

The Bands of Gateway High School



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JULY 2009



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

M-F 8/10-8/21 – Band Camp – 8:00
Mon 7/27 – Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
8/3 – Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
8/3 – Phantom Regiment Rehearsal
Tue 7/28 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
8/4 – Hoagie Orders Due
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8/18 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
Wed 7/29 – Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
8/12 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:30
8/12 – Max and Erma's Dinner Night Out
Thu 8/6 – Heinz Field TEAM Training – 6:00
Sat 8/1 – Cavaliers Rehearsal
8/15 – Kennywood Park Fall Fantasy Parade

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. Details will be available soon.

FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY & ALUMNI PICNIC was held Friday July 3rd. From all accounts, the picnic was a huge success. Special thanks go to Sharon Swaney for her hard work in pulling it all together.

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. 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 the 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! A spreadsheet of functions and their corresponding points will be available during the July meeting. There will also be sign-up sheets 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.

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS for the 2009-10 Gateway Band Season take affect this month. 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 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 first scheduled payment is due **today**. The remaining payments are due as follows:

8/18 - \$95 9/15 - \$95 10/20 - \$95

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'). For example, sell four boxes of candy bars and you have \$104 going towards your assessment. Work some Steeler games and you're half way there. Take those orders for Vera Bradley and could be paid in full! Or just write a check for \$380. General Fund support can be made from participation in such fundraisers as the annual craft show, concessions, and raffles.

On-time payments not only ensure your student will be eligible for any trips, gifts, and special events but also earn 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. 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.

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:

7/27 7/29 8/3 8/6

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES Please see a sample of upcoming fundraisers →

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. Everybody loves Hershey products and at \$1.00 a bar, they are a cinch to sell. For every \$52.00 box you purchase from the GBB, \$26.00 goes to your account. Sign-up sheets for candy are posted in the Band Room and money is due at pick-up - \$52.00 payable to GBB. *Cindy McCarthy*

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 for Christmas. 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 (catalogs will be distributed soon). The sale will close at the end of September so the delivery will be in time for Christmas. The kids will get 20% of all sales in their student accounts! *Sue Fenster & Len Mellinger*

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS will be available for sale mid-August. The GBB maintained the \$20 cost with \$10 earned in profit. These will be the ONLY books we sell this so get the word out. *Sherree Patterson*

DINNER NIGHT OUT: Join us at Max and Erma's on Wed. Aug. 12th. Enjoy a delicious dinner out and the GBB earns a percent of the tab! *Desiree Casey*

HOAGIES: The monthly hoagie sale is a great way to build up your account. Papa Rocks Hoagies sell for \$6.00 of which your student receives \$2.00 in his/her account. The order forms are posted online. **Next order is due August 4th.** Pickup is 8/12 at 4:30 in the GHS Cafeteria. *Tammy Johnson*

NOTE: MAX AND ERMA'S DINNER NIGHT OUT AND THE HOAGIE DELIVERY SHARE THE SAME DAY. NO PROBLEM! JUST SAVE YOUR HOAGIE FOR YOUR NEXT DAY'S LUNCH!

GATEWAY BAND ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW will be held November 21st. Thanks to Susan Guerrieri for all the great work she puts in to the craft shows. Susan will be 'graduating' this year and would like to share her knowledge with the next chairperson. If you would be interested in chairing this important event, please see the Board.

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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/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.**