PROGRAM

WELCOME
TO THE
2026 EPHRATA HS
SHOWCASE of BANDS

Pennsylvania MARCHING BAND COALITION

CREATIVITY
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Saturday
October 17, 2026

SCHEDULE

SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

6:00 National Anthem

Performances

6:10 Lampeter-Strasburg High School

6:30 Owen J. Roberts High School

6:50 Manheim Township High School

Intermission

7:30 LAST CALL FOR CANDY GRAMS, PICKLE GRAMS, AND SHOUT OUTS.
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7:20 Cocalico High School

7:40 Solanco High School

8:00 Ephrata High School

8:20

Mass Band Finale

Show ends at the conclusion of Finale performance

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DIRECTOR



The Ephrata High School Marching Unit is proud to introduce our new director, John Brackbill! Go Mounts!

Current Commitments

In addition to serving as EHSMU director, he leads bands for grades 6-12 at Ephrata Area School District.

Past Positions

Prior to his appointment at Ephrata, John was the Director of Bands and music department chair in the Manheim Central School District for 17 years. He began his career in the School District of Lancaster, where taught middle school music for 7 years.

Esteemed Achievements

He has successfully led marching bands in performance at the 2011 Liberty Bowl and Liberty Bowl Parade, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. In 2011, John received a commendation from the Manheim Central School Board of Directors for his leadership efforts and work with the band program; he was the 2015 Manheim Central High School Teacher of the Year. He was a Grammy Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist in 2018 and 2019 and was the Pennsylvania recipient of School Band & Orchestra magazine's "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" award.

Educational Milestones

John is a 1998 graduate of JP McCaskey High School; he holds a B.S. In Music Education from Elizabethtown College, a M.M. In Wind Conducting from Messiah University, and is a DMA candidate in Music Education at Boston University.

Personal Pride

John and his wife, Alicia, currently reside in Manheim, PA with their 12-year-old son, Iain, and 9-year-old twins, Galen and Ainsley.

WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE PA MARCHING BAND COALITION FINAL SHOWCASE!

We are proud to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the students, staff, and volunteers who made this season possible. Thank you for joining us tonight to honor their talent, commitment, and passion for the marching arts.

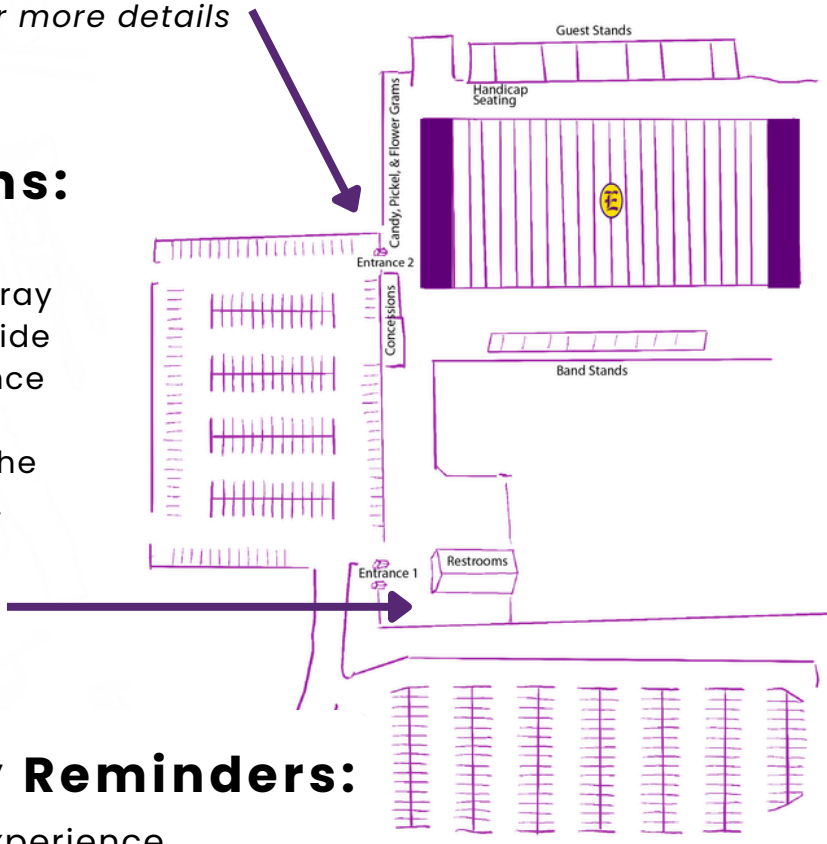
Band Spirit Central:

Celebrate the students by taking part in tonight's fundraisers! From Candy Grams to Pickle Grams to Shout Outs, every purchase helps honor the kids and celebrate their hard work. You'll find the tables near the entrances. Thank you for helping us cheer the bands on in a special way!

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Restrooms:

Restrooms are located in the gray building just inside the main entrance—look for the structure near the south side gate. Signs and volunteers will also help guide you.



Courtesy Reminders:

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LAMPETER-STRASBURG

LAMPETER-STRASBURG PIONEER MARCHING BAND



"AMERICAN FACES"

The Pioneer Marching Band's 2026 star-spangled spectacular celebrates America's first 250 years. After a tumultuous first decade under the Articles of Confederation, delegates convened in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft our nation's Constitution. At that convention, Ben Franklin observed that George Washington's chair had half a sun, and he wondered: was it rising, or was it setting?

Our show explores that question, in five parts. First, we jet into the Founding Era using the theme from the Tom Cruise classic Top Gun, featuring guitar soloist Nick Weaver. We then hear from Ben Franklin, played by color guard soloist Elliott Holmes, before turning to America's pioneering westward expansion, using John Zdechlik's Chorale and Shaker Dance. Part three takes us to a somber note—recognition of wars in which more than a million young men and women have laid down their lives to defend the causes of freedom and self-government—using Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, featuring cello soloist Anya Sheffer. After a percussion interlude featuring soloist Bowie Coates, our mood turns more upbeat: John Williams's take on the Swing Era classic Sing, Sing, Sing titled Swing, Swing, Swing, which features trumpet soloist Cole Shehan. Finally, we explore the promise and possibility of America's next 250 years with David Holsinger's American Faces.

The Pioneer Marching Band is led by a strong student leadership team. Section leaders include Emily Weaver, Katie Sanborn, Leah Altobello, Anya Sheffer, Cole Shehan, Emily Helms, Lilly Kuhns, Auburn Heinly, Gannon Black, Cam Straley, Evan Sauder, Kris Payne, Grace Echternach, Dasia Kenyon, Sophia Leister, and Emily Simpson. The band's quartermasters are Providence Magras, Emily Helms, Lauren Welms, Stephanie Valle Ramos, Bowie Coates, Lily Lutz, Riley Tollaksen, Bethany Sanborn, Emma Haas, Isabel Berrios, and Isabel Chura. President is Lilly Kuhns, vice presidents are Auburn Heinly, Emily Weaver, and Gavin Elias-Lizardo, secretary is Elijah Weaver, and treasurer is Sophia Kurau.

Director: Mr. Larry Royer. Assistant directors: Josh Kirchner and Ben Pontz. Color guard: Amy Grier and Julie Stinson. Percussion: Scott MacFeat, Ethan Fidler, Maddie Miller, and Ethan Moore. The Pioneer Marching Band would like to thank the faculty, staff, administration, and school board of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District as well as the Pioneer Band Booster Association.

OWEN J. ROBERTS WILDCAT MARCHING BAND



The Owen J. Roberts High School Marching Band is proud to present their 2026 field show entitled "Teenage Rebellion." Life can be hard as a teenager. Too many rules. Trying to figure out who I am. Questioning school and authority. Nobody understands me. Nobody likes me. Maybe it's time to... REBEL

STAFF	STUDENT LEADERS	STUDENT LEADERS
BAND DIRECTOR: BEN HAYES DRILL DESIGN: JEFF OXENFORD BRASS/MARCHING: AIDEN HAYES WOODWINDS: RACHEL SKIBISZEWSKI PERCUSSION: ISAAC STRADER, ETHAN FARKOUH, NOAH ORLER, SEAN STYER, JEFFREY CANFIELD, ZACH DEFALCO, JASON WU, KAELYN GROSSER, HARDIK SAVALIA COLOR GUARD: SAM RILEY, KAT THORPE ELIZABETH ALMONTE	DRUM MAJORS: JONAH HAYES, BELLA BRUTON HEAD SECTION LEADERS: JEFFREY SHALOME, PJ MANEGOLD FLUTE & PICCOLO: CASSANDRA STANDEVEN, SAMARTH GULDAS LILY ROBERSON CLARINET: JULIETTE MOURAR ALTO SAX: BEN BLACKLEDGE, SANJEEVA RAO LOW SAX: CAM FERKO	TRUMPET: BRADY ROLAND LOW BRASS: TITUS MENDENHALL DRUMLINE: MIRIAM MARTIN PIT PERCUSSION: ETHAN TOWNSLEY COLOR GUARD: LILY BRIDGE, ALEKSANDRA SHAPOVALOV EMMA MORROW

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MANHEIM TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



MTMB 2026

SOARING!

Musical Selections

Soaring the Heights | Little Wing | Wind Beneath My Wings | Turbine | Learn To Fly

Christopher Bond — Jimi Hendrix — Bette Midler — John Mackey — Foo Fighters

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Scott Siegel (Band Director)
Adam Gegg (Assistant Director)
Paul Gallello (Percussion Director)
Brent Kennedy (Percussion Assist. Director)
Linda Torres (Color Guard Co-Director)
Nat Wilczak (Color Guard Co-Director)
Megan Lyle (Head Field Visual Instructor)
Nathan Dick (Color Guard Instructor)
Liz Roderick (Color Guard Instructor)
Alec Carriedo (Percussion Instructor)
Mason Norris (Wind Instructor)
Jake Loose (Wind Instructor and Logistics)
Maggie Spealman (Wind Instructor)
Emily Shank (Student Teacher, Millersville U.)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Sophia Jin (Drum Major)
Celia Peffley (Drum Major)
Ace Davis (Band President)
Timothy Spealman (Band Vice-President)
Alayna Smoker (Woodwind Captain)
Daniel Benack (Brass Captain)
Lauren Riley (Sideline Percussion Captain)
Timothy Spealman (Field Percussion Captain)
Max Luu (Color Guard Captain)
Teagan Brooks (Student Liaison)
Natalie Huber (Student Liaison)
Aaron Long (Student Liaison)
Lily Pallan (Student Liaison)
Allison Dennes (Head Music Librarian)
Aelita Semenova (Head Uniform Manager)

SECTION LEADERS

Melody Frias (Flute/Piccolo)
Olivia Lee (Flute/Piccolo)
Ace Davis (Clarinet)
Lily Pallan (Clarinet)
Molly McCardell (Saxophone)
Alayna Smoker (Saxophone)
Eli Crist (Trumpet)
Zach Hoffman (Trumpet)
Norah Earley (Horn)
Daniel Benack (Low Brass)
Raelynn Rosario (Low Brass)

SECTION LEADERS

Aaron Long (Field Percussion)
Timothy Spealman (Field Percussion)
Noah Wenger (Field Percussion)
Mackenzie Lefever (Sideline Percussion)
Lauren Riley (Sideline Percussion)
Allure Cao (Color Guard)
Max Luu (Color Guard)
Maria Zeppos (Color Guard)

SHOW DESIGN

Ken Husler (Wind Arrangements)
Paul Gallello (Percussion Arrangements)
Scott Goebel (Drill Design)
Nat Wilczak, Linda Torres (Guard Design)

SERVICE LEADERS

Gavin Dennes (Wind Coordinator)
Anthony Gallello (Wind Coordinator)
Nathan Hostetter (Wind Coordinator)
Cooper Smith (Wind Coordinator)
Alex Othmer (Sideline Coordinator)
Payton Gonzalez (Visual Coordinator)
Teagan Brooks (Audio Technician)
Helaina Hollinger (Librarian)
Lucy Kahler (Librarian)
Madison Hainley (Uniforms)
Brennan Hanes (Uniforms)
Natalie Huber (Uniforms)

INTERMISSION

BAND SPIRIT CENTRAL

Brighten a band member's night with a Candy Gram, Pickle Gram, flower, or shout-out. Your messages will be delivered to them at the end of the performance, or announced for the crowd to share in the celebration.

****Last Call at 7:30pm**



Shout Outs

Have your message announced over the loudspeaker to cheer on your band member during the showcase.

1/$2 or 3/$5



Candy Gram

Write a sweet note for your band member and we'll deliver it with candy at the end of the showcase.

1/$2 or 3/$5



Pickle Gram

Send a fun message along with a pickle surprise, delivered to your band member after the show.

$1

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COCALICO

COCALICO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



The Cocalico School District is proud to present the 2026 edition of the Cocalico High School Marching Band! In this year's field show, Pathways, the field transforms into a map of choices and obstacles. Featuring original music and songs by Styx and Fleetwood Mac, Pathways encourages everyone to chart your own course, and "Go Your Own Way."

Student leadership for the Cocalico High School Marching Band includes field conductor Madison Pasternacki, and section leaders Madeline Bisaccio, Rylan Sahm, Nicholas Mitton, Bryce Goshert, Evelyn Ackerman, Elena Welsh, Karli Walters, Asher Zajac, Kayla Grant, Julia Lerch, and Delaney Walsh.
Tonight's show features soloists Kiera Gehman, Alto Saxophone; Madeline Bisaccio, flute; and Rylan Sahm, clarinet. The band is under the direction of Mr. Daniel Behler, with assistance from Robert Wiedemer, Scott Hummel, Jen Wiedemer, and Heather White.

The band would like to thank the Cocalico School District school board, administration, staff, and Music Boosters for their exceptional and ongoing support. The band would also like to extend a special thank you to the Cocalico Education Foundation, for their facilitation of a donation to purchase new uniforms, debuting this season!

SOLANCO

SOLANCO HIGH SCHOOL
“BLACK & GOLD” MARCHING BAND



“LIFESCAPES”

Tonight, we step back and take a look at the ebb and flow of our lives through music. Our journey begins with asking the question “Is this what I’m really supposed to be doing?” with Running Just to Catch Myself by Mark Schultz. Next, we begin to see people, purposes, and meaning more clearly with the popular piece Clarity by Zedd. And we conclude with Sheppard’s call for courage to make a change and move forward, Geronimo. Each song is represented by colors to show conflict, clarity, and courage. woven together to paint a picture of our lives and capture our show’s theme, Lifescapes.

The “Black & Gold” Marching Band is led on the field by Drum Majors Mackenzie Landis and Jaedyn Fairfield. The Director of Bands is Karen Huber, assisted by Vincent Schikora, with percussion instructor Jared Drennen and color guard instructor Emma Reinhardt, staff support from Joe Null, Evelyn Hernandez, Shannon Moore, Kaylie Gilley, and David Bailey. Sound and technical design is by Matt Green, with assistance from Cyrus Schick.

The Solanco Band would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Gold Level Sponsors: Henry’s Welding Inc., Dolce Vita Pizzeria and Grill, and Norm and Judy Henry. Your generous support makes our season possible.

EPHRATA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING UNIT





"Tethered," explores our growing dependence on the devices we carry every day—devices that promise connection, but often demand our attention in return. We begin with a powerful fusion of Technologic by Daft Punk and Head Like a Hole by Nine Inch Nails. Here, we are immersed in a digital landscape—where notifications, algorithms, and endless scrolling begin to shape our thoughts, our choices… even our identities. Without realizing it, we start to follow, to consume, and to conform. As the show unfolds, we enter a moment of realization. Set to Karma Police by Radiohead, we begin to question the world around us. Are we still thinking for ourselves? Have we traded genuine human connection for curated feeds and filtered lives? This movement reflects the tension between awareness and control—the moment we recognize we may be losing both. In our final act, we search for balance. Through The Middle by Jimmy Eat World, we rediscover something simple, yet powerful: the importance of being present. Of reconnecting—not just with our devices—but with each other, with ourselves, and with the world beyond the screen. Because technology itself is not the enemy… but how we choose to live with it matters. Tonight, we ask you: Are you in control… or are you still tethered?

Student leaders: Jeshuah Bautista, Cat Beyer, Kaylee Capwill, Micah Elligson*, Lydia Frey, Alina Leininger, Josiah Wiker*, Noah Williamson *BAND CAPTAIN

Staff include: Director Mr.John Brackbill, Olivia Brendle, Caleb Creviston, Paige Dalavai, Sharonna Gerth, Tony Kirchner, Kristie Ohlinger, Grace Ritter, Glenn Seibel, and Quinn Watson

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A Special Thanks:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers, staff, and directors whose time, energy, and dedication make this season possible. From organizing events and guiding rehearsals to supporting the students in countless unseen ways, your commitment is what allows this program to flourish. Because of your efforts, our kids are able to grow, thrive, and create lasting memories both on and off the field. We are deeply thankful for the spirit, care, and passion you bring to the marching unit family.

THANK YOU