

The Bands of Gateway High School



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

Mon – HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
Tue – MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
3/17 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
Wed – Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
3/4 – Hoagie Orders Due
Thu – HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
2/19, 3/12 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:00
Fri – Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
2/27 – HS Winter Guard WGI Comp. – 2:30
Sat – Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 9:00
– MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 9:00
– HS Winter Guard Reh. – 12:00 (not 2/28)
2/21 – WGI Regional at Norwin
2/28 – HS Winter Guard WGI Comp. (con't)
– Northgate Show – Winter Percussion
3/7 – E. Allegheny Show – Winter Percussion
3/14 – Woodland Hills Show – Winter Perc.
Sun 2/28 – HS Winter Guard WGI Comp. (con't)

BANDS OF GATEWAY BANQUET will be held on March 15th from 5:30 – 9:30 at Stratigo's in N. Huntingdon. Please join in for a night of dinner, dancing, and awards. All band students who are current on dues and participation points are free of charge with the ticket price being sponsored by the Gateway Band Boosters. Non-band members/parents/guests are invited for a ticket price of \$25.00. RSVP's are required to ensure proper counts. Please contact Beth Shaughnessy at 412-856-8817 with any questions or to receive a ticket order form.

Winter Program Payments The final payment for any student participating in the Winter Program was due by Sat. Feb. 14th. The final payment amounts were as follows: \$150 for HS Winter Guard – \$50 for HS Winter Guard - \$60 for Winter Percussion. If you have not made your final payment, please contact Janet Kelly, Financial Secretary, ASAP.

LOTTERY The GBB is sponsoring a daily lottery for the month of March. All Winter Program participants should have received a minimum of 10 tickets to sell. For any ticket sold by a Winter member over the mandatory 10 along with any non-Winter member who wishes to participate, \$1 per ticket will go into the seller's bucket. See any board member for details and tickets and to return stubs and money. Ticket stubs with payment are due Feb. 21st.

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TAMBURITZANS SHOW The Tamburitzans will be performing at Gateway High School on Saturday March 21st. The GBB have the opportunity to provide services at the show to raise much-needed funds for the Bands. Positions needed to work the show include the following: Box Office staff; Intermission concession help for water, coffee and bake sales; Poster and flyer distribution. Anyone interested in helping may contact Carolyn Getsie or Mr. Read.

GOLD SALE FUNDRAISER Look for more Gold Sale Fundraisers during the monthly Booster meetings. Dig through those jewelry boxes for any unworn/unwanted gold pieces and bring them with you for immediate profit! Also, please feel free to invite friends and family to attend these monthly meeting/sales for a win-win night! The GBB would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Mike and Rosalind Daily for conducting the gold sales at the last two booster meetings. We appreciate their time and talent.

TRWEA WINTER CONTEST Thanks to everyone who donated their time and talent to this year's TRWEA Winter Contest. Special shout-outs go to Judy Mazzenga for chairing the event, Dave Cook for braving the cold as the Parking Chair, Terri Owok for managing the concessions, Mary Duggan for overseeing the Sports Complex concessions, and Janet Grysiak for yet another awesome job on the raffle baskets. The contest raised nearly \$6,000!

BAND CAMP The 2009-10 Marching Band season's Band Camp has been scheduled for the weeks of August 10 and August 17. Remember, Band Camp is mandatory so plan your vacations accordingly!

SARRIS PRETZELS Sarris Pretzels are available in cases of 36 'Fundraising Funsized' packages. They sell for \$1.00 per pack. Please call or e-mail Mary Duggan with any questions at 412-559-3756 or momnono@aol.com.

HOAGIES. Our monthly hoagie sale is a popular fundraiser, and a great way to build up your account with a cost of only **\$5.00** for a 12" hoagie. Each hoagie sale will credit **\$1.75** to your child's account. The order forms are posted online. **Next order is due March 4th.** Pickup is 3/12 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. Orders and checks payable to **GBB** should be given to Darla Carras, 412-596-6072.

DINNER NIGHTS OUT Due to inclement weather the Chick-Fil-A Dinner Night Out did not have as high attendance as hoped but a few hardy soles still came out to support the Bands. Look for additional opportunities to have a relaxing dinner out and benefit the General Band Fund all at the same time.

BOARD ELECTIONS Nominations are being accepted for the 2009-10 Gateway Band Boosters Board positions. If you or a fellow Band Parent is interested in serving on the Board, please make it known so that an election may be held. The Board Officers meet just once per month in addition to facilitating the monthly Band Booster meetings. Any additional time spent is strictly on a voluntary basis. Please consider becoming a part of this worthwhile cause.

FROM THE DESK OF MR. READ Congratulations are in order to the following students for successfully auditioning for selection to Region Band:

PMEA Junior High District Band – Shanon Mignona, French Horn; Elaina Murray, Flute

PMEA District Band – Mike Murray, Alto Saxophone, Jordan Ridinger, Trombone; Ashley Owoc, Clarinet; Dan Romagno, French Horn; Emily Kinnunen, French Horn; Ethan Wightkin, Trumpet

All the students from Gateway who participated in District Band were selected to Regional Band! Due to various other commitments, several students elected not to continue. Dan Romagno and Emily Kinnunen will be representing Gateway at Region Band which will be held at Ambridge High School in March. Congratulations!

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PARENTS, PLEASE, PICK UP YOUR CHILD ON TIME AFTER A BAND EVENT! The chaperones must stay until the last band member is picked up after each event so please be considerate of their time.

GHS BUILDING ENTRY - If the main entrance and band room outside doors are locked, try the cafeteria loading dock doors.

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>

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.**

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