

# 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 February/March daily schedule includes:

Mon HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00  
Tue MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00  
3/16 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00  
Wed Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00  
Thu HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 6:00  
2/18 – Dinner Out at Max and Erma's  
3/11 – Hoagie Pick-up – 4:30  
Fri Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00  
Sat Winter Percussion Rehearsal – 9:00  
MS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 9:00  
HS Winter Guard Rehearsal – 12:00  
2/20 – WGI at Norwin  
2/27 – Winter Show at Gateway  
2/27 – Hoagie Orders Due – 5:30  
3/13 – Mars Show

**WINTER PROGRAM FEES** This year's fee schedule has been 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. It is extremely important to be on time with all payments as members with outstanding fees may be ineligible for participation. The second payment was due last Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:

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

The third payment is due on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS** Nominations will be taken 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. Please let it be known if you would like to be considered for election. Voting will take place in March!

**NEW MARIMBA** At last month's meeting, 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. We are excited to take delivery of the new Marimba in the very near future.

**DINNER NIGHT OUT:** Join us for a dinner out at Max and Erma's this Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to print out your coupon for you and your family and friends so that the Band may earn 20% of your total bill. This applies to take out as well!  
*Desiree Casey*

**WINTER PROGRAM SHOW** Gateway is hosting a winter show on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember this show supports **all** the Bands of Gateway and as such, every family is needed to support the program. Please bring three (3) dozen cookies to the high school cafeteria by 9:00 am. Help is still needed in various positions such as Candy and Flower Sales, Concessions, and Floaters. Also, remember to get those siblings involved as well ~ they can help as Guard and Judge Hosts.  
*Judi Mazzenga*

**MARCHING BAND 2010!!!** – We may still be shoveling out of 3 feet of snow but its time to start looking forward to summer. Here are some dates:

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 Chick-fil-A 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'.

**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*

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

**PIE SHOPPE BAKE SALE** We will be offering another Pie Shoppe Bake Sale next month. Orders are due 3/19 and delivery will be 3/29. For every pie sold, you earn \$2.00 in your student's account. Anyone interested in helping with this tasty and profitable sale, please contact the Board.

**HOAGIE SALE CHANGE** 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 **LAST SATURDAY** of the month and delivered the second Thursday of the month. **Next order is due February 27<sup>th</sup> by 5:30.** Pickup will be **Thursday 3/11** at 4:30 in the GHS Café. Note: **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted. *Tammy Johnson*

**PIZZA SALE** Make a dinner deal out of the monthly Stratwood sale! Stratwood is offering us pizzas for sale. For only \$6.00 your customers get an oven-ready (or freezer-ready!) pizza and you earn \$2.35 in your student account (a correction from last month's amount written in error). Pair the pizza up with a couple hoagies and your family is well taken care of. Order information will be made available once the Boosters decide whether to include this fundraiser.

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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](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. \*\***