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September 5, 2022

High School PTSA Announcements



PTSA Meeting

The first PTSA Meeting of the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 20 @ 7pm in room D-205.



PTSA 2022 Membership Drive

Welcome back to a new school year! As part of our annual "back to school" process, it's time for you to review the information we have for your family and become a member of our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

This year, we are again using a software system called Membership Toolkit for our membership, directory, bi-weekly newsletter, e-blasts, and dues/donations. It's easy to join and donate, as well as create (and update) your listing in the PTSA Directory.

- If you were registered with Membership Toolkit last year at the High School, Mellon or Jefferson Middle School, you'll use the same login information.

- If you are new to the district, just create a new login and you will be directed to the same membership pages.
- ***If you are a faculty or staff member, you should have received an email explaining additional options to join as a PTSA Partner. You do not need to sign up using this link.***

[www.mtlebanonhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com](https://mtlebanonhsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com)

1. Confirm your family contact information.
2. Confirm your directory display preferences.
3. Purchase membership for parent and/or student and make a donation. You can pay membership dues and tax-deductible donations online by credit card (through PayPal) or send a check to Bonnie Dougherty at 271 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15228.
4. Please make sure to sign everyone up with valid email addresses - each member will be automatically signed up for our newsletter and e-blasts.

Some good news - you will not be asked to fundraise for PTSA. Many student clubs and sports teams at the high school organize fundraising sales to support their organizations. To avoid overloading parents with fundraisers, we instead ask for direct donations. Our programs and services are funded solely through the portion of your dues that we keep (part goes to National PTA, State PTA, and Mt Lebanon Council PTA) and through the generosity of your tax-deductible donations. In the upcoming school year, we plan to continue providing support to several different initiatives within the high school, including:

- Classroom enrichment via Teacher Wish List requests
- Student Activities office for grade-specific activities
- Library enhancement
- Health Office support
- Angel Fund in collaboration with the Guidance Office
- Arts in Education/Reflections contest

If you have any questions related to PTSA membership at the high school, please contact Bonnie Dougherty at bonnie_dougherty@hotmail.com.



Thank you to Jacqueline Goslin and Marjon Boyce for volunteering at the Class of 2026 Link Crew Nite!



Volunteer Clearances

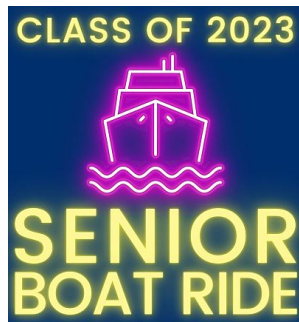
The PTSA is always looking for volunteers! In order to volunteer for various activities, you may need your clearances. Most volunteer positions require program volunteer clearances.

Volunteers should submit their Program Volunteer clearance(s) to Dana Martin (danamartin@mtlsd.net) prior to the event or activity that they are assisting with at the high school. Clearances must be updated every five years.

All events through the A.O. require the following:

- [PA Criminal History Record Check \(Act 34\)](#)
- [PA Child Abuse History Clearance \(ACT 151\)](#)
- [FBI Fingerprinting Federal Criminal History \(Act 114\)](#) OR the [Resident of Pennsylvania Affidavit](#) if they have resided in Pennsylvania for at least 10 years. The Resident of Pennsylvania Affidavit must be signed annually.

These requirements can also be found through [the District website](#). It is helpful to post this information in the PTSA Newsletter and wherever volunteers are able to sign up.



Volunteers Needed - SENIOR PARENTS

We are seeking four chaperones for the Class of 2023 Senior Boat Ride on September 11th.

Only light snacks, soda and water are provided. School administrators and faculty members also chaperone the event. A Pittsburgh police officer will be in attendance as required by the Gateway Clipper Fleet.

[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)



Volunteers Needed - Homecoming

There are two volunteer opportunities for this year's Homecoming Celebration!

Six volunteers are needed to help with our annual **Homecoming Parade**. The parade occurs prior to the start of the football game on 9/30/2022. Volunteers are to arrive at 6:00pm and the tasks will end by 7:00pm.

Volunteer tasks include pinning boutonnieres on the male Homecoming Court members, giving bouquets to the female members of the Court, assisting with lining up the students as they walk from the parking lot to the stadium and/or greet the students after they walk across the field from the Visitors side to the Home side. This event will occur even if it is raining!

We also need volunteers to chaperone our annual **Homecoming Dance on 10/15/22**.

Duties include helping to assist with the check in of clothing items and electronics that the students bring to the event, confirm purchase of a dance ticket, collect tickets, serve refreshments, and

to monitor the hallways throughout the event. Volunteers will rotate their tasks throughout the night. School administrators, faculty members and Mt. Lebanon Police officers will also chaperone. Parents do not need to assist with cleaning up the Center Court area after this event.

[Please click HERE if you are interested in volunteering for either or both of these events!](#)



Reflections - 2022

Are you an artist?

A composer?

A writer?

A dancer?

A photographer?

A movie-maker?

Then the 2022-2023 Reflections Competition is for YOU!

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education. The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.

Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.

Submitted by Jason Yevin, from Salk/Macarthur PTSA in New York, the 2022-2023 Reflections theme is **Show Your Voice!**

For more information on how to enter, contact our 2022-2023 Reflections Chair, Ben Dougherty, at bdougherty60@mtlstudents.net.



Volunteers Needed - Fall Blood Drive

We are seeking several volunteers to help with the Fall Blood Drive on October 21.

Responsibilities include: greeting the donors and assisting them with Vitalant's online registration, assisting the student(s) with going and coming on the elevator and possibly walking with the student(s) to his/her classrooms and getting the blood donors a beverage, a snack, and monitoring them before they return to class.

[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)

College Greeters - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the College Greeter Program. Parents of sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome to support this activity. Volunteers will assist one day a week (or more if available), either periods 1-3 or periods 7-8 from September 19th - November (please note, November tends to have fewer appointments). Volunteers will greet the College reps, take attendance of students, and be present at the session.

Please fill out [this form](#) to indicate your interest and participation in the program.

An informational meeting, for volunteers, will occur in the counseling office in early September.

Volunteers are required to have all 3 Program Volunteer Clearances.

Below is the link to access the clearances.

<https://www.mtlsd.org/families/volunteer-clearances>

Feel free to contact Beth Schneider (eschneider@mtlsd.net) or Emily Sinar (emilysinar@verizon.net) with any questions.



Volunteers Needed for Halloween Door Judging

Eight volunteers are needed to judge the Homeroom doors that the students have decorated. This is a great Mt. Lebanon tradition - one that our students look forward to every year!

A rating sheet will be distributed and the volunteers will judge the decorated doors as they walk through all of the school's buildings, including the Athletic building. All volunteers should consider wearing very comfortable shoes!

[Click HERE if you are interested in volunteering for this event!](#)

MLHS Club Fundraisers

Blue Devil Marching Band - Slide Fundraiser



Mt. Lebanon High School Slide Sale

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://leboslides.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday September 11th, 2022 (11:59pm EDT)**

Blue Devils Slides - Navy Strap



\$35.00

Blue Devils Slides - White Strap



\$35.00

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Questions?
Pride Slides
(614) 664-8888
admin@prideslides.com
<https://www.prideslides.com/>

MUM SALE!

Help support Mt Lebanon High School Choirs!

- \$14 per plant.
- 9" pot - makes about a 14" spread on the plant.

Delivery on or after September 24, 2022

***COLORS BELOW ARE APPROXIMATE**



Choose colors and amount and send payment either to Mt Lebanon Choir PayPal or to family you are supporting;
Scan QR code.
Enter amount to be paid.
Add a note with students name you are supporting!



Cash or Check can be paid directly to student you are supporting!



Mt. Lebanon Athletics Spirit Wear Online Store Open until September 12!

If you are looking for spirit wear to support Mt. Lebanon athletics and sports teams across the district, the Official Store for the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Club is now open! You'll find classic designs - tees, hoodies, shorts, joggers, and more! Youth and adult sizes available.

Conveniently shop online for apparel now through September 12th and it will timely ship directly to your home in early October.

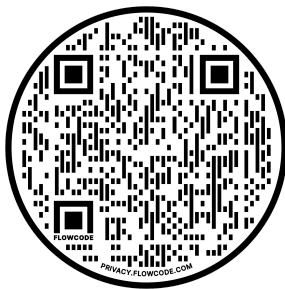
SHOP NOW: <https://proknitwear.com/mt-lebanon-athletics-2022/>

A portion of the sale proceeds benefit the Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Club – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports 13 varsity sports at Mt. Lebanon High School.

Thank you for supporting Mt. Lebanon Athletics and our district's student-athletes!

GO LEBO!

PTA Council News



Follow PTA Council on Facebook

The Mt. Lebanon Council PTA is comprised of members from the ten local unit PTAs in the school district. Council PTA is a member of the [State PTA](#) and the [National PTA](#).

Council PTA provides support for all Mt. Lebanon School District PTAs, including training for local unit PTA officers. Additionally, Council PTA provides programs for the district including a district-wide parent education program, and a scholarship program for high school seniors. Please check each school's web page for more information about their PTA unit.

Scan the QR Code to visit our Council Facebook page, where you can learn more about upcoming events throughout the district, and information about PTA initiatives on the local, state and national levels.



**Mt Lebanon
Nature
Conservancy**

Seeking Junior Board Members

The Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy is looking for two Student Board Members (Juniors - Class of 2024 only).

- Term - one year (November 2022 – November 2023)
- Duties
 - Attend board meetings, usually once a month from 6:30-8:30pm (in person at the MTL library)
 - Attend several volunteer and education events per year
 - Help coordinate volunteers from the high school for clean ups and School in the Park
- Benefits for the student - leadership role among students as well as learning how non-profit volunteer groups are

organized and run, including budgeting, marketing and volunteer management as well as many opportunities for hands-on volunteer experiences. Out of school volunteer hours and recommendations are also given if requested.

If there are any questions about the position or duties, please email Sarah Levinthal at srlevinth@gmail.com.

Interested Juniors should email lebonature.sip@gmail.com a brief statement as to why they are interested in this position by Oct. 1st.



2022-2023 Start of School Letter from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Mt. Lebanon Public Library Welcome Back Video



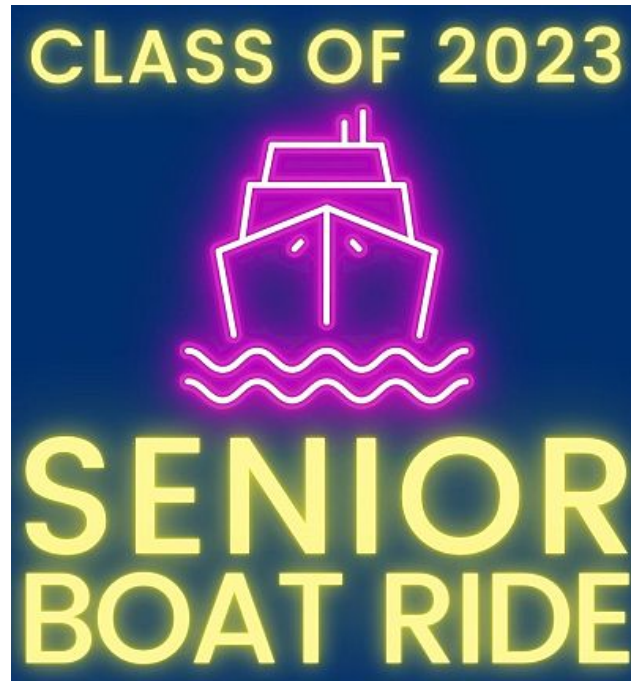
Citizen's Fire Academy

Registration for the Citizen's Fire Academy is now OPEN!

<http://mtlfd.org/for-our-residents/citizens-fire-academy/>

News from the Student Activities Office

2022-2023 Student Activities Calendar



Remember to purchase Boat Ride tickets by Sept. 5 before ticket prices increase! They can be purchased online or in person. Regardless of payment method, students must turn in a signed dance agreement and pick up a physical ticket in order for their purchase to be complete.

[Click Here For Tickets and Information](#)



Community Service

Visit the brand new COMMUNITY SERVICE web page for more information on where to volunteer, changes to the program and how to submit your hours!

<https://sites.google.com/mtlsd.net/mtlhscommunityservice/home>



Follow us on Instagram!

@Lebo_AO



[Stay up to date! Visit the AO website!](#)

Good News from the Classroom



2022 Mt. Lebanon Festival of Bands

The Mt. Lebanon Blue Devil Marching proudly presents the 2022 Festival of Bands. Come cheer for our guests from Bethel Park, Taylor Alderdice, Robert Morris University, Blackhawk and more!

Watch our own Blue Devil Marching Band perform their two halftime shows - "Going Gaga" and "4 Every Season."

Featuring additional performances by Mt. Lebanon Percussion and the Mt. Lebanon Little Devils Color Guard!

September 10, 2022 at 6PM

Mt. Lebanon High School Stadium

Pre-sale tickets - \$8 / Tickets at the gate - \$10 (children 5 and under are free)



Congratulations to Deborah Fu!

Orchestra teacher, Mr. Doug Reichenfeld, shares that Deborah Fu, a 12th grader, was selected to play violin in the All-National Orchestra in Washington, DC in November. This highly selective orchestra is made up of student musicians from across the country who were the top musicians in their respective All-State Orchestras. This is the first time a Mt. Lebanon Student has been selected for the National Orchestra for many years.



Host Families Needed

Peg Meyers, German teacher, wants to share that the German program is desperately seeking host families for the upcoming visit of our German partner school from September 29 - October 13, 2022.

Click [HERE](#) to view a short slide program with details:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RpsCICZUI8k0kryF72W8Gd2GKmdcnSKQg_S3o4zuJFM/edit?usp=sharing

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video talking about the details:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1HhuZu_B_amv9pyZXT4Tqis_xpyC1m9mG.

Mrs. Jess Peconi shares that she is excited to be back at Lebo after her time in NYC attending The Institute of Culinary Education and cooking at various restaurants around New York. She would love to connect with any parents that have worked in any form of the culinary world, from cooking, to food media, and nutrition etc. to help tie in real-world experiences and careers with her food and nutrition classes!



Sponsor The Devils Advocate!

Ms. Dawn Davenport, faculty advisor to The Devil's Advocate, would like to share the following link in case anyone may be interested in sponsoring the school newspaper: [Devil's Advocate Sponsorship Form](#).

Ms. Trish Shine, writing lab clinician, sincerely thanks the PTSA for the desktop charging outlets/ports for the Writing Lab!

These desktop charging stations were purchased with donations that the PTSA received during the 2022-2023 membership drive.



Community Flyers

Visit and bookmark

<https://www.mtisd.org/families/pta/community-flyers> to learn more about what programs are offered throughout the Mt. Lebanon community for our kids! From the Public Library to the Rec Center to Mt. Lebanon Sports and Scouts - we want to help you find opportunities in Lebo for your kids.



Fundraisers K-12

Did you know that PTA Council maintains a fundraising webpage for all school related fundraisers throughout the district? Visit our page at <https://www.mtisd.org/families/pta/fundraisers> to see how you can support our students at all grade levels AND to see how your school club/team/activity can share news about your upcoming fundraisers!

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