



The Bands of Gateway High School

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

- Mon 6/23 – 6/26 Mini-Camp Guard – 5:30
6/23 – 6/27 Mini-Camp Full Ensemble – 9:00
- Tue 7/1 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
7/8 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
7/15 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
- Wed 7/2 – Hoagie Orders Due
- Thu 7/3 – Full Ensemble Picnic & Rehearsal 4:30
- Fri 7/4 – 4th of July Parade
- Sun 7/13 – Car Wash Fundraiser – 10:00

Reminder: This year's 2-week Summer Band Camp will be held Monday through Friday from 8/4-8/15. *Attendance is mandatory.*

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS Each member of the marching band is assessed a "fair share" fee for the year. This money, which goes into the General Fund, is used to pay for entry fees, transportation, clothing, equipment, and other costs associated with the band. The '08-'09 **Marching Band** fair share is **\$250**, which can be paid in full or according to this schedule:

- 1st payment of **\$100** due **July 3rd**
- 2nd payment of **\$75** due **August 4th**
- 3rd payment of **\$75** due **August 26th**

Checks should be made payable to **Gateway Band Boosters (GBB)**. Fair Share payments should be given to the financial secretary, Janet Kelly, put in Mike Kelly's folder, or mailed to her home address at 707 Billberry 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.

Along with the Fair Share Assessment, each family is asked to participate/contribute **\$150** in fundraising for the General Fund. Specific details of how this can be accomplished are outlined within the Fundraising Guide, which will be distributed at the 6/17 Band Booster meeting and posted on the band web-site.

SANDCASTLE FUNDRAISING Get the word out! This should be a very easy way for us to raise money. Every time someone purchases their Sandcastle ticket through the below link, you raise funds! Here is a sample letter you can e-mail to everyone you know:

Hello Friends & Family!

If you are planning a trip to Sandcastle this summer, PLEASE consider buying your tickets online and help us raise money for the Gateway High School Marching Band.

If you buy a daily pass online using our coupon, the cost will be \$17.50 --- \$3.00 less than the regular online price (\$20.50) and much cheaper than buying a ticket at the gate (\$25.95). You save money and at the same time, help the GHS Marching Band. Just visit www.sandcastlewaterpark.com/store.php#tickets.

To order a Day Whitewater Pass (daily pass), use Coupon Code **GATEBANDWWP**. After you enter the coupon code, click 'RECALCULATE' and you'll see the price drop to \$17.50! If you choose a Season Pass (cost \$64.95) use Code **GATEBANDSP**.

Thank you very much from (name) and the GHS Marching Band!

LOTTERY All marching band families have been given an envelope with 10 lottery raffle tickets for the month of July. Each envelope contains a number beginning with each of the 10 digits, 0 – 9. Families have been assigned these numbers and are responsible for the sale of these tickets. Each ticket costs \$5 and wins:

July 1 - \$100; July 4 & 31 - \$150; the 4 Sat's & Sun's - \$50; the 5 Wed's - \$50; the remaining days - \$25.

The winning number will be based on the 7 PM 3-dig PA daily lottery. **THIS IS A MANDATORY FUNDRAISER.** All members are expected to sell their tickets. If a family objects for religious/gambling reasons, **THE TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT OTHER MEMBERS CAN SELL THEM.** Returned tickets will be distributed to families with multiple students in the band, 5 extra tickets per extra family member. Money (cash or check (preferred) made payable to GBB) and ticket stubs are due back to Janet Kelly or Mr. Read by Wed., June 25 at mini camp. Anyone willing to sell extra returned tickets please let Janet Kelly know. **ALL 1000 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD!** If you have questions, please contact Janet Kelly by phone at 412-372-2049 or by email at bilberrymom1@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 July 2nd.** Pickup is 7/10 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. *Darla Carras, 412-596-6072*

ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

Night at the Races – Fun @ Mon #4 – 8/8 & Tent. 1/10
Car Wash – The kids earn donations – 7/13
Giant Eagle – Stand and collect donations – TBA
Dinners Out – A night out for parents at restaurants such as Max and Erma's – TBA *During Band Camp*

FUNDRAISER CHAIRS. Please give Janet Kelly 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.

2008 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS Congratulations to the following deserving recipients of the \$750.00 Band Booster scholarships: Karyn Dombrosky - Andrew Imblum - Sean McMasters - Sarah Parker.

4TH OF JULY PARADE Band members will wear black shorts & band shoes with t-shirts distributed prior to the parade. All Alumni and any former-band-member-parent are invited to join in the 4th of July Parade. A picnic will be held 7/3 at 4:30 followed by rehearsal. Music for the alumni participating in the parade is posted on (<http://gatewayband.org/Documents.html>).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The World Champion Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps will be making a stop at Gateway High School this summer. On Saturday, August 2nd, the Cavaliers will arrive EARLY in the morning, rehearse in the stadium throughout the day, and depart in the evening. More details will follow.

FROM THE DESK OF MR. READ:

(If you are not receiving e-mails) please get in touch with me so that I can update my records. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at rread@gatewayk12.org or call 412-373-575. Also, feel free to call my cell phone - 412-874-0759 - and make sure your kids put this in their phones. I want them to always be able to get in touch with me if we're at a performance, at Kennywood, Indy, etc.

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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.

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 THIS YEAR: You must receive an Act 114, Federal (FBI) Criminal History Report. This can only be obtained on-line 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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