



The Bands of Gateway High School

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BAND WEB SITE. Check the Gateway Band website often for updates to the info in this newsletter: <http://www.gatewayband.org>

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

- Mon 5/26 – Memorial Day Parades – 7:30
- Tue 6/3,10,17 - Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30
6/17 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00
- Wed 6/04 – Hoagie Orders Due
- Thu 6/12 – Hoagie Delivery – 4:00

BAND BOOSTERS BOARD Nominations are needed for Secretary for anyone interested. Congratulations to the other officers for the 2008-09 board:

- President: Dave Cook
- Vice President: Marva Brown
- Treasurer: Cathy Brown
- Financial Secretary: Janet Kelly
- Ways and Means: Dorinne Kinnunen

Please lend these officers your support in the coming year! And a big THANK YOU to the outgoing 2007-08 board. Thanks for your time and dedication to a job well done!

KENNY CHESNEY CONCERT Volunteers are needed to staff the Kenny Chesney at Heinz Field on June 14th. Arrival is 12:00, gates open at 2:00, and the concert begins at 4:00. You must be TEAM trained. Info on additional training dates will be made available ASAP. Interested? Please contact Dorinne Kinnunen at Kinnunen04@comcast.net or call 412-373-0235.

GATEWAY BAND BANQUET This year's Band Banquet was held at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Rd in Penn Hills. There was an excellent turnout to see the students receive the recognition they deserved. Thanks to all for a great year!

GET READY FOR SUMMER MINI-CAMP Just a reminder that mini-camp will be the week of June 23rd-26th. Anyone not on vacation is encouraged to attend. Winds and Percussion will meet at 9:00 AM and Guard will practice at 5:30 PM. See you there!

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 7:30 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 10:00. It's going to be a close fit! 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.

Please, please don't miss the parade! Everyone needs to be in attendance. The band has a commitment to the communities to march in these parades – and these are two of the most important. 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

Things are looking fantastic so far for this year's band with a great group of upperclassmen ready to step up and take charge. 109 students signed up for the band so far – and that doesn't include Color Guard. This moves Gateway Marching Band to Class AAAA!

Color Guard workshops and tryouts will be May 20-22. Any girl in grades 7-11 is eligible to tryout for the Color Guard. Our guard has developed a national reputation over the past few years so talk up recruitment!

We need tubas!! We have one band student on tuba, Aaron Reed, but we would like an additional 1 or 2 tuba players for the band. Aaron will be away with the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps this summer and when he returns he'll be a monster player! However, he needs some company in the tuba section. If anyone knows anyone who wants to try the tuba – send them this way!

Mark Your Calendar!

The World Champion Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps will be making a stop at Gateway High School this summer. On Saturday, August 2nd, the Cavaliers will arrive EARLY in the morning, rehearse in the stadium throughout the day, and depart in the evening. This is a great opportunity for our students to witness superior musicianship and artistry – right here in our stadium and music suite! More details will follow.

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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 June 4th.** Pickup is 6/12 from 4-5pm in the GHS Cafeteria. *Darla Carras, 412-596-6072*

SARRIS PRETZELS. Sarris Pretzels are available for sale. For every pack of pretzels you sell for \$1, you'll earn \$.50. You must pay in full for the pretzels when you pick them up. *Mary Duggan, 412-856-7387, momnono@aol.com*

"I SUPPORT THE BANDS OF GATEWAY" DECALS are available, 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.00. See Marva Brown.

FUNDRAISER CHAIRS. Please give Honi Kleya 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.

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. Please be considerate of your fellow band parents and pick up your child on time so the chaperones can go home and get some rest!

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/fillinform/pspchildabuse.pdf>

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