

The Bands of Gateway High School



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

W-F 8/18-8/20 – Band Camp
T/Th 8/24-9/28 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
Mon 9/13 – Winds/Percussion Rehearsal – 2:45
9/20 – Disney Payment Due
9/20 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
Tue 9/21 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
Wed 9/1 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 4:00-7:00
Thur 8/19 – Max and Erma's Dinner Night Out
Fri 8/27 – Pitcairn Fireman's Parade
9/3 – Hoagie Orders Due
9/10 – Penn Hills at GHS – 6:00
9/17 – Game @ Latrobe – 6:00
Sat 8/21 – Band Pictures – 9:00
8/21 – Kennywood Parade – 8:00
9/11 – Kiski Contest – 12:00
9/18 – Norwin Contest – 12:00

KENNYWOOD DAY The Band will be performing this Saturday, 8/21 in the Fall Fantasy Parade which steps off at 8:00 pm. Tickets were made available for anyone wishing to enjoy the day and see the Band. For those of you who ordered tickets, please note that the discounted price is \$24.00. Any money due on tickets should be given to Michelle Ray or put in Lashonda Ray's folder. Tickets will be distributed Friday 8/20 during Band Camp.

BAND PICTURES This year's Band pictures will be taken Saturday morning, 8/21 at 9:00 am, before the students head to Kennywood. As they will all be excited and anxious to get on their way, please ensure your student is prepared with pose requirements, order forms, payment, etc.

DISNEY WORLD TRIP FEE SCHEDULE The cost of this year's band trip has been set at \$685. This amount includes major items such as your child's transportation to Orlando and Disney World, lodging at the All Star Music Resort, and daily park tickets. The latest installment of \$175 was due yesterday, 8/16. The final payment of \$110 is due 9/20. If you are not current on your payments, please contact Mr. Read as soon as possible. Payment checks should be made out to the Gateway Marching Band and submitted to Mr. Read.

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENT The final payment of \$100 for the 2010-11 Gateway Band season is due today.
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Each member of the marching band is assessed a "Fair Share" fee for the year. This money is used to pay for entry fees, transportation, clothing, equipment, and other costs associated with the band. The Fair Share Assessment this year which is separate from the Disney trip cost is \$250. If you missed any installment and/or need to make arrangements to complete your payments, please contact a Board member immediately. There is also a limited amount of Financial Aid available to assist families with meeting their fair share obligation. Request for assistance should be forwarded to the Band Booster President and/or Financial Secretary. All such communications are confidential.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES Watch for info for old and new fundraisers to support the General Fund or fill your child's 'bucket' to help offset the Fair Share Assessment or purchase optional clothing items, guest banquet tickets, etc. There are two types of fundraisers:

1. Funds raised go 100% to the participants (Chick-fil-A, Car Wash, Hoagies, Candy)
2. Funds raised go 100% to the band General fund (Lottery, Dinner Night Out, Concessions)

The different types are there to give the kids the opportunity to earn money towards their band fees. While the first goes directly to the student, the second benefits all to make Band affordable to all. Your support is vital to the success of the Band.

GATOR WEAR Orders will be taken during this month's Booster meeting for Gator Wear purchases. Samples will be on display and forms are available. Checks for payment, due with order, should be made out to GBB. If you intend to pay from your student's account, be sure to fill out the proper forms.

SARRIS CANDY ORDER Boxes of candy will be available at the meeting for anyone wishing to sell some. The cost per box is \$32, payable upon receipt, of which \$16 will go directly to your student's account. Once you sell your candy, you keep all revenue to compensate for the \$32 expenditure. For those who are placing orders for candy, the next pick-up date is August 24th after practice (9:00 pm).

LOTTERY TICKETS Tickets are still available for the September Lottery. Anyone wishing to sell additional tickets has until Thursday 8/26 to turn in money and stubs. As a reminder, \$1.00 per every ticket sold will go to your student's account.

DINNER NIGHT OUT The next Dinner Night Out will be this Thursday, 8/19 at Max and Erma's. Be sure to go online and print out the flyer so that the Boosters earn 20% credit for your purchase. Share the word with friends and family!

Desiree Casey

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT The next night is scheduled for Wednesday 9/1 from 4:00-7:00. This is a great opportunity to earn much-needed funds AND get out of cooking! Remember, points and 'pay' are available to any parent or student interested in helping out. Please request your spots early as this popular 'fun'draiser fills up fast. Also, remember you are representing the Gateway Band in the spirit of teamwork and cheer. Please maintain a positive, respectful attitude at all times and adhere to the guidelines set by the chairperson.

Cyndi Bloise

HEINZ FIELD CONCESSIONS Another important fundraiser is working Heinz Field concessions for football games. 100% of the money earned goes equally to the participants. This can be anywhere from \$55 to \$100 per person depending on the game and the stand! For years, families have used this opportunity to fund their entire band fees.

GATEWAY BAND COOKBOOKS We need your help to make our cookbook fundraiser a success! We need 3-5 (*or more!*) of your favorite recipes to enclose in the newest Gateway Marching Band Cookbook. Blank recipe forms are in your folder and available online. Please return your recipes to the Limbacher folder ASAP ~ but no later than 8/24/10. Cookbook orders will be taken up until 9/7/10.

HOAGIE AND PIZZA SALE The monthly Stratwood sale is a great way to build up your account. These hoagies sell for \$5.00 of which your student receives \$2.05 in his/her account. For only \$6.00 your customers get an oven-ready (or freezer-ready!) pizza and you earn \$2.35 in your student account. Order forms are posted online. Hoagie choices include Italian, Turkey, Tuna, and Veggie. **Next order is due Friday 9/3 by 5:30.** Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. *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/fillinform/dpwchildabuse.pdf>

IMPORTANT ADDITION: 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.**