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Virginia Beach Trip Diaries by Katie Parkes

Thursday, April 20

I couldn't wait to feel the sand between my toes! We left GSHS at 6:00 this morning and boy, was it a long ride! We arrived at Virginia Beach around 1:30 p.m. and stepped off the bus to 80 degree + weather. Everyone was in a hurry to go to the beach, get in the water (which was freezing cold), shop or just relax on the sand. How awesome! 4:30 p.m. came around quickly and it was a mad rush to get into our formal dress and primp for the three-hour "Spirit of Norfolk" Dinner Cruise. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, interactive cabaret-style entertainment and dancing while cruising on the Elizabeth River.

Friday, April 21

After a great buffet breakfast, we traveled to the US Naval Base in Norfolk for a one-hour long guided bus tour. We toured the entire base and had the privilege of seeing a number of different ships in the naval fleet, including two aircraft carriers. Afterwards, we stopped at the MacArthur Center Mall for lunch in the food court, and then headed off to Tallwood

High School in Virginia Beach for the "Festivals of Music" jazz band and concert band competition. We then returned to the motel to get changed for dinner at the "Face the Music" interactive dinner theater that challenged our musical IQ and included a fun and friendly competition.

Saturday, April 22

After another great breakfast, we departed for Tallwood High School for the marching band competition. Following a quick change of clothes, we left for Busch Gardens, which wound up being rained out! Despite the fact that we all got drenched, we still had fun, and we learned that our jazz band placed 3rd, our concert band placed 2nd, and our marching band placed 1st in the "Festivals of Music" competition. In addition, GSHS won the "Esprit de Corps" award for the best overall behavior, attitude and team spirit displayed by the schools participating in the competition. Awesome! Due to the rain, we left Busch Gardens early and went back to the motel for some free-time, including pizza in the hallways, games and movies

in our rooms, and shopping in some of the shops along Atlantic Avenue.

Sunday, April 23

Wow! These four days sure went by fast! After yet another great breakfast, we left the hotel at 7:30 a.m. and headed for Colonial Williamsburg. When we arrived, we split into groups to go on guided tours. Some stops included the capitol building, the village jail, wig shop, tailor shop, the Governor's palace gardens, the silver-smith, and Shield's Tavern. We were then given an hour to eat lunch, shop and explore the shops of Colonial Williamsburg before boarding our buses for the return trip home. Following a fun and comfortable ride home on our Elite motor coaches, we arrived at the high school ahead of schedule, tired but full of wonderful memories of our long-awaited trip to Virginia beach.

This was truly an amazing and memorable trip thanks to everyone involved who helped to make it become a reality for those of us who are fortunate enough to be part of the GSHS Spartan Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands!

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

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Middle School Half–Notes:



Congratulations go out to these students who participated in the Middle School Honors Band Pictured Left to Right;

Back Row: **Sam Kulp, David Shaffer, Ray Kahler, JC Wenger**

Front Row: **Ashley Weaver, Claire Depew, Hein Nguyen**

Missing from Photo: **Hanna Stoltzfus**

Upcoming

The MS will be holding their spring concert on May 4, 2006 in the HS Auditorium.

The MS will be participating in "Music In the Park", Friday, May 12 at Hershey Park.

The HS will be holding their spring Ensemble Concert, Thursday, May 11 in the HS Auditorium.

The HS will be holding their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 18, in the HS Auditorium

For information on the music department schedules visit our website at www.gsband.com/calendar



Dates for next season's parades and exhibition

The dates for next seasons parades and exhibitions are listed below. Please mark your calendar now for upcoming opportunities to support the GSHS Marching Spartans.

Denver Parade...Sept. 13, 2006

Hempfield Exhibition....Sept. 16, 2006

Ephrata Parade....Sept. 27, 2006

New Holland Parade.....Oct. 4, 2006

A Warm Note of Thanks!

A special note of thanks received by the Band Boosters from the bus drivers at the last Booster meeting. A card thanking the Band Boosters for inviting them to our banquet was filled with thoughts of gratitude for being included in the annual banquet at Shady Maple. Each driver that transported our band to football games, parades, competitions, etc. wrote a nice note of appreciation to the band for their kindness and consideration. A continuing theme in the notes was the drivers felt honored to be involved with a great group of kids in the band

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 and Pharmacy receipts. Each student receives 1% of the total from receipts they turn in deposited into their student account.

Please make sure you are using the correct subtotal. Due to new Yoder's discounts, some receipts are not sub totaled. You will need to write in the adjusted subtotal amount below the total showing on the receipt.

1. The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's register receipts dated within our collection period.
2. The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts on the collection dates published in the newsletter and posted at school.
3. Funds will be credited to the student's band account only.

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

NO EXCEPTIONS! Anyone with questions, please contact Sue Spotts.

Dates on receipts should be from April 1—May 31, 2006 only! Turn

Current Fundraisers:

Yoder's Receipts: Collect receipts from Yoder's Market or Yoder's Pharmacy between April 1st– May 31st. 2006 June 1st and 2nd.

\$247,000.00 collected last period.

50/50 sub sale Order hand in date May 15th

Pick up dates-May 23rd

Next Band Booster

Meeting:

Monday,

May 8, 2006

7:00 pm

Band Room

Everyone Welcome!

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Thank You!