

NEWS LETTER



July 19, 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Marching Band Season!

Band camp officially kicks off tomorrow, Monday, July 20. We are so excited for an incredible season ahead!

Band Camp Schedule

- Dates: July 20–24 and July 27–31
- Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM daily

Bring lunch & a large, refillable water jug to stay hydrated!

Check your CutTime announcements for the complete checklist of gear to make sure you are fully prepared!

Snack & Freezer Pop Donations: We still need donations of individually wrapped salty and sweet snacks as well as freezer pops! They can be placed in the band room for your convenience.

Sign up to help distribute snacks and popsicles during breaks.

Check the Signup Genius links sent via CutTime to grab a spot!

Monday Night Parent Drop-In (6:00 PM)

Stop by the gym lobby tomorrow, July 20th, to:

- Turn in completed paperwork, forms, and contributions.
- Connect with our lead medical chaperone



Fundraiser Spotlight: HundredX

We are off to a great start raising money for our \$10,000 goal, but we need your help to keep the momentum going!

How It Works:

1. Sign Up: Text "ELEVATE" to 90412 to register
2. Share Feedback: Select a company or brand and answer a few quick questions about your customer experience.
3. Earn: Each quality survey generates \$1.60 for the band!

Please forward the sign-up link to friends and family to invite more supporters!

Shoutout to Our Lexington Legends Volunteers

A massive THANK YOU to the incredible volunteers who have been rocking the concession stands at the Lexington Legends games! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we truly couldn't do it without you!

Reminders

- Parents: There are still slots available for remaining games! Head over to the **Signup Genius** to grab a shift!
- Students: Check the schedule in your CutTime announcements for the remaining student schedule for the rest of the season.



Volunteer Opportunities

The Dunbar Band thrives because of our amazing community of helpers and we would love to have you on board. Here are our key areas where we always need parent support:

- **Pit Crew:** Build props, drive equipment trucks, and assist with getting the band on and off the field.
- **Dunbar Invitational:** Our annual invitational is a massive undertaking, and we need all hands on deck.
- **Food Committee:** Help keep our hardworking students and staff fed throughout the season.
- **Photo & Video:** Capture the unforgettable memories, performances, and behind-the-scenes moments
- **Uniforms:** Lend a hand with essential upkeep, including alterations and washing.
- **Hair & Makeup:** Assist our performers with styling and prep on game and competition days!

There are always extra ways to jump in as unexpected needs pop up throughout the season!

Want to learn more? We will have more information and sign-up details available at our Parent Preview Night!



Stay Connected: CutTime & Calendar Reminders

- **Check the CutTime Calendar:** Keep your schedules up to date by regularly checking the calendar for rehearsal times, football games, competitions, and other important events.
- **Read All Announcements:** Make it a habit to thoroughly read all CutTime announcements as they come out. This is our primary way of sharing updates, schedule adjustments, and important information so no one misses a beat!

Taking just a minute to review these updates each week ensures our entire band family is ready for a smooth, successful season.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Band Camp and Rehearsals

- Band Camp: July 20–24 & July 27–31 (9:00 AM – 6:00 PM daily)
- Evening Rehearsals: August 4–7 & August 10 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM
- After School Rehearsals Begin: August 13
- Saturday Camps: August 22 & August 29 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Fundraisers

- Friday, July 24 – Panera Spirit Night at Palomar Centre
 - 30% of pretax sales donated back to PLD Band!
- Saturday, August 15 – Car Wash! (More details coming soon!)

Family Events

- Parent Mixer Series (Band Room) Join us for a meet-and-greet to connect with other families in your student's section!
 - Percussion & Drum Majors: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM
 - Brass: Wednesday, August 5 at 7:30 PM
 - Woodwinds: Friday, August 7 at 7:30 PM
- Parent Preview: Monday, August 10.
 - Join us following the evening rehearsal in the PLD gym for a preview of our fall show!

Student Activities

- Pool Party: August 6 from 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM at The Club at Hartland
- Colorguard Sleepover: August 1 (More info coming soon!)
- Band Photos: September 2 – after school
 - Triple Play Productions will take individual and section photos. There is no cost up front. Photo packages will be available to purchase at a later date.

On the Field & In the Stands

- First Football Game: August 28
- Dunbar Invitational: September 12

