

# The Bands of Gateway High School



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**BAND SCHEDULE** Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the Band's fall schedules. The September/October daily schedule includes:

Mon 9/27 – Winds/Percussion Rehearsal – 2:45  
10/4,11,18 – Winds/Perc. Rehearsal – 2:45  
Tue 9/28-10/19 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
10/19 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00  
Lottery Raffle Tickets Due  
Wed 9/29 – Applebee's Dinner Night Out  
10/6 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 4:00-7:00  
Thur 9/23 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
9/30, 10/7,14 – Winds Rehearsal – 2:45  
Percussion/Guard Rehearsal – 5:30  
10/14 – Game @ Central Catholic – 6:00  
Fri 9/24 – Band Night at GHS-PT game – 6:00  
10/1 – Hoagie Orders Due  
Lottery Raffle Ticket Sale Begins  
Pie Shoppe Fundraiser Sale Begins  
10/1 – Game @ Norwin – 6:00  
10/8 – Homecoming vs. Hempfield – 6:00  
Sat 9/25 – BOA Regional Contest at Norwin  
10/16 – BOA Contest at Akron – 12:00

**CONGRATULATIONS BAND, GUARD, AND INSTRUCTORS!** on a phenomenal start to the 2010 Marching Band Competition season. At both Kiski and Norwin, the band achieved high marks and earned multiple awards including edging out their competition to take first place. Keep it up as you get better and better! We are all very proud of you.

**HEINZ FIELD CONCESSIONS** – The Boosters are looking to work Heinz Field football games providing members with a great opportunity to raise those funds. While each game is different, volunteers have in the past earned \$75 or more for their efforts. Groups that staff Steeler games earn a percentage of the stand's take for that day. You must be T.E.A.M. trained to work a Steeler game as beer is served. 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. TEAM training is conducted promptly at 6:00 pm on various dates at Heinz Field. Currently the following dates are available: 9/27, 10/12, and 10/20. Once class roster spots fill up then registration is closed so get your requests in fast. *Martti & Dorinne Kinnunen*

**CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT** The GBB, parents and students, will be on-hand at the Miracle Mile store on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 for Spirit Night. A few more parents are needed to help out along with any student who would like to take part. And don't forget... invite your friends and family to stop by for dinner and the GBB benefits. *Cyndi Bloise*

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** are still available for those wishing to purchase or sell them. Get out your check book and pick up some at tonight's meeting!

**PIE SHOPPE** The GBB are once again sponsoring a Pie Shoppe fundraiser. The sale kicks off October 1<sup>st</sup>. with orders due early November for delivery in time for Thanksgiving. This is a popular fundraiser that generates a lot of 'repeat customers' plus you earn a couple bucks for every item sold! Please see Sharon Swaney or any Band Booster officer if you have any questions.

**CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS AD SALES** We are hosting the Contest of Champions band competition here at Gateway on Saturday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Part of hosting means putting together a program of the show to be sold at the door. The program contains descriptions of each band's show, a score sheet, pictures, and ads. *The cost to create the program is paid for by soliciting business, family, and patron ads.* Ad forms have been distributed to everyone's folders and will be posted on the website. Feel free to copy or print as many as you need.

**DISNEY WORLD TRIP** The final payment of \$110 was due yesterday, 9/20 which completes your child's \$685 cost. Now all that's left is to plan your Disney Days and pack your bags! If this is your first trip to Disney or you want some ideas on things you may have missed in the past, there are great websites available to guide you. Spend some time browsing [AllEars.net](http://AllEars.net) or [Mousesavers.com](http://Mousesavers.com) for some great info and fun suggestions. If you are not current on your payments, please contact Mr. Read as soon as possible. Payment checks should be made out to the Gateway Marching Band and submitted to Mr. Read.

**FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENT** Thanks to all the families who maintained their assessment payments for the 2010 Marching Band season. If you missed any installment and/or need to make arrangements to complete your payments, please contact a Board member immediately.

**SARRIS CANDY ORDER** Boxes of candy will be available at the meeting on a first come/first served basis for anyone wishing to sell some. The cost per box is \$32, payable upon receipt, of which \$16 will go directly to your student's account. Once you sell your candy, you keep all revenue to compensate for the \$32 expenditure. Candy is generally available every Tuesday evening after practice. Orders / questions? E-mail Janette Johnson at [netta777@hotmail.com](mailto:netta777@hotmail.com).

**LOTTERY TICKETS** The next Raffle Ticket sale date will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch your folders for your set.

**DINNER NIGHT OUT** The next Dinner Night Out will be Wednesday, 9/29 at Applebee's. Go online to printout your flyer to ensure the Band gets credit. Share the word with friends and family! *Desiree Casey*

**CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT** The next night is scheduled for Wednesday 10/6 from 4:00-7:00. This is a great opportunity to earn much-needed funds AND get out of cooking! Remember, points and 'pay' are available to any parent or student interested in helping out. Please request your spots early as this popular 'fun'draiser fills up fast. Also, remember you are representing the Gateway Band in the spirit of teamwork and cheer. Please maintain a positive, respectful attitude at all times and adhere to the guidelines set by the chairperson. *Cyndi Bloise*

**GATEWAY BAND COOKBOOKS** are coming along nicely. Because of all of you who submitted recipes – we achieved about 75% participation – we have close to 300! Cookbook orders can still be taken (another order form will be distributed) so keep them coming. We have about 150 sold already! Sample pages of the covers and dividers will be available for review at tonight's meeting. Thanks to Sharon Swaney for making a custom cover possible for our book! Each cookbook sells for \$10 and should generate around a \$5 profit making this a beautiful, long-lasting, and inexpensive gift for the holidays. Families and students alike will appreciate it when they see not only delicious recipes but the student's picture and info as well. *Kim Limbacher*

**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. **Next order is due Friday 10/1 by 5:30.** Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. *Tammy Johnson*

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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.**