

March 2008



Band Notes

Important Dates for February:

- March —Cheesecake/Pretzel Fund Raiser Delivered before Easter Break.
- March 10—Booster Meeting
- March 11—Sr Chorus Concert

President's Corner

Make sure to say "Thank you!"

Working with the public creates some wonderful opportunities to observe people. No matter how many times I hear it, few things make me smile as much as a small person looking up at me saying, "Thank you." Usually it comes out as "Dankku" but the point is made. We need to show our appreciation when someone has done something nice for us.

As we reflect back on the marching band season and look forward to enjoying the "concert season", one fact immediately comes to the forefront. Our band is blessed with incredible talent!

Having attended the Winter Band Concert, I had to keep reminding myself that these are high school students. The level of difficulty in the pieces and the quality of the musicianship in the performance is above and beyond most high school music departments and even some collegiate performers.

The musicians featured during the concert are a testament to the incredible staff of teachers that nurture the love of music in our students and then encourage and challenge them to perform above even their own personal expectations. And we, the audience, get to enjoy the end result.

How do our students attain this level of proficiency? Practice, practice, practice. Do you realize that our band musicians perform on a weekly basis in the fall before thousands of fans during football games, competitions and parades? Our music department's concerts pack the house in an over 800 seat auditorium. GSPA brings in even more guests for 6 shows per production. Many of our students are selected each year to perform in county, district and state bands, orchestras and choruses. And every 4 years we have center stage before tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world as we march down Main St in Disney World. The list could go on, but I believe you get the point.

There is a reason that small logo on the right side of this page is there. This truly is one of the best communities in America for music education! Our dedicated music staff is to be highly praised not only for their talent but for their love of their profession and, more importantly, their love of our students. It may be a little biased, but I think perhaps we could say that our community is number 1 in music education. If you agree, make sure to say "Dankku" to a music teacher. They have certainly done something nice for us.

Andrea

Upcoming Meetings

Band Boosters

March 10th, 7pm

Cancellations and corrections can be found on the band calendar at : www.gsband.com

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Fundraiser forms can be found on the Garden Spot Band Booster Website; www.gsband.com/forms.htm



Ten reasons why we need your help with the operation of the Fry Stand.

The Fry Stand must be open during varsity events on the football field; if we can't open it, the school will then let another booster organization run it for the profits without any reimbursement to the Band Boosters.

The cost for the Disney trip would have gone up by \$45.00 per person.

There would be no donuts, picnic or cool pops at band camp, unless it was all donated.

There would be no raincoats for the band members.

There would be no scholarships.

There would be no flowers during senior night or gifts for the seniors at the banquet.

The banquet cost for students would have been what parents paid.

There would be no band special activity for the students.

Water bottles for the parades and games would need to be donated.

We wouldn't be able to help out Mr. Fitz, Mr. Moll or Mrs. Schoener with their PMEA dues, which enables our music teachers and students to participate in the Elementary Honors Band, Middle School Honors Band, LLMEA County and PMEA District 7 band events.

We have 3-4 people who are willing to help with stocking, opening, running it for the night or closing of the fry stand during the upcoming fall season but we need more. Please consider helping us in this area. There are about 15 games scheduled from a Monday to a Sunday which include midget football games. If we would have 15 people to participate as a coordinator for a day, then no one would need to be there more than once during the Fall Sports season. Let Abby Keiser at 354-5588 know if you are able to help us out in any way. Can you help?

Featured Senior Performers at the Winter Band Concert



Chris Orr, Kate Timpson,
Emily Dissinger, Josiah Eubank,
Katie Hotaling



Yoders Receipts and Your Student Account

Yoder's receipts are being collected as a fund raiser for your student to help offset the cost of trips and other events associated with being in the band. Please remember that the funds raised during a collection period may take up to three months for volunteers to count and verify your receipts, submit them to Yoder's for processing and receive a check. Monies cannot be credited to your student account until the funds have been received from Yoder's. Please plan accordingly.

Please contact Tim Heitz, Student Account Treasurer, at tjheitz@comcast.net with any questions regarding your student account.

Middle School Parents

I wish I would have known...

When our son went to 7th grade and started receiving band newsletters, I scanned them for middle school info and passed on most everything else. Fundraisers?! There will be plenty of those while he's in high school. Let's face it...most of us feel "fund-raised-out" by the end of elementary school!

Here's what I wish would have really sunk in for me: the money the kids raise goes into their own personal accounts and those start in middle school, not high school. Disney is a wonderful experience, but also a little expensive. We missed all of the 7th grade opportunities and most of the 8th grade ones when we could have been "saving up" for Disney. Seventh grade is not too early to start! Our daughter is in 7th this year and already has money in her account for the trip in 2012 - and I'm hoping to raise enough to help pay my way as a chaperone then, too!

Kelli Beaver

Order your GS Band Memory Book / Marching Season Highlights DVD

This year we have two ways to remember the marching season from 2007.

We are offering a Memory Book from Creative Memories with photos and features in a yearbook style. This book is full of great photos and will be a treasured keepsake for many years to come. Memory Book order form is available online at www.gsband.com/forms

Also available is a DVD containing the 2007 marching season field show, and from Disney, the workshop video, the entire Jazz Band Performance featuring many photos of the trip to Disney and the marching bands performance in "Dreams Come True" Parade. The DVD will also include 95 photos of our band taken by Disney's photographers during the parade. Highlights DVD order form is available online at www.gsband.com/forms.

Fundraisers

Fundraiser forms, tally sheets and other important information can be found at the booster website: www.gsband.com Check it out!

Looking for an easy to do fund raiser. Collect Yoder's Market receipts. Each student receives 1% of the total from receipts they turn in deposited into their student account.

Please **DO**:

- check to be sure the receipt dates fall within the collection period
- include student's name, grade and actual receipts total (not the %)
- use the **ADJ TOTAL** (after subtotal, before tax)
- include only original receipts
- fold the receipts flat
- include receipts from **Yoder's Market** or **Yoder's Pharmacy**
- tally the receipts, fill out the form below, and place the packet in the plastic box marked specifically for **Yoder's Receipts**

Please **DO NOT**:

- do not highlight receipts - it smears the ink, making it difficult to verify
- do not include receipts from Yoder's Gas Island, Petal Perfect, Yoder's Restaurant, Gift Shop, charge account payments or gift card purchases
- do not include photocopies of receipts
- do not put the packet with receipts and form in the white payments box
- do not turn the packet in late - they cannot be accepted due to deadlines
- do not roll up receipts and rubber band them - we individually check each one and have to flatten them to do so and also to turn them in to Yoder's

This is the Band Booster policy – contacting Yoder's will not change the Band Booster policy –

NO EXCEPTIONS! Anyone with questions, please contact Suzanne Kopp

Dates on receipts should be from January 1, through March 31, 2008 only! Turn in date is April 1 & 2, 2008

****Credit will be entered into student accounts when we receive the funds from Yoder's. We cannot advance credits.**

Upcoming Fund Raisers:

- Yoder's Receipts: Collect between Jan 1—Mar 31. Turn-in dates Apr 1 & 2, 2008
Form available online

Next Band Booster Meeting:

March 10, 2008

7:00 pm

Band Room

Booster Officers 2007/2008

- President—Andrea Berstler 351-0590
- V. Pres.—Abby Keiser
- Treasurer—Vicky Trego 610-286-0295
- Secretary—Jim Eubank
- Student Account Secretary—Tim Heitz
- Financial Secretary—Karen Miller

GSHS Band Officers 2007/2008

- President—Katie Parkes
- Vice President—Emily Dissinger
- Secretary—Kim Landis
- Treasurer—Jackie Trego
- Historian—Amanda Tyson
- Librarian—Carley Myers
- 12th Grade Rep—Chris Orr
- 11th Grade Rep—David Stoltzfus
- 10th Grade Rep—Stephanie Fisher
- 9th Grade Rep—Sam Kulp

TIPS FOR COLLECTING AND TALLYING YODER'S RECEIPTS

Due April 1 & 2, 2008

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YODER'S MARKET (717) 354-4748		
10/13/2005	TERM 6	2:11:27
Gold Savings	1 @ .20	(\$0.20)FW
FRSH REDUCED PRD	1 @ .16	\$0.16F
00020482700000		
SUBTOTAL	28	\$32.70
DISCOUNT		-\$1.72
ADJ TOTAL		\$30.98
TAX		\$0.29
TOTAL		\$31.27
DUPLICATE		\$31.27
CASH		\$40.00
CHANGE DUE		\$8.73
YOU EARNED \$6.07 IN GOLD SAVINGS WITH THIS TRANSACTION		

YODER'S RESTAURANT AND BUFFET LAND AND SEA BUFFET		
ONLY \$10.99 FRIDAY EVENINGS FROM 4 TO 8 PM		



Name _____

Grade _____

Total of receipts \$ _____

Garden Spot Marching Band 2007-2008
StoryBook Order Form

Price - \$52.00

*These books are being offered at cost, and include shipping and tax.

Name _____
Grade _____

Please place orders in the white
box in the band room, or mail to:

Payment Method: Amount:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Account	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit Card	_____

Kelli Beaver
PO Box 526
Blue Ball, PA 17506

CC # _____
3-digit code on back _____
expiration month/year _____
billing address zip code _____

(this option will require an additional fee
of \$2 to cover processing fees)

Checks may be made payable to Kelli Beaver.

Payment and orders are due by Friday, 2/29/08. Delivery will be in mid-March.



2007-2008 GSHS Marching Band DVD Highlights of the Marching Band Season

Just \$5.00 each

Attention Students- you may use funds from your band account if orders are placed by May 30, 2008

DVD's will be made available for pick up at school

Please fill out and return bottom portion of this form



Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Grade _____

Quantity _____ @ \$5 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Check here if you wish to use your student account
(name and grade must be completed to use student account)

Make checks payable to **GS Band Boosters**

DVD includes:

2007 Field Show

Disney Workshop Video

Jazz Band Performance

“Dreams Come True” Parade

95 Professional Photos of our band
marching in the parade

Place orders in the White Box in the band room or

Mail orders to:

GSHS Band DVD
c/o Andrea Berstler
586 E Jackson St
New Holland, PA 17557