

The Bands of Gateway High School



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BAND SCHEDULE Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the Band's back-to-school schedule. The October/November daily schedule includes:

Tue 11/3, 13, 20—Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
11/3 – Hoagie Orders Due
11/17 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00

Wed 10/21—Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
10/28 – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Dinner – 4:00

Thu 10/22 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
10/29 – Bloomfield Halloween parade
11/5 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 6:00
11/12 – Hoagie Pick-Up – 4:30

Fri 10/23 – vs Connellsville ~Senior Night – 5:30
-- Leave for BOA's --
10/30 – Game at McKeesport – 5:30
11/6,13 – Playoff Games

Sat 10/23-10/24 – BOA's, West Chester PA
11/7 – PIMBA Championships at Gateway
-- Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 9:00
11/14 – Heinz Field Fundraiser

SENIOR NIGHT RECOGNITION The graduating class of 2010 will be honored at the October 23rd football game during half-time festivities. The band students must leave immediately following half-time for the Bands of America trip.

THE BAND DOES IT AGAIN! CONGRATULATIONS to the Gateway High School Marching Band! The band had their best performance of the year at the West Allegheny Cavalcade of Bands and won the contest with a score of 87.25. The band also received the awards for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Marching, and Outstanding General Effect.

PIMBA 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP All hands on deck!! Every family is needed to assist with the PIMBA show on November 7th. No amount of help will be refused. This is an all-day affair and folks are needed from morning 'til night ~ the kids don't perform until 8:45. Please give as much time and energy as you can spare so we can have another successful show. See Rick Kokal for a spot on the PIMBA staff. He'll find a home for you!

PIMBA 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS are available for purchase. Tonight is your last chance for a 'pre-sale' discount price of \$10.00 with pick-up at the PIMBA show. The price will be \$12.00 at the show ~ if they don't sell out first! See Joe Wightkin for orders.

BANDS OF AMERICA The band's next contest is the Bands of America Regional Championships in West Chester University in Philadelphia, PA on October 24. At that contest, they will be competing with bands from Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina. GOOD LUCK, GATEWAY MARCHING BAND!!!!

The all-important dining schedule for the kids for this trip is as follows:

Friday Dinner – Hoagies provided by school café
Saturday Breakfast – Hotel-provided
Saturday Lunch – Everyone gets \$7.50 for fast food*
Saturday Dinner – Domino's Pizza delivered
Sunday Breakfast – Hotel-provided
Sunday Lunch – Everyone gets \$7.50 for fast food*
Sunday Dinner – Back home around 6:30-7:00

* Lunch allowance distributed as \$10.00 on Saturday with remaining \$5.00 on Sunday. Plan accordingly!

** The kids are to bring their luggage to school Thursday evening; they are leaving half-time Friday.

CHAIR-PEOPLE HELP WANTED ASAP!! Looking to earn those points for your student's account? Here's a list of open positions that you can fill along with the corresponding 'salary' (points) to be earned:

* Pie Shoppe Chair	50
* PIMBA Show Bake Sale Chair	50
* Craft Show Co-Chair	50

STUDENT PARTICIPATION POINTS Parents don't need to do it all ~ get your band student out there to help too! Students will earn 10 points per hour when they actively participate in any GBB fundraising function.

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT The GBB, parents and students, will be on-hand at the Miracle Mile store on October 28th from 4:00 – 7:00 for Spirit Night. Help is needed from any student or parent who would like to take part. And don't forget... invite your friends and family to stop by for dinner and the GBB benefits. Last month's Spirit Night raised \$220! *Cyndi Bloise*

HEINZ FIELD – The next game date for fundraising is Sat 11/14 as Pitt battles Notre Dame. Booster groups that staff concessions earn a percentage of the stand's take for that day. 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

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.

CANDY BARS – This yummy sale is easy for the kids to take part in. Everyone loves Hershey products and 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*

PIE SHOPPE The GBB are once again sponsoring a Pie Shoppe fundraiser. Order forms are available at the meeting and will be added to the website. All orders are due Friday 11/6. Delivery will be 11/18 in time for Thanksgiving. **A chairperson is needed to coordinate this sale** so if you are looking to earn those Participation Points, here is a great opportunity!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS GBB were able to secure a few more books so if you didn't get an order in in time, here's your chance. The GBB maintained the \$20 cost with \$10 still earned in profit for your student's account!

Sherree Patterson

VERA BRADLEY: There is still time to sell those Vera Bradley Luggage raffle tickets. A beautiful 7 piece luggage set valued at over \$800 will be raffled off at the upcoming PIMBA show. Tickets are \$5.00 and the students will share in a 50/50 split.

Sue Fenster & Len Mellinger

** The Vera Bradley sale was once again, a great success. Once orders are finalized, \$3,317.80 will go to our students' accounts! Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to Sue Fenster and Len Mellinger for managing this sale! **

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 November 3rd by 5:30.** Pickup will be **Thursday 11/12** at 4:30 in the GHS Café. Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.

Tammy Johnson

GOLD SALE FUNDRAISER The highly profitable gold sale is back! 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

PARTICIPATION POINTS There are still families that have not earned their minimum point requirement of 200 per student/300 per family. With the marching band season winding down, and the Banquet coming up in January, please make every effort to take advantage of the myriad opportunities that exist to earn these points. Any student or family member can earn points so get those siblings signed up! 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. Please note: Points satisfy the participation goal not your Fair Share Assessment.

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS for the 2009-10 Gateway Band season are in effect. Each member of the marching band is assessed a "**Fair Share**" fee for the year, the final installment of which, \$95.00, is due tonight. The Fair Share Assessment this year, which includes your child's trip to West Chester PA this week, is \$380. Any unpaid payments are now past due. Thanks to all who maintained their accounts in these difficult economic times. For those who can spare it, please consider donating extra fundraising funds to others who may need it. See the Board if you are able to help out your fellow Band family.

On-time payments not only ensure your student will be eligible for any trips, gifts, and special events but are also an easy way to earn 10 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 you are behind on these payments, and haven't already done so, please contact a member of the board ASAP. To offset the Assessment, families are given many opportunities for fundraising that go entirely to the student's 'bucket' (eliminating the former 'split'). Additionally, financial assistance may be available for those requiring it. Please do not allow dues to be a deterrent from your child participating in marching band/color guard. Send a letter of request to Band Booster President Joe Wightkin. Mr. Wightkin will guarantee your confidentiality and do his utmost to provide you with assistance from the Gateway Band Boosters.

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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>

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 (note no cash or personal checks are accepted.)
It could take 8 weeks to obtain this clearance.

IMPORTANT ADDITION: A TB Test clearance will also be required.