



The Bands of Gateway High School

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BAND SCHEDULE. Please check your e-mail for valuable updates to the band's summer schedules. The July/August weekly schedule includes:

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| M-F | 8/4 -8/15 – Band Camp – 8:00-4:00 |
| Tue | 8/19 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30 Band Booster Meeting (LGI Rm) – 7:00 |
| Wed | 8/6 – Hoagie Orders Due 8/13 – Dinner Out at Max & Erma's |
| Thu | 8/14 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:00 |
| Fri | 8/8 – Night at the Races – 7:00 |
| Sat | 8/16 – Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade Band Pictures |
| Sun | 8/17 – Pool Party |

BAND CAMP It's that time of year again! Two weeks in August: 4th through 15th, Mon–Fri. from 8:00 - 4:00. **Attendance is mandatory.** Lunch and snacks will be provided. The kids should bring plenty of water, a hat and sunglasses, and lots of sunscreen!

FAIR SHARE ASSESSMENTS Each member of the marching band is assessed a "fair share" fee for the year. This money, which goes into the General Fund, is used to pay for entry fees, transportation, clothing, equipment, and other costs associated with the band. The '08-'09 **Marching Band** fair share is **\$250**, which can be paid in full or according to this schedule:

- 1st payment of **\$100** due **July 3rd** (contact Board if not paid)
- 2nd payment of **\$75** due **August 4th**
- 3rd payment of **\$75** due **August 26th**

Checks should be made payable to **Gateway Band Boosters (GBB)**. Fair Share payments should be put in Mike Kelly's folder or given to financial secretary, Janet Kelly, 707 Billberry Dr. Monroeville PA 15146. Additionally, each family is asked to participate/contribute **\$150** in fundraising for the General Fund. Details are in the Fundraising Guide on the web-site.

CONTEST ADS are being sold for the program book for the two fall shows – Contest of Champions on 9/20 and PIMBA Championships on 10/25. Carolyn Getsie is working on the details. More info to come.

ANNOUNCER NEEDED for all home and away football games. Anyone interested should contact Dave Cook

POOL PARTY will be held on 8/17 from 4:00 – 8:00 at the Gateway Heights Pool Club. Cost is \$1/child if not a pool member. Admission is free for non-swimmers. We will need 2-3 parents to help with food. Please contact Shirley Goppman for info.

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NIGHT AT THE RACES GBB is hosting a Night at the Races on Friday August 8th from 7:00 – 11:00 (doors open at 6:30). The Board is excited about this event and believes it will be a very fun and profitable night. Here's how it works:

- 1) Horses are sold for \$10 per horse. There are 10 horses in a race and 10 races run during the event. The winning horse owner will receive \$25 and the Boosters will make \$75 off of each race. Please have your horse buyers provide a jockey name with each horse purchased.
- 2) Bets are taken before every race. The max bet is \$2 per horse. The Boosters receive ½ of the total amount of bets and the remaining ½ is split evenly amongst the winning tickets.
- 3) There is an 11th race known as an "AUCTION RACE." Each of the 10 horses in the race is put up for auction to the crowd. There is no limit to what any horse can sell for. The winning owner receives ½ of what all of the horse were sold for and the Boosters receive the other ½.
- 4) 100 Trifecta tickets are sold throughout the night for \$6. The winning ticket gets ½ of the amount collected. If there is no winning Trifecta ticket, the Boosters keep the money.

The more horses/jockeys and admission tickets sold (used to cover rental, pizza, and entertainment), the more the Boosters can make. We are asking the following from every band family:

- SELL (at minimum):** 3 – \$10 Horses
2 – \$10 Admission Tickets or
1 - \$15 Couples Ticket (Advance Sale Only)

DONATE: One instant Lottery Ticket (any value)
- \$5 (money will be used to purchase pop, snacks, paper products, and salad)

Flyers and horse and ticket sale sheets are posted on the website under 'FORMS'. All items (Horse & Ticket Sales Sheet, Money and Donations) are to be turned in by **Tue. July 22th**. Items can be given to **Mr. Read, Regina Cook** or **Dave Cook**. Please also contact Dave if you can help with set up/clean up.

PHONE TREE The Phone Tree is being discontinued. All communications will be made through e-mails, the message board, and the monthly newsletter. Anyone who wants phone updates can contact Loretta Reed.

BAND BOOSTERS BOARD An open board position is available for the Ways and Means Chairperson. Please contact Dave Cook with any nominations.

KENNYWOOD FALL FANTASY PARADE Gateway Band will march on August 16th. Tickets are free for band members.

BAND PICTURES are also scheduled for August 16th. Additional info to follow.

SANDCASTLE FUNDRAISING Get the word out! When friends buy their Sandcastle tickets through the below link and 'RECALCULATE' using our coupon code, you raise funds and they save up to \$8.00 per ticket!

Daily pass: \$17.50 – use Code **GATEBANDWWP**
Season Pass: \$64.95 – use Code **GATEBANDSP**
Just visit www.sandcastlewaterpark.com/store.php#tickets.

LOTTERY All marching band families should have sold a minimum of 10 lottery raffle tickets for the month of July. The winning number will be based on the 7 PM 3-dig PA daily lottery. Each ticket cost \$5 and wins: July 1 - \$100; July 4 & 31 - \$150; the 4 Sat's & Sun's - \$50; the 5 Wed's - \$50; the remaining days - \$25. If you have questions, please call Janet Kelly at 412-372-2049 or e-mail her at bilberrymom1@aol.com.

HOAGIES. Our monthly hoagie sale is a popular fundraiser, and a great way to build up your account. They cost only **\$5.00** for a 12" hoagie, and you'll earn \$1.50 for Turkey or Tuna, and \$2 for Italian or Veggie. Orders and checks payable to *Gateway Band Boosters* should be given to Darla Carras. The order forms are posted online. **Next order is due August 6th**. Pickup is 8/14 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. *Darla Carras, 412-596-6072*

ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

Sensationally Sweet – A profitable fundraiser for the kids
Giant Eagle – Stand and collect donations – TBA
Pasquale's Pizza – Sample coupon cards avail. at meeting
Dinner Out at Max and Erma's – 8/13
Heinz Field – Dates TBA – *T.E.A.M. training on 7/23 at 6:00*

FUNDRAISER CHAIRS. Please give Janet Kelly the student account income amounts as soon as possible after each fundraiser so that the students' accounts are kept up-to-date. You can send her an e-mail at: gbb.financial.secretary@gatewayband.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The World Champion Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps will be making a stop at GHS on August 2nd. The Cavaliers will arrive early in the morning, rehearse in the stadium through the day, and depart in the evening. More details to come.

FROM THE DESK OF MR. READ:

1. Please be sure to send an email or call the band office in the case of an absence from rehearsal.

2. Wow – what a July 4th holiday! A GREAT picnic and rehearsal and a fantastic performance in the holiday parade. Thank you to the parents that helped to organize the picnic and to those who helped clean up. Again – congratulations on and AWESOME first performance of the 2008 GHS Band School Year!

3. "SENSATIONALLY SWEET" fundraiser info was passed out. This was a HUGE fundraiser for the band last year. 100% profit goes to the student accounts. Last year, we had some kids raise \$200 and \$300 just on this fundraiser alone! Yeah - they hustled and sold lots of stuff, but the profit is pretty good per item and they made lots of money! The info can be picked up at the next band rehearsal. There are brochures and order forms on the table in the band room.

4. Are band members practicing EVERY DAY???? They should be! At least for 20 minutes or so. We have LOTS of material to learn. We have a very regimented warm-up routine, as well as some pretty demanding show music with the Pachelbel's "Canon". **EVERY BAND MEMBER SHOULD BE PRACTICING EVERY DAY!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!** There is always time if you make it a priority! Don't EVER let weekly band practices be the only time the instrument is played! **PRACTICE EVERY DAY!**

5. The 2nd payment for the trip to Indianapolis is due on July 16th. However, we won't be there on 7/16, so please make sure it is paid on the 15th. If your band member has the trip amount due in their student accounts, I need an "account deduction" form submitted, informing me to use the funds in his/her student account for the trip. If you do not have the funds in your student's account, please make checks payable to "GATEWAY BAND". Payments **MUST** be made on time - PLEASE!!!!?

6. BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS. ALL PARENTS - please plan to attend. There is an established agenda for the meeting, instead of just incidental ramblings. Oh sure, some conversation at the meetings seems to go on a bit long and gets a bit tedious, but the information discussed is quite important for the success of the band boosters and the band program. Personally, I need your support in order to have a successful Band Program. We have grown our program into a first-class organization, respected musically and visually in the local area, the state, and the nation. In order to sustain our success and excellence, we need PARENT SUPPORT and MOTIVATION. Please plan to attend the meeting and get involved with the band activities. We need you!

PARENTS, PLEASE, PICK UP YOUR CHILD ON TIME AFTER A BAND EVENT! The chaperones must stay until the last band member is picked up after each event so please be considerate of their time.

GHS BUILDING ENTRY - If the main entrance and band room outside doors are locked, try the cafeteria loading dock doors.

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/illinforms/dpwchildabuse.pdf>

IMPORTANT ADDITION: 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.**

2008 BAND BOOSTERS OFFICERS

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