

The Bands of Gateway High School



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BAND SCHEDULE Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the Band's back-to-school schedule. The August/September daily schedule includes:

M-F 8/10-8/21 – Band Camp – 8:00
 Mon 9/14 – Winds & Percussion Rehearsal – 2:45
 Tue 8/25 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal –5:30
 9/1, 8, 15– Full Ensemble Rehearsal –5:30
 9/1 – Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
 9/1 – Hoagie Orders Due
 9/15 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
 Wed 8/19,8/26– Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
 Thu 8/27, 9/3 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
 9/10 – Winds Rehearsal – 2:45
 9/10 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:30
 9/10 – Percussion & Guard Rehearsal – 5:30
 Fri 8/28 – Game at Penn Hills – 5:30
 9/11 – Game at Baldwin – 5:30
 Sat 9/12 – Contest at Kiski; Full Rehearsal–12:00
 Sun 8/23 – End of Band Camp Pool Party

BAND CAMP The 2009-10 Marching Band Camp is scheduled for the weeks of August 10 and August 17. Remember, Band Camp is mandatory so plan your vacations accordingly! The students will celebrate the end of Camp with a Pool Party on Sunday, August 23rd.

PARTICIPATION POINTS To assure our kids get the support they need and to distribute the workload fairly, volunteers are needed and will earn Participation Points. A family with one student must earn at least 200 points per season. Families with two or more students must earn at least 300 points. Students that have the minimum required points receive benefits from the Boosters such as a paid ticket to the end-of-year Band Banquet. The Board has assigned different points amounts to various activities/duties to make it easy to earn the points required. Plus, any family member can earn points for the student so get those siblings signed up! Sign-up sheets are made available for upcoming events. Janet Kelly, the Boosters' Financial Secretary, records all earned points and will provide you with a monthly update if your total point amount has changed. If at anytime you feel earned points were not credited to your account, please see a Board member for correction. Please note: Points satisfy the participation goal not your Fair Share Assessment.

**** Points are not interchangeable with or redeemable for monthly dues. ****

“HELP WANTED!!” Looking to earn those points for your student's account? Here's a list of open positions that you can fill along with the corresponding 'salary' (points) to be earned:

* Craft Fair Co-Chair	100
* Program Chair	100
* Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Chair	100
* Assistant Web-Master	50

Please contact any board member for details of duties. Look for sign-up sheets at the meeting.

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS for the 2009-10 Gateway Band Season are in effect. Each member of the marching band is assessed a **“Fair Share”** due for the year. This money is used to pay for entry fees, transportation, clothing, equipment, and other costs associated with the band. The Board restructured the fees and fundraising distributions this year to simplify the process. The Fair Share Assessment this year, which includes your child's trip to West Chester PA this fall, is \$380. As a reminder, the second scheduled payment is due **today**; any unpaid first payment is now past due. The remaining payments are due as follows:

9/15 - \$95	10/20 - \$95
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On-time payments not only ensure your student will be eligible for any trips, gifts, and special events but are also an easy way to earn 10 points towards your participation goal. Checks made out to Gateway Band Boosters may be given to any Board member or mailed to Janet Kelly ~ 707 Bilberry Drive Monroeville PA 15146.

If, for any reason, you cannot make these payments on their due dates, you must contact a member of the board ASAP to work out a payment schedule. To offset the Assessment, families will be given many opportunities for fundraising that will go entirely to the student's 'bucket' (eliminating the former 'split'). Additionally, financial assistance may be available for those requiring it. Please do not allow dues to be a deterrent from your child participating in marching band/color guard. Send a letter to Band Booster President Joe Wightkin. Mr. Wightkin will guarantee your confidentiality and do his utmost to provide you with assistance from the Gateway Band Boosters.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES Be sure to review the list of upcoming fundraisers in your folder.

HEINZ FIELD FUNDRAISER T.E.A.M. TRAINING For anyone who will be working Steeler games, you must be T.E.A.M. Training-certified first. Please contact Martti or Dorinne Kinnunen to sign up for training. Parking directions and other info may be found on the website. The scheduled 6:00 pm classes are:

8/19 8/26 9/1

HEINZ FIELD – The Boosters hope to work multiple games this year and will add more pending the number of volunteers. Currently the game dates are:

Steelers Pitt

Sat. 8/29 – vs Bills Sat 9/19 vs Navy

Sun. 10/18 – vs Browns Sat 11/14 vs Notre Dame

Booster groups that staff concessions earn a percentage of the stand's take for that day. While the economy is always a factor, volunteers have in the past earned \$75 or more for their efforts. You must be T.E.A.M. trained to work a Steeler game. Pitt games offer a per person minimum (less attendance than Steelers) and do not require training (no beer!). The best part: It's a fun and profitable way to spend the day as 100% of the money you earn is credited to your student's account. *Martti & Dorinne Kinnunen*

CANDY BARS – This yummy sale is easy for the kids to take part in. Everyone loves Hershey products and at \$1.00 a bar, they are easy to sell. For every \$52.00 box you purchase from the GBB, \$26.00 goes to your student's account. Be sure to **plan ahead and complete the order sheets posted in the Band Room. The next order with payment is due 8/21 with delivery 8/25** - \$52.00 payable to GBB. A limited supply of additional boxes is available outside of order dates for unanticipated needs.

Janette Johnson – Orders with payment

Brenda Abel – Back-up supply

VERA BRADLEY: This year we have a "2-For":

** Raffle – A beautiful 7 piece luggage set valued at over \$800 will be raffled off in time to make a great holiday gift to a loved one or yourself. Tickets are \$5.00 and the students will share in a 50/50 split. Every family is asked to sell 20 tickets and \$50 will be credited to the student's accounts.

** The GBB will once again be sponsoring a Vera Bradley Sale. The Vera Bradley sale is through Specialty Luggage in Fox Chapel and begins this week. Sales should be consolidated on one sheet per student and that final sheet must be turned in no later than September 22nd so the delivery will be in time for holiday gift-giving. The kids earn 20% of all sales in their student accounts!

Sue Fenster & Len Mellinger

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS fundraiser begins tonight, 8/18. All orders are due by the next GBB meeting, 9/15. The GBB maintained the \$20 cost with \$10 earned in profit. These will be the ONLY books we sell this year so get the word out. *Sherree Patterson*

DINNER NIGHT OUT: This month's Night at Max and Erma's on Wed. Aug. 12th was a great success! Thanks to all those who enjoyed a delicious dinner out the GBB earned nearly \$580! The next Dinner Night Out will be at Hoss's on 9/16. *Desiree Casey*

HOAGIE UPDATE: The monthly hoagie sale is a great way to build up your account. In response to input from various Booster members, the GBB Board has decided to revert to the Stratwood's hoagie sale that has been used in seasons past. These hoagies sell for \$5.00 of which your student receives \$2.05 in his/her account. The new order forms are posted online. Hoagie choices include Italian, Turkey, Tuna, and Veggie. Hoagie orders will still be due the first Tuesday of the month but will now be delivered the second Thursday of the month. **Next order is due September 1st.** Pickup will be **Thursday 9/10** at 4:30 in the GHS Cafeteria. *Tammy Johnson*

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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/](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/resources/documents/pdf/fillinforms/dpwchildabuse.pdf)
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PLAN AHEAD: You must receive an Act 114, Federal (FBI) Criminal History Report at: http://www.pa.cogentid.com/PDE_Main.html. Please note this is a longer process because the form must be completed online then you go to a fingerprinting center for completion. The cost of this clearance is \$40 (note no cash or personal checks are accepted.) **It could take 8 weeks to obtain this clearance.**

IMPORTANT ADDITION: A TB Test clearance will also be required.