

# 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 September/October daily schedule includes:

Mon 9/21, 28 – Winds & Percussion Reh. – 2:45  
10/10 – Winds & Percussion Reh. – 2:45  
Tue 9/22 – Vera Bradley Orders Due  
-- Candy Fundraiser Pick-Up – 8:45  
9/22, 29 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
10/6, 13, 20 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 5:30  
10/6 – Hoagie Orders Due  
10/20 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00  
-- Candy Fundraiser Pick-Up – 8:45  
Wed 9/16 – Hoss's Dinner Night Out Fundraiser  
9/30 – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Dinner – 4:00  
10/14 – Applebee's Dinner Night Out  
Thu 9/17 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 2:45  
-- Celebrate Monroeville Performance  
-- Home Opener vs Latrobe  
-- Candy Orders Due  
9/24, 10/8, 15 – Winds Rehearsal – 2:45  
-- Percussion & Guard Reh. – 5:30  
10/1 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 2:45  
10/15 – Hoagie Pick-Up – 4:30  
-- Candy Order Due  
Fri 9/25 – Game at Penn-Trafford – 5:30  
10/2 – Game vs Norwin – 5:30  
10/9 – Game at Hempfield – 5:30  
10/16 – Homecoming ~ Senior Recognition\*  
Sat 9/26 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 12:00  
-- Elizabeth Forward Contest  
10/10 – Full Ensemble Rehearsal – 12:00  
-- Fort Ligonier Days Parade  
-- Contest at West Allegheny  
10/17 – Macy's Shopping Pass Fundraising

**SENIOR NIGHT RECOGNITION** The graduating class of 2010 will be honored at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> football game during half-time festivities. As our band students must leave immediately following half-time for the Bands of America trip, we will celebrate Senior Night after the Homecoming game on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**GOLD SALE FUNDRAISER** The highly profitable gold sale is back starting tonight! Dig through those jewelry boxes for any unworn/ unwanted gold pieces and bring them with you for immediate profit! Also, please feel free to invite friends and family to attend these monthly meeting/ sales for a win-win night!

*Mike and Rosalind Daily*

**HEINZ FIELD** – The Boosters are working multiple games this year and will add more pending the number of volunteers. The next game dates are:

Sat 9/19 – Pitt vs Navy  
Sun 10/18 – Steelers vs Browns  
Sat 11/14 vs Notre Dame

Booster groups that staff concessions earn a percentage of the stand's take for that day. While the economy is always a factor, volunteers have in the past earned \$75 or more for their efforts. You must be T.E.A.M. trained to work a Steeler game. 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*

**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*

**DINNER NIGHT OUT:** This month's Night Out is at Hoss's Steak and Seafood. Go online to printout your flyer so the Band gets credit. The next night out will be Applebee's on 10/14. Come on out and enjoy!  
*Desiree Casey*

**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 from the GBB, \$26.00 goes to your student's account. Be sure to **plan ahead and complete the order sheets posted in the Band Room. The next two orders with payment are due 9/17 and 10/15 with delivery 9/22 and 10/20 respectively** - \$52.00 payable to GBB. A limited supply of additional boxes is available outside of order dates for unanticipated needs.

*Janette Johnson – Orders with payment  
Brenda Abel – Back-up supply*

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** fundraiser ends tonight so if you didn't get your order in yet, please do so. The GBB maintained the \$20 cost with \$10 still earned in profit for your student's account! These will be the **ONLY** books we sell this year so get the word out.

*Sherree Patterson*

**VERA BRADLEY:** This year we have a "2-For":

\*\* Raffle – A beautiful 7 piece luggage set valued at over \$800 will be raffled off in time to make a great holiday gift to a loved one or yourself. Tickets are \$5.00 and the students will share in a 50/50 split. Every family is asked to sell 20 tickets and \$50 will be credited to the student's accounts.

\*\* The Vera Bradley sale is through Specialty Luggage in Fox Chapel is winding down. Orders must be turned in no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup> so get that last push going. The kids earn 20% of all sales in their student accounts!

*Sue Fenster & Len Mellinger*

**HOAGIE SALE:** The monthly hoagie sale is a great way to build up your account. In response to input from various Booster members, the GBB Board has is back to the Stratwood's hoagie sale that has been used in seasons past. 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 will still be due the first Tuesday of the month but will now be delivered the second Thursday of the month. **Next order is due October 6<sup>th</sup> by 5:30.** Pickup will be **Thursday 10/15** at 4:30 in the GHS Café. Note: NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.

*Tammy Johnson*

**PIE SHOPPE** The GBB are once again sponsoring a Pie Shoppe fundraiser. Information will be out soon for these delicious pies. Orders will be due early November for delivery 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!*

**MACY'S SHOPPING PASS** The GBB will be supporting a Macy's Shopping Pass purchase at the Monroeville Mall store on Saturday 10/17. Tables will be set up to sell these \$5.00 cards to shoppers who will earn a discount on all their purchases. As yet another opportunity to earn points, if you are interested in staffing a table outside the store, please see a board member.

*Melanie McClaine*

**"HELP WANTED!!"** 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
- \* Craft Show Co-Chair 50 / Workers 10/hr
- \* Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Workers 10/hr
- \* Macy's Shopping Pass sales 10/hr

**PARTICIPATION POINTS** To assure our kids get the support they need and to distribute the workload fairly, volunteers are needed and will earn Participation Points. A family with one student must earn at least 200 points per season. Families with two or more students must earn at least 300 points. Students that have the minimum required points receive benefits from the Boosters such as a paid ticket to the end-of-year Band Banquet. The Board has assigned different points amounts to various activities/duties to make it easy to earn the points required. Plus, any family member can earn points for the student so get those siblings signed up! Sign-up sheets are made available for upcoming events. 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**" due for the year the third of which, \$95.00, is due tonight. This money is used to pay for entry fees, transportation, clothing, equipment, and other costs associated with the band. The Board restructured the fees and fundraising distributions this year to simplify the process. The Fair Share Assessment this year, which includes your child's trip to West Chester PA this fall, is \$380. Any unpaid first two payments are now past due. The final \$95.00 payment is due October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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, for any reason, you cannot make these payments on their due dates, you must contact a member of the board ASAP to work out a payment schedule. To offset the Assessment, families will be given many opportunities for fundraising that will 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 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](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.