

The Bands of Gateway High School



Gateway High School * 3000 Gateway Campus Boulevard * Monroeville PA 15146 * 412-373-5751
 Mr. Robert Read, Director * rread@gatewayk12.org
www.gatewayband.org



Be sure to attend the Booster meetings to learn about band events and fundraising opportunities. Many hands are needed to help the students and staff make 2007-2008 another successful year.

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

GATEWAY BAND IN DISNEY WORLD! The Marching Band and Wind Ensemble gave OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES making us all proud.



The Band performed in the "Future March" in EPCOT on Saturday, Dec. 1st. The Wind Ensemble performed on the Dock Stage in Downtown Disney on Sun., Dec. 2nd.

Thanks for making some great memories!



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

Mon	6:00 –High School Guard Rehearsal
Tue	2/19 – February Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Wind Ens. & Jazz Band Concert – 7:30
Wed	6:00 – Winter Percussion Rehearsal 2/06 – Hoagie Orders Due
Thu	6:00 –High School Guard Rehearsal 2/14 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:00
Fri	6:00 – Winter Percussion (<i>except 2/1/08</i>)
Sat	1/19 – HS Guard Rehearsal – 12:00 – Winter Percussion – 1:30 1/26 – Winter Percussion – 9:00 – High School Guard – 12:00 – Indoor Show at Penn Trafford 2/2 – Winter Percussion – 10:30 High School Guard – 12:00 WGI Show at Norwin 2/9 – Winter Percussion – 9:00 – High School Guard – 12:00 – Indoor Show at Kiski 2/16 – Winter Percussion – 10:30 – High School Guard – 12:00

WINTER GUARD & WINTER PERCUSSION have begun. All members **MUST** abide by the fee payment schedule. There will be **NO** exceptions for late payments of fees. If **ANY** member of a Winter Ensemble does not have all fees paid on due dates, the activity will be put on hold until all payments are made (late fees in one group will not effect the other). No rehearsals or performances will continue until all fees have been paid. Checks should be made to Gateway Band Boosters. Remember to take advantage of several fundraising opportunities available to all Winter members. The second payment was due on 1/12 and the third payment is due on 2/2. The amount of each payment is \$100 for Winter Percussion and \$125 for High School Guard.

GATEWAY HOSTS PMEA DISTRICT BAND The Gateway Band hosted the event this year. 141 outstanding band members from throughout Western PA traveled to Gateway on Jan. 9th for auditions. They returned for rehearsals and performed a concert on Friday night of music they received in November.

RAFFLE TICKETS Boosters will be having a raffle throughout the month of February. The raffle will be based on the evening daily number and there will be a winner every night. That's 29 chances to win this Leap Year! Tickets are just \$5.00. All students in the **Winter programs** are **required** to sell 10 tickets. All other band members are encouraged to participate as well. The required tickets as well as the requested have been distributed. Of the 1,000 tickets printed, there are still 360 tickets available for sale. The proceeds from these tickets go directly to the General Fund. Any Winter member selling additional tickets beyond the 10 will receive \$1.00 per ticket in their bucket. Band members not in Winter programs will get \$1 in their bucket for every ticket sold. Please contact Janet Kelly ASAP if you would like to sell tickets or need to return any unsold tickets. Ticket stubs and money can be returned to Janet, Donna Zaccagnini, or Marva Brown by Friday, Jan. 25th. The payout amounts of the tickets are as follows:
 Feb. 1, 9, 15, and 24 have \$75 payouts
 Feb. 2,10,16,18, and 23 have \$50 payouts
 Feb. 3, 8, 17, and 22 have \$30 payouts
 Feb. 4, 6- 7, 11-13, 19-21, and 25-27 have \$25 pays
 Feb. 5 and 14 have \$100 payouts
 Feb. 28 has a \$125 payout
 Feb. 29 has a \$150 payout
 Janet Kelly, 412-372-2049, bilberrymom1@aol.com

MCKEESPORT SYMPHONY has two great opportunities coming in January for talented young musicians. One is a Young Artists Competition and the other is a Side-by-Side audition to play alongside the professionals in the orchestra. Please see your web-mail for applications for both auditions or download from www.mckeesportsymphony.org.

BOARD ELECTIONS Thinking about nominating or running for board positions? Ask any board member to find out more about a particular position.

A PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM will begin in January in the High School Band Room. Local, Cheap, and extremely beneficial. More info to come.

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

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*

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 Feb. 6th.** Pickup is 2/14 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. *Darla Carras, 412-596-6072*

ACT 34/CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE. Please be aware that School District Policy 916 (see the district's website) requires that any adult having contact with students (whether as chaperone, pit crew, serving lunch, hemming uniforms, etc.) **MUST** have clearance forms. The cost of each form is \$10 and is to be paid by the individual, not the boosters or the school district. 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 in your files. 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/ffinforms/dpwchildabuse.pdf>

FUNDRAISER CHAIRS. Please give Honi Kleya the student account income amounts as soon as possible after each fundraiser so that the students' accounts are kept up-to-date. You can send her an e-mail at: gbb.financial.secretary@gatewayband.org.

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. Please be considerate of your fellow band parents and pick up your child on time so the chaperones can go home and get some rest! Keep a book in the car so you have something to do if you arrive at the school before the bus does.

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

2007 BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

President – Judy Poklemba	412-373-5353
gbb.president@gatewayband.org	
Vice President – Shari Rininger	724-325-3043
gbb.vice.president@gatewayband.org	
Treasurer – Marva Brown	412-372-4246
gbb.treasurer@gatewayband.org	
Financial Secretary – Honi Kleya	412-372-8473
gbb.financial.secretary@gatewayband.org	
Secretary – Val Haley	412-380-7061
gbb.secretary@gatewayband.org	
Ways and Means – Dorinne Kinnunen	412-373-0235
gbb.ways.means@gatewayband.org	
Past President – Lora Murray	412-824-3591
gbb.past.president@gatewayband.org	

Gateway High School Band Boosters
P.O. Box 535
Monroeville, PA 15146

OTHER BAND EMAILS:

gbb.board@gatewayband.org
gbb.newsletter@gatewayband.org
gbb.email.list@gatewayband.org
gbb.publicity@gatewayband.org

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Mr. Robert A. Read 412-373-5751
director@gatewayband.org
3000 Gateway Campus Blvd
Monroeville, PA 15146