

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 March/April daily schedule includes:

Mon 3/15,22,29, 4/5 HS Winter Guard Reh. – 6:00
3/29 – The Pie Shoppe Delivery
Tue 3/16,23 - MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
4/6 – HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
4/20 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
Wed 3/17,24 -Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
3/17 – The Pie Shoppe Orders Due
Thu 3/18,25 - HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00
4/15 – Stratwood Pick-up – 4:30
Fri 3/19,26 -Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00
Sat MS Winter Guard & Percussion Reh. – 9:00
HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 12:00
3/20 – Top Hats Percussion Show @ Valley
3/27 – TRWEA Championships @ Kiski
3/27 – Stratwood Orders Due – 5:30
Wed-Sat 4/7-11 – WGI Dayton OH, HS Winter Guard

WINTER PROGRAM FEES This year's fee schedule was 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. As a reminder members with outstanding fees may be ineligible for participation. The third and final payment is now past due:

High School Winter Guard - \$150
Middle School Winter Guard - \$75
Winter Percussion - \$60

BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS Voting will take place tonight for next year's Booster Board. All it takes is a few hours per month of your time to make a huge difference in your child's program. Nominees are needed for the Ways and Means position. Ways and Means is responsible for organizing fundraising opportunities throughout the year. The officer may look into different possibilities, but many ideas come from Booster members. The Ways and Means officer presents these suggestions to the Board and then offers those that are selected to the Boosters. Other parents take over the activity at that point by chairing and participating in the event. Knowing that you have helped provide the 'Ways and Means' for the Band to perform and compete in many of the activities throughout the year is very rewarding. Please join the Board in this necessary and worthwhile position.

NEW MARIMBA The Boosters voted unanimously to use funds earned during this year's Championship show to purchase a new Marimba! The sound and quality of this new instrument will provide our students with the opportunity of excellent instruction and performance for years to come. Thanks to everyone, for without all your hard work, this would not have been possible.

MARCHING BAND 2010-11!! – The snow's melting, the birds are singing, and the band's soon practicing. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

May 31: Memorial Day Parade
Mini-Band Camp: June 21-25 – 9:00-3:00
Mini-Band Camp: July 19-23 – 9:00-3:00
Mandatory Band Camp:
August 9-12 and 16-20 – 8:00 – 4:00

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 'eating out' 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'.

DISNEY HERE WE COME! It's official! Gateway Marching Band and Wind Ensemble have been invited to perform at Walt Disney World this November! Start making your plans, participating in those fundraisers, and packing your bags. The dates are Friday November 27th through Wednesday December 1st. More details will come as available.

TAMBURITZAN'S SHOW Saturday, March 20th the Gateway High School will host the Tamburitizens. The Band Boosters will be assisting and are in need of some volunteers.
Jane Dandrea

PIE SHOPPE BAKE SALE Orders for this season's Pie Shoppe sale are due 3/17 and delivery will be 3/29. For every pie sold, you earn \$2.00 in your student's account. Volunteers are needed to help sort the pies on delivery day.
Sherrill Terzak

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL BANDS Congratulations to all our talented students who were selected for the District and Regional Bands. We're proud of you all! Great job **Lauren Abel, Ryan Abel, Andrew Dotterer, Michael Kelly, and Emily Kinnunen!**

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 AND PIZZA SALE The monthly Stratwood 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. For only \$6.00 your customers get an oven-ready (or freezer-ready!) pizza and you earn \$2.35 in your student account. Order forms are posted online. Hoagie choices include Italian, Turkey, Tuna, and Veggie. Orders are due the **LAST SATURDAY** of the month and delivered the second Thursday of the month. **Next order is due March 27th by 5:30.** Pickup will be **Thursday 4/15** at 4:30 in the GHS Café. Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. *Tammy Johnson*

DINING OUT: Stay tuned for upcoming Spirit Nights at Chick-Fil-A and Dinner Nights Out at local restaurants. These make great opportunities to earn much-needed funds AND get out of cooking!

Cyndi Bloise / Desiree Casey

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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/ffinforms/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. ****