

The Bands of Gateway High School



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BAND SCHEDULE Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the Band's schedule. The January/February daily schedule includes:

Mon HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
Tue MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
2/2 – Hoagie Orders Due – 5:30
2/16 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
Wed Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
Thu HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
2/11 – Hoagie Pick-up – 4:30
Fri Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
Sat MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 9:00
HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 12:00
1/23 – Mt. Lebanon Show
2/6 – WGI at Norwin

BAND BANQUET Thanks to Marcy Kick and her committee members who helped plan this year's Band Banquet. It was a fantastic event in a beautiful new venue. Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you there again next year!

GATEWAY BAND 8TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW was held Sat. Nov. 21st. With numerous crafters and vendors, this presented a great opportunity to shop for the home and holidays while earning \$2900 of much-needed funds for the Boosters program.

Our thanks to Susan Guerrieri for all the hard work and dedication she has put into this event over her past 'high school' years. Even though she is a senior parent this year, Susan has decided to stay on board and continue her efforts. Thank you, Susan!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the talented students who were successful in earning a spot in District Band. We are proud of these fine performers.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Bands of Gateway for a fine performance at the Holiday Concert. An extra shout-out to the Wind Ensemble for the great job they did on "Sleigh Ride"!

GOLD SALE FUNDRAISER The highly profitable gold sale is here! Dig through those jewelry boxes for any unworn/unwanted gold pieces and bring them with you for immediate profit! Feel free to invite friends and family to attend these monthly meeting/sales for a win-win night!
Mike and Rosalind Daily

WINTER PROGRAM FEES schedule has been distributed to all families. Unlike Marching Band which shares in the entire cost of Band season, the fees are determined by each group's activities. Please be aware that this is a strictly voluntary program and as such receives no financial assistance. It is extremely important to be on time with all payments as members with outstanding fees may be ineligible for participation. The first payment was due last Friday, January 15th:

High School Winter Guard - \$150
Middle School Winter Guard - \$75
Winter Percussion - \$100

If you have not made your initial payment, please see a Board member as soon as possible as the shows are coming up fast.

WINTER PROGRAM SHOWS as mentioned, are quickly approaching. Come and support these hard-working kids at the Mount Lebanon show on January 23rd and at WGI held in Norwin on February 6th.

MARCHING BAND 2010!!! – It may be 20° outside (on a warm day!) but its time to start looking forward to next year's marching band season. The Board wants everyone to have a running start going into the next Fair Share payments program and as such will continue to make fundraisers available all year long. Some opportunities on the horizon feature another Pie Shoppe sale, several car washes, and Chick-fil-A days. We will strive to make as many opportunities available as possible for the kids to participate in so it doesn't always fall on 'us parents'. With many of us struggling in this economy, please take advantage of these fundraisers so that we can make this a viable operation for our children.

MARCHING BAND 2010 – PT II – While we're on the subject, and before you make your summertime plans, here is the Band Camp schedule:

Mini-Band Camp: June 21-25 9:00-3:00
Mini-Band Camp (wk 2): July 19-23 9:00-3:00
Mandatory Band Camp: August 9-12 and
August 16-20, 8:00 – 4:00

BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS It is also that time of year to start looking forward to a new Board line-up. All it takes is a few hours per month of your time to make a huge difference in your child's program. Please let it be known if you would like to be considered for election to an open position. More details to come...

CANDY BARS – This yummy sale is still available as an easy way to build up your account for whatever the future may hold. At \$1.00 a bar, they are easy to sell. For every \$52.00 box you purchase (check made payable to GBB), \$26.00 goes to your student's account. Be sure to **plan ahead and complete the order sheets posted in the Band Room**. A limited back-up supply of additional boxes is available for unanticipated needs.

Janette Johnson – Orders with payment

Brenda Abel – Back-up supply

HOAGIE SALE: The monthly Stratwood hoagie 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. Order forms are posted online. Hoagie choices include Italian, Turkey, Tuna, and Veggie. Hoagie orders are due the first Tuesday of the month and delivered the second Thursday of the month. **Next order is due February 2nd by 5:30.** Pickup will be **Thursday 2/11** at 4:30 in the GHS Café. Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.

Tammy Johnson

PIZZA SALE: Make a dinner deal out of the monthly Stratwood sale! Stratwood is offering us pizzas for sale. For only \$6.00 your customers get an oven-ready (or freezer-ready!) pizza and you earn \$2.65 in your student account! Pair the pizza up with a couple hoagies and your family is well taken care of. Order information will be made available once the Boosters decide whether to include this fundraiser. Anyone wishing to help out with the sale please see a Board member.

PARTICIPATION POINTS AND FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS

As we close out the 2009-2010 Marching Band season, the Board would like to thank all the families who were diligent in their participation factors. We are literally all in this together and it can not be overstated how much everyone's effort in both time and money means to the program. The Board's position is that all students who want to be in the Marching Band and Color Guard are welcome but it takes effort to make this program the award-winning one it has become. Please keep this in mind for next year as we look forward to another great season.

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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/psplib/psp/sp4-164.pdf>

Child Abuse History Clearance Form:

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

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. **It can take 8 weeks to obtain this clearance.**

**** A TB Test clearance will also be required. ****