



The Bands of Gateway High School

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BAND WEB SITE. Check the Gateway Band website often for updates to the info in this newsletter: <http://www.gatewayband.org>

BAND SCHEDULE. Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the band's winter schedules. The April/May weekly schedule includes:

- Wed 4/30 – Hoagie Orders Due
- Thu 5/08 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:00
- Sun 5/18 – Band Banquet – 5:00
- Tue 5/20 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00

HOAGIES. Our monthly hoagie sale is a popular fundraiser, and a great way to build up your account. They cost only **\$5.00** for a 12" hoagie, and you'll earn \$1.50 for Turkey or Tuna, and \$2 for Italian or Veggie. Orders and checks payable to *Gateway Band Boosters* should be given to Darla Carras. The order forms are posted online. **Next order is due April 30th.** Pickup is 5/8 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. *Darla Carras, 412-596-6072*

BOARD ELECTIONS Thanks to all who turned out for the vote! Our newly elected officers for the 2008-09 school year are as follows:

- President: Dave Cook
- Vice President: Marva Brown
- Secretary: Sally Wightkin
- Treasurer: Cathy Brown
- Financial Secretary: Janet Kelly
- Ways and Means: Dorinne Kinnunen

Please lend these officers your support in the coming year!

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Thanks to all who contributed in time and donations to the TRWEA Championships. The show was a great success allowing the Band Boosters to raise over \$11,000!

GATEWAY BAND BANQUET Please join us for this year's Band Banquet to be held at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Rd in Penn Hills. The cost is free to band members and \$25 each for their guests. The price includes hors d'ouerves served at 5:00 followed by dinner at 6:00. Please call if you have not received your invitation by mail yet.

FROM THE BAND DIRECTOR'S DESK:

TRWEA Championships -

THANK YOU for serving as fantastic hosts for the TRWEA Championships yesterday. Judy Mazzenga - thanks for the great organizational skills in lining up everyone to work and making sure everything was covered. Judy Poklemba - thanks for the great direction as President of the Boosters. Terri Owoc and Dan Harris - thanks for the great concessions. Everyone I talked to about the food seemed to enjoy everything that was offered. I had several comments about the amount of food that was available. Great job! To the parents and friends of the band that worked in concessions, ticket sales, parking, check-in, bake sale, flower sale, working the doors, etc., etc., etc., -- THANK YOU. You were great!

Jason, Amanda, and Deb - thanks for the outstanding work you do with the guard. They were awesome! You know I wish you nothing but great success this coming weekend in Dayton! Vince, Ben, Jason - another great year for the Winter Percussion. The show was stellar! Visually - VERY cool! Thanks for all your work, time and effort. Not to mention the too numerous trips back and forth from IUP. Vince - best of luck with your upcoming Senior Recital. Jason - best of luck in your audition for IUP the end of the month. I'm sure both will be very good.

Now it's on to planning for the 2008 Marching Band season and our appearance in the BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis. It never ends! Nor do I think I would want it to!

Winter Guards in World Championships!

After a FANTASTIC performance in the preliminary contest, the Gateway High School Winter Color Guard has qualified to compete in the Semi-Finals at the Winter Guard International World Championships! Competing with 135 Winter Guard programs from throughout the United States, Japan, and Europe, our Winter Guard placed within the top 48 to qualify to compete in the Semi-Finals contest (held on Friday).

From the Semi-Finals, only 15 Winter Guards will be chosen for the Finals Contest. I'll keep you posted on their success!

Volunteers Needed for Musical

For anyone interested, we may still need some help in slapping (I mean *applying*) some make-up to the cast, chorus, and dancers for the musical. I have hired a professional make-up artist to come in and train the volunteers on how to apply the make-up. You would also need to be at the dress rehearsals and shows to get the kids ready. You wouldn't have to spend the entire night at the show, but if you would help out, I'll get you in for free (I know a few people)! Please email me if you think you'll have some time to help out and I will send an email of our April calendar for BRIGADOON so you know when the shows are. I would need approximately 5 - 6 helpers for this.

Also, we could use some help with the bake sale for the show. We have some cool ideas to have "booths" around the lobby this year instead of one area for concessions. We have a little smaller cast in the show this year than normal, and we could use some help. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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SARRIS PRETZELS. Sarris Pretzels are available for sale. For every pack of pretzels you sell for \$1, you'll earn \$.50. You must pay in full for the pretzels when you pick them up. *Mary Duggan, 412-856-7387, momnono@aol.com*

"I SUPPORT THE BANDS OF GATEWAY" DECALS are available, 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.00. See Marva Brown.

ACT 34/CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE. Please be aware that School District Policy 916 requires that any adult having contact with students (whether as chaperone, pit crew, hemming uniforms, etc.) **MUST** have clearance forms. The cost of each form is \$10 and is to be paid by the individual. The Act 34 Criminal History Form must be sent in first so that a copy of that processed form can be attached to the Child Abuse Form. Once you've received both clearances, please give a COPY to Mr. Read (keep the original). You do not need to re-apply for these clearances if you've already done so. You can find both online:

Criminal History Request Form:

<http://www.psp.state.pa.us/psp/lib/psp/sp4-164.pdf>

Child Abuse History Clearance Form:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/resources/documents/pdf/fillinforms/dpwchildabuse.pdf>

FUNDRAISER CHAIRS. Please give Honi Kleya the student income amounts ASAP after each fundraiser.

2007 BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

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