses and activities requested by the directors in the 3 (Band, Orchestra and Choir) Co-Curricular programs
- **To raise funds for the Liberty HS music programs to supplement minimal funding provided by the District**
- To assist the music departments with logistical and financial support
- To advocate in matters and issues pertinent to sustaining quality performing arts programs

## ■ **SIGNIFICANT COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Larger Communications team with dedicated positions
2. Individual program communication liaisons
3. Upcoming Monthly Newsletter
4. Improved and New Social media
5. Updated and Organized Website
6. More Concise and focused GroupME communications
7. Clear parameters from the district with appropriate permissions for communications

# WHAT MAKES THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT UNIQUE?

The Liberty music program is a **co-curricular** program.

**Co-curricular** means that the class takes place both in and out of the “school day” ie. rehearsals during the school day but performances and some rehearsals outside of our traditional day. It also means that there are additional opportunities i.e. contests, travel to destinations for performances, additional training, festival performances etc that require funding.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**658** is the total number of concession volunteers required to satisfy the fall & spring season. This number has now increased to **730** based on the two fall playoff football games that were scheduled after our last meeting.

- Amount LMBA funds per music student has not changed. Those numbers are:
  - \$350 per band student
  - \$140 per orchestra student
  - \$140 per choir student
  
- Numbers of participating families along with the levels that Berlin & Olentangy HS are seeing:
  - 38% of Band families volunteered in the fall (60% achieved at Berlin & OHS)
  - 18% of Orchestra families volunteered (30% at Berlin & OHS)
  - 16% of Choir families volunteered (60% at Berlin & OHS)

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- In the fall our revenue from the concession stand was \$77,928.
- Our gross profit from the fall season was \$42,721. All this money went into the music programs.
- If we have a good spring concession season, we should generate another **\$10,000** of funding for LMBA.
- Our biggest donations we will make this year for the band program:
  - Marching band equipment & props
  - Staff and technicians
  - Dinners for marching band (12 in total)
  - Senior awards for band
- Biggest donations we will make this year for choir:
  - Hired musicians
  - Choir trips to Cincinnati and Dayton
  - Sheet music and props
- Biggest donations for orchestra:
  - Instructional coaches
  - Clothing & dresses
  - Senior awards
  - Improvements to the orchestra room

# WHAT DO WE NEED FOR 2025-2026

- Graphic Web Designer
- Fundraising teams (3) - Directors involvement with selection
  - Orchestra, Band, Choir
- Concession Stand Team - Concession Co-Chair
- 2 event treasurer's for concession

# WHAT IS CHANGING IN 2025-2025

Moving forward, the music boosters program **will be the most successful if every family steps up and commits to volunteering for 2 concession stand shifts in the fall for band families and 1 per family for Choir and Orchestra then only 1 shift this spring across all 3 programs.** The reality is, without this help, we simply won't have the funding to support all of the amazing opportunities our students get in the music program. **This commitment has been and will continue to be required from our community of families and friends to ensure the program's survival.**

Co-Curricular programs like the music program are unique in that only a small amount of the programs funding comes from the district and this district funding is growing smaller each year.

This isn't just about raising money—it's about making sure our kids continue to have the experiences and resources they deserve and the opportunities that allow them to grow as musicians. We know everyone has busy schedules, but if each family does their part, we can keep these programs strong for our students. In order to maintain our current level of funding this is the commitment we are asking of all our families.

**This is the same commitment asked of each family across all Olentangy district music programs.**