

August 2010



Band Notes

Important Upcoming Dates :

August 9, 12, 16, 19, 23 and 26
Evening Band Rehearsals 6:30-9:30 pm

August 26-Picture night (Please bring full uniforms) and Turn in date for fundraiser

August 30 First Day of School

President's Corner

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many parents and volunteers that made this year's Band Camp a success!!! There were so many who assisted with EZ-ups, cool pops, uniform fitting, cooking for the picnic, cleaning out the fry stand (for the last time), filling and carrying the water cooler, helping with paperwork, setting up for parent night and many other tasks. To all that helped this year, know that both the students and I greatly appreciate all you have done! We are very blessed to have a wonderful group of parent volunteers (as well as our volunteer siblings and parents of alumni). I would especially like to thank and to welcome our new freshman parent volunteers, many of whom have immediately gotten involved, building our band organization for the future.

I would also like to again thank Dart Container corporation, who not only paid us to staff the food stand but also donated a tremendous amount of food, drinks and paper products that we were able to use during band camp, the picnic and parent night. In addition, the boosters are also grateful to the Lancaster Barnstormers who provided the tennis balls for the fundraiser on parent night, as well as a family four-pack of tickets for one of the prizes. Other prizes which were used for parent night or will be used in the future were contributed by the Reading Phillies, Mount Hope Renaissance Faire, Sonic, Lickety Split, S&S Grill, and New Holland Coffee Company. Thanks again to all these businesses who are willing to support our students!!

Disney Trip 2012

The Boosters and the Marching Band are already starting to plan for our next big trip - Disney! This trip will take place during the 2011-12 school year. The Disney trip is an important highlight of most band students' career. It takes place once every four years and includes marching in the parade down Main Street.

The first meeting for this trip will be held on January 10, 2011. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for at least one parent of every student planning on going on the trip.

The Boosters are also seeking a parent or two who are willing to lead and organize this trip. Abby Keiser, who has organized several past trips, will be available for guidance and support. If you are interested in taking charge of this trip, please call Angie at 538-4448.

Next Band Boosters Meeting is September 13, 2010

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



FUNDRAISERS:

August Student Fundraiser

This month's fundraiser is Gianni's, which includes pizza and other snack food items. Forms were distributed Tuesday, August 3 at Band Camp. If you did not receive a form, or have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Kathleen DePew at 445-9623. Forms must be returned by August 26 to the White Box in the band room, and orders may be picked up between 4:30 and 6:00 in the band room on September 7. Please note that orders must be picked up promptly as they will need to be refrigerated or frozen.

Ipad Raffle and Other Booster Fundraisers

Due to the closing of our fry stand this year, the band boosters are looking for other opportunities to replace the income that was lost. One such fundraiser is the raffle for an Ipad. Tickets cost \$5 each, and each band member is asked to sell 10 raffle tickets to family and friends. The winners will be announced at the last home football game on November 5th. The grand prize includes a WIFI enabled, 16 GB Ipad with cover. There will also be several consolation prizes including gift certificates to local businesses. We are very excited about this opportunity!

We also welcome other ideas for fundraising opportunities for the band boosters as a whole and are discussing other events such as basket bingo or spaghetti dinners which will be discussed at a later date. If anyone has any contacts for donations for items that could be used at such events or in our raffles, please contact Angie Gornish at 538-4448.

Student Accounts

Participation in fundraisers, Yoder's Gold Card program and other events can begin as early as 7th grade, enabling students to add to their accounts month by month and year by year. In this way, money can be set aside for your student to use for band attire, the band banquet, as well as for the upcoming Disney trip next school year.

For each fundraiser, profits earned by the students will be added to their account. Information regarding how much a student has in his/her account may be directed to Tim Heitz at tjheitz@comcast.net.

If a student quits the band before he/she graduates or when a student graduates, any unused balance can be applied, by email or written request to Tim, to the account of a participating younger sibling (within one year). Otherwise, funds remaining in student accounts one year after graduation are transferred to the Band Booster account to be used for scholarships, senior gifts, band camp and other Booster and band expenses.

Senior Spotlight

Each month we feature 3 band seniors on this page. Seniors, if you have not already completed and turned in your Senior Spotlight form, please complete the form and turn it in to any one of the drum majors. Look for your Senior Spotlight starting next month!

Football Passes

Any parent who may be interested in purchasing a season pass for home games this football season can contact the Athletic Department. The cost this year is \$12.

Fry Stand For Sale!

As mentioned previously, we will no longer be operating our French fry stand due to School District renovations to the stadium. Our French Fry stand, including the shed and other fry stand equipment is for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing the stand or other equipment, please contact Angie Gornish.

Fundraisers

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

Yoder's Gold Card Program

Thanks to Yoder's grocery store, here is the easiest and simplest way to add some money into your band student's account or to add to the booster account as a whole. This is an automated process through the Yoder's Gold Card Program. When you register your gold card, the system will automatically credit your student's account with 1% of the purchase without having to save any receipts, and without the work of the booster's collecting and totaling!

There are two months of the system totaling, then one month off for administrative purposes. Yoder's has timed the off months to be lower volume sales months: January, May and September.

Each student is assigned an ID number (which is designated during registration) to have their account credited. Friends and family members can also register their Gold Cards to be linked to your student's ID as well. For those individuals, such as alumni, who do not have a specific student to support, but would still like to be of help, there is a Band Booster ID they can use to support the group as a whole.

During the off months, Yoder's will send a report that lists each student's total for the month, as well as a check issued to the Band Booster's for the credited amount. The Booster will then credit each student's account for use towards trips, etc.

To obtain your student's ID number, please email Kelli Beaver at: kellcmmc@frontiernet.net.

To register, log on to mycommunityrewards.com and click on the Yoder's Market logo and then "Register Your Gold Card" in the menu to the left. If you are having difficulties accessing this website, go to the customer service desk at Yoder's for help.

Booster Officers 2009/2010

- President-Angie Gornish
- Vice President- Kim Rockelman
- Secretary- Pauline Redding
- Treasurer-Kelli Beaver
- Financial Secretary-Sharon Ziemer
- Student Accounts-Tim Heitz

GSBS Band Officers 2010/2011

- President—Katrina Kennel
- Vice President—Laura Hungerford
- Secretary—Brooke Fisher
- Treasurer—Danika Funk
- Historian—Alex Diem
- Librarian—Rachel Hoover & Ryan Fischer
- 12th Grade Rep—
- 11th Grade Rep—
- 10th Grade Rep—
- 9th Grade Rep—

THE WHITE BOX

Please put any forms and/or payments and/or fundraisers in the white box in the band room. Please do not put cash in the box, but any checks or money orders may be made out to GSBB. We are not responsible for any cash left in the box. Thanks!

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