

# The Bands of Gateway High School



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

Mon 5/25 – Memorial Day Parades – 9:00  
Tue 5/26 – New Member/Parent Orientation -6:30  
5/26-28 – Color Guard Workshops  
6/2 – Papa Rocks Hoagie Orders Due  
– Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
6/16 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
– Band Booster Meeting – 7:00  
Wed 6/10 – Hoagie Order Delivery – 4:30  
Welcome to summer!!!

**HOAGIE SALE CHANGES** for the 2009-10 Gateway Band Season take affect this June. We are excited to announce the changes for the monthly hoagie sales that have been a staple of our fundraising efforts:

Chairperson – Tammy Johnson  
Hoagie Vendor – Papa Rocks  
Order Day – First Tuesday of every month  
Delivery Day – Second Wednesday of the month  
Price for hoagie – \$6.00  
Profit per hoagie – \$2.00 to your student account  
Choices – Italian, Turkey, Vegetable, Ham & Cheese

These are 12" hoagies and every hoagie includes a side bag of lettuce and tomato and another side bag of onions. An Italian dressing packet will be included with the Italian and a Mayo packet with the others.

Payment is due at the time of order with one check made out to Gateway Band Boosters. Mail orders to: Tammy Johnson 627 Blueberry Rd Mon. PA 15146 OR... Place the order form and check (no cash) in the folder marked "HOAGIE ORDERS" in the band filing cabinet. No late orders can be accepted.

It is with our greatest thanks that we tell Darla Carras how much we appreciate the work she put into the hoagie sales through the years. Good luck and thanks to Tammy for taking it over. If you have any questions for Tammy, please call 412-373-2603.

**ITEMS TO WATCH** Look for info to be made available for several items coming this summer. These include:

- \* Memorial Day Parade – ALL members are needed!
- \* Heinz Field Fundraisers – Kenny Chesney Concert (June 6<sup>th</sup>) is a great opportunity for the band fund.
- \* Snacks and co-ordinators – are needed for the band's June Mini-Camp and August Band Camp.

May 2009

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY KINNUNEN** For her great job at this year's National History Day state competition. Emily placed third in the Senior Individual Exhibit category. Great job, Emily!

**LES MISERABLES** Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's phenomenal High School musical, Les Miserables! Here are some of those "Band Folk" who deserve recognition for a job well done:

Bob Read For the overall production  
Greg Imblum For the awesome set (& rotating floor)  
Carolyn Getsie For the amazing costumes  
And all the other band parents and band members who either performed in the musical or supported the show with their work in the orchestra or stage crew.

**FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY & ALUMNI PICNIC** For all band and alumni families will be held Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30 – 6:00. Rehearsal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will immediately follow from 6:00 – 8:00. Hot dogs, chicken fingers, and drinks will be provided. Band families are asked to bring the following:  
Side Dishes – Flutes, Trumpets, Percussion  
Salads – Clarinets, Saxophones  
Desserts – Color Guard, Drum Majors  
Munchies (3 bags each) – Baritones, Mellophones

ALL FAMILY MEMBERS are invited to the picnic. If unable to attend, please still send requested food item with your band member as all items are necessary to have a successful event. Come out and enjoy with the Gateway Band Family!

**FUNDRAISERS** Did you remember to take part in the Booster Survey via the link that was e-mailed to you? Your input is necessary and appreciated as we plan for another year of Marching Band and Winter Guard and Percussion. If you missed the survey but have ideas/suggestions on how to make this a successful year, we're all ears!!!

**GET READY FOR SUMMER MINI-CAMP** Just a reminder that mini-camp will be the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone not on vacation is encouraged to attend. Winds and Percussion will meet at 9:00 am and Color Guard will practice at 5:30. See you there!

**BAND CAMP** The 2009-10 Marching Band Camp has been scheduled for the weeks of August 10 and August 17. Remember, Band Camp is mandatory so plan your vacations accordingly!

**CLASS OF 2009** Thanks and congratulations to all our "band family" seniors as you graduate. We wish you all the best the world has to offer as you head into the next chapter of your lives. Good luck!

**GATEWAY BAND ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW** Thanks to Susan Guerrieri for all the great work she puts in to the craft shows. Susan will be 'graduating' next 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.

**BOOSTER MEETINGS** We ask that all Band Parents make every attempt to attend the monthly GBB meetings. We understand conflicting schedules can make it difficult but we value everyone's input in looking at new ideas, policies, etc. Next up is the 2009-10 school year introductory meeting when we discuss all that will be happening in the new school year. We will strive to provide you with as much information as possible so that you may plan your time and fundraising accordingly. Hope to see you!

**BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS** Many thanks to the departing officers who served the band so well in the 2008-2009 school year: Dave Cook, Cathy Brown, and Susan Fenster. Thank you for the energy and time you put into supporting our efforts! You will be missed! Thanks to our returning Board members: Janet Kelly, Beth Humenik, and Lisa Babjak. Good luck to our new officers: Joe Wightkin, Martti Kinnunen and Donna Zaccagnini.

**FROM THE DESK OF MR. READ:**

#### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The Memorial Day parades start early in the morning! The kids need to report to the band room at 7:00 am. They will dress in full uniform, load the buses, and head off to the Monroeville parade which starts at 9:00 am. The band will march down Rt. 22, across the new bridge in front of the Municipal building, and back up Monroeville Blvd. to the Old Stone Church. The buses will be waiting in Miracle Mile Shopping Center to take them to St. Michael's Church in Pitcairn for the start of that parade at 10:30 a.m. The band will parade down Wall Avenue, turn left onto Broadway, and then play a brief service at the tablets by the park building. The Pitcairn folks will have some hot dogs and drinks for the kids before they load the buses back to the high school. Everything should be done by 11:30-12:00. The music performed and the ceremonies involved with the holiday are very important to the citizens of Monroeville and Pitcairn, and the band has a responsibility to perform - and perform well!

#### **FULL SPEED AHEAD! MARCHING BAND SEASON**

Color Guard workshops and tryouts will be May 26, 27, and 28. Any girl in grades 7-11 is eligible to tryout for the Color Guard. Our Color Guard has developed a national reputation over the past few years so talk up recruitment! We need some low brass players! Anyone wishing to switch instruments, please see Mr. Read. The High School students will be traveling to the Middle School the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> to talk with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about the Marching Band and their involvement in the High School Band program for the 2009-10 school year.

#### **2009-10 BAND BOOSTERS OFFICERS**

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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](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.**