

GBBPA NOTES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 8/6	All Percussion Rehearsal 6-9pm All Color Guard Rehearsal 5-9pm	Tues 8/14	Band Camp 12:30-9pm Uniform Fitting Sophomore/Drum Majors 5:30-7pm
Tues 8/7	Mandatory Band Meeting 7:30pm Uniform Preparation 6-7:15pm All Percussion Rehearsal 6-9pm All Color Guard Rehearsal 5-9pm	Wed 8/15	Band Camp 12:30-9pm Uniform Fitting Freshman/ Drum Line 5:30-7pm Kona Ice Truck (\$\$)
Wed 8/8	All Percussion Rehearsal 6-9pm All Color Guard Rehearsal 5-9pm Kona Ice Truck (\$\$)	Thur 8/16	Band Camp 12:30-9pm
Thur 8/9	NEW Brass and Woodwind Players 8-12pm	Fri 8/17	Band Camp 8:30-5pm
Fri 8/10	All Percussion Rehearsal 6-9pm All Color Guard Rehearsal 5-9pm NEW Brass and Woodwind Players 8-12pm	Mon 8/20	Band Camp 12:30-9pm
Sun 8/12	Band Camp Tent Set-Up 3-5pm	Tues 8/21	Band Camp 12:30-9pm
Mon 8/13	Band Camp 12:30-9pm Uniform Fitting Seniors and Juniors 5:30-7pm	Wed 8/22	Band Camp 12:30-9pm Kona Ice Truck (\$\$)
		Thur 8/23	Band Camp 12:30-9pm
		Fri 8/24	Band Camp 8:30-5pm Band Camp Lunch BBQ
		Sat 8/25	End of Camp Party 6-10pm



All of these events may need volunteer help. Please check Charms for Volunteer opportunities and sign up today!!



Welcome to the Great Bridge High School Band Family! My name is Drew Ross, and this will be my twelfth year as a high school band director and fourth year at Great Bridge High School. I look forward to working with you and your students!

In this newsletter you will find a great deal of information about band camp, fund raising, uniforms and so much more. Please review this information with your student and make sure that they read the newsletter each time one is sent to the group!

Band camp is a time to learn our 2018 show and football game music, but it is also a time to make many new friends. We will have a BBQ for band students at the end of band camp and will perform for families the Tuesday after camp concludes.

The band program does not run without parental support. The GBBPA is an organization that financially and physically supports the program through fundraisers and volunteering in a variety of capacities. Please volunteer to help out at any opportunity that comes up. Volunteering is also a great way to meet other parents and develop lifelong friendships! The GBBPA truly helps me do what I need to do - teach the students. Without your support, our students will not be able to achieve the great things we have planned for 2018-2019.

If you have questions or need to get in touch, my e-mail address is drew.ross@cpschools.com. You will frequently receive e-mails and Remind messages and can always check www.gbhsband.org for updates and news.

Thanks, and Go Wildcats!



Band Camp starts Monday, August 13th!! Here are some important tips and for starting band camp off right.

*DON'T BE LATE! Please arrive at least 15 minutes early.

*Drink a full glass of water and eat lunch BEFORE leaving home. Drinking dairy products is not advised.

*WHAT TO BRING: Sunscreen, Light, comfortable athletic clothing that meets school dress code (extra outfit would be smart), hat/sunglasses, Lace up running shoes are REQUIRED (no vans, high tops, sandals, flip flops), socks (an extra pair will help), light rain jacket to keep in your backpack,
BRASS/PERCUSSION/WOODWINDS: a 1 or 1.5 inch binder with PAGE PROTECTORS for your music, a lanyard for drill cards, a hip pack (not required but helpful), and a ½ or 1 Gallon insulated cooler FILLED with water and labeled with your name.

*At every break drink water or Gatorade. Gatorade is provided by the band.

*Students will have a dinner break from 5-6pm Mon-Thur both weeks. Students may leave for dinner or bring a packed meal to eat at the school.

*Keep your sense of HUMOR and HAVE FUN!!

Most importantly: Listen to your Band Directors, Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Squad Leaders, and Color Guard Leaders.



Volunteers: Thanks to everyone who signed up to volunteer during the last meeting. Your info has been entered in CHARMS, so please login to verify your days/times. Please contact Jen Sowers at 619-341-2113, if there are any changes. There are still several day time voluntary opportunities available and you can sign up in CHARMS.

Medical Forms: Please get these turned in ASAP!



BAND CAMP PARTY: Its Tradition!! On Friday, August 24th we will have our last day BBQ. GBBPA will provide burgers and hotdogs. We ask that families donate some items to make this a great BBQ for the kids. You may send your donations in to the Band Room labeled "BBQ".

FRESHMAN: Package of 20 individual chips, **SOPHOMORES:** case SMALL water bottles, **JUNIORS (A-M):** 24 individually wrapped desserts and **JUNIORS (N-Z):** ready to serve fruit, and **SENIORS:** 12 pack of soda.

VOLUNTEERING: If you would like to volunteer to help grill, serve, or clean-up, please sign-up in CHARMS or text Jen Sowers at 619-341-2113. Thank You So Much!!



Welcome to the 2018-2019 season of the Marching Wildcats! Thank you to everyone who has remitted payment for their Band Fees to date. Your band fees are vital in keeping the Marching Wildcats moving. Please remember that **ALL BAND FEES ARE TO BE PAID IN FULL** by the start of Band Camp. You may also pay your student's fees at the **MANDATORY PARENT MEETING** on August 7th. The Treasurer will be set up to receive your payments. You may pay by cash, check or credit card. Should you require financial assistance, please contact Mr. Ross or Richard Okrasinski (GBBPA Treasurer) ASAP. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Please note: Non-payment fees can result in your student not being able to participate.

THANKS



The Great Bridge High School Band Program continues to receive support from many generous individuals and businesses. Whether through monetary donations or giving of talents and time, each contribution is greatly appreciated and essential to continuing and expanding the tradition of excellence in Great Bridge. Here are recent donors to whom we'd like to offer our sincere gratitude.

Thank you Mr. Andy Kubiszewski, Mr. Ross's uncle! Over the summer, he donated \$5,000 to help purchase new equipment for our percussionists. The old equipment was way past its prime and in great need of replacement. Thank you, Mr. Kubiszewski!!!

Thank you to current senior band student John Boudouris! He chose replacing the south concession stand's flooring as his Eagle Project - coordinating everything from proposals, to fundraising, to labor. You can see his handiwork in the photo.

Thank you to rising Junior Elijah Graves of Troop 824 in Great Bridge! He organized the replacement of the stairs on the tower at the GBHS practice field (Mr. Ross is especially grateful for the sturdier steps) as his Eagle Project. Check out his craftsmanship during band camp!!!

Thank you, Marc Leonetti! He's serving as our concessions chair and helped John and Elijah with their projects. Thank you for selflessly serving our students and organization.

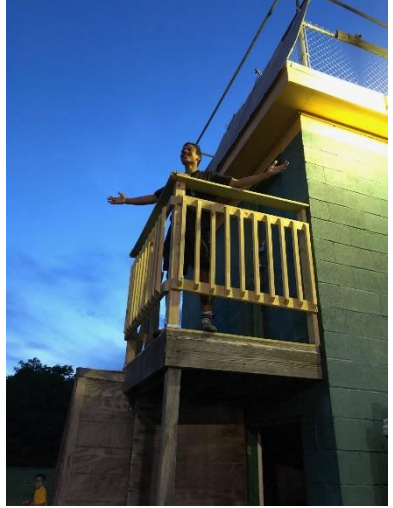
Thank you to 2018 GBHS graduate and former Marching Wildcat Colin Brus for designating the band program as your charity! We're thankful for the \$1,000 donation and for the time and dedication you and your family gave the band while you lived in Virginia. Thank you for blessing us!

Watch for additional spotlights to follow in the next newsletter.



Left: Senior John Boudouris

Right: Junior Elijah Graves





UNIFORMS....UNIFORMS....UNIFORMS!

It's that time in the Marching band season to start thinking about, organizing and trying on uniforms. My goal is to have our band looking the best it possibility can, but this is not a job that can be done by one or even two.

Tuesday, August 7th: 6pm - 7:15 pm, I need 4-6 volunteers for 1.5 hours.

Uniforms are scheduled to be delivered Tuesday, August 7th at 2pm, I am planning on heading to the school after work to arrange the uniforms in preparation for next week's uniform fittings. This should only take an hour or so, of course dependent on having 4-6 volunteers.

UNIFORM FITTING SCHEDULE

Monday 8/13 - Seniors and Juniors 5:30pm - 7pm **

Tuesday 8/14 - Sophomores and Drum Majors 5:30pm - 7pm **

Wednesday 8/15 - 5:30pm - 7pm Freshman and Drum line **

**** I will need 4-6 volunteers for 1.5 hours each night. ****

On Wednesday 8/15 I will have the items that are in need of hemming ready, 4-6 volunteers are needed for light hemming that will need to be completed by Wednesday 8/29.

Each night of volunteering will be worth \$25 of share dollars and each bag of hemming will be worth \$50.

All students (excluding color guard) need to come in for a fitting, even if you are sure you haven't changed sizes. Please make every effort to come in on your designated day. If you are not able to come in please let me know in advance. Fittings will take place in the high school band room. You may enter the school through the double doors at the end of the band hall by the loading zone and marching band trailers. Please arrive to your fitting as you would for a home game. Gym shorts or leggings, t-shirts — No bulky clothes! Returning members, *bring your dinkles* with you. New members, you will be trying on dinkles so please bring clean socks. If you are in need of replacement dinkles, be prepared to place an order at your fitting. The cost is \$30.

***** New Color Guard Members please come on Monday 8/13 to try on Jackets. ******

Please contact Christina Martin at christinamartin418@gmail.com or 313-522-2199 if you have any questions or concerns.



The Concession Committee is hosting a Clean-up day Saturday August 18th from 9 am to Noon.

We are looking for people to help clean all three concession buildings and do some minor yard work (weed-whacking and mowing)

Items needed are small buckets and sponges; small hand tools; Weed-whackers and PLENTY OF SPIRIT!!!!!!

Sign up in Charms if you can help or contact Marc Leonetti at marc.j.leonetti@gmail.com or his mobile (757) 328-8623 (text or call).

Marching Band Season is right around the corner!! Help us get ready!

Thanks!!

Marc Leonetti

Concession Committee

Scrip Tips of the Week:



- Rebates from inventory orders (the physical cards I have on hand) are split 50/50 between your child [in the form of Wildcat dollars (WCD)] and the band.
- The rebate from your first non-inventory is 100% WCD.
- There aren't deadlines for ordering Scrip e-cards (ScripNow); you can receive them after payment is made.
- After placing 5 non-inventory/online orders equal to or more than \$200, 100% of the rebate from your following order will go to your student's WCD account. I'll send you a note letting you know your next order will be 100% WCD. Other non-inventory/online orders are split 50/50 between your child and the band.
- All orders placed within a day count as one order.

Parents have paid their child's full band fees with the money they earned in Scrip. It's the best fundraiser ever because it's "free money". You don't have to sell anything, AND you support the band!

Check out all the retailers on shopwithscrip.com. You just buy gift cards and use them. There are over 700 retailers who participate!

How do I order Scrip? Go to shopwithscrip.com. Create a family account. You will need the enrollment code: 69677AL212856. This code links your family account to the band. Simply place your order. Then an email is sent to me letting me know there is a pending order. Easy!

Don't forget that Scrip orders are due on the first and third Fridays of the month which means the next deadline is this Friday, August 17th. We also have Scrip in inventory. You don't have to wait!

Contact me for more information - I can help you get started!

Erin Oliphant - Scrip Coordinator

oliphantean@sbcglobal.net

850-529-3944 cell



Spirit Wear Time is Here!! There is an excellent selection of spirit wear this year. Everyone please take advantage of the great apparel and show your GREAT BRIDGE MARCHING WILDCAT SPIRIT!! All sales will be going on from July 31st-August 14th, 2018.

Please click on the link below and enter the access code: GBmarchBAN

The link is <http://www.bsnteamssports.com/>

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Nixon at chrisnix74@gmail.com.



HANDY? ENJOY BUILDING THINGS? WOODWORKER?

*The band is need of an electric keyboard cart on wheels. Does not need to be fancy. It just has to roll! LOL! The cart should be roughly 5' X 4'.

*If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mr. Ross at

drew.ross@cpschools.com.

THANK YOU in advance!



Welcome to all the new Wildcat band families! We have veteran band parents who have gladly volunteered to serve as parent mentors and answer questions new parents may have during the year. Come to the parent meeting on Tuesday, 8/7 to meet them! **Thank you, parent mentors!**

Parent Mentors

Flutes: Sedoya Hayes (sedoyahayes@gmail.com/757- 469-1037)

Clarinets: Kathy Felder (MI2GIRLZ@msn.com/850-776-9069)

Saxophones: Jennifer Okrasinski (jennifer@okrasinski.com/919-561-3738)

Bass Clarinets: Kim Leonetti (kleonetti@verizon.net/757-572-9301)

High Brass (trumpets and mellophones): Inge Wobig (ingeborg.wobig@gmail.com/757-572-3585)

Low Brass (baritones, trombones, and sousaphones): Heather Rosati (heather.rosati@gmail.com/757-572-7076)

Percussion (battery and front ensemble): Colleen Sullivan (colleensullivan40@icloud.com/757-377-2431)

Color Guard: Denise Gresnick (denise@gresnick.com/757-548-3695)

Kimberly Truxell (2thelight@cox.net/757-407-1904)



Fruit sales will be upon us soon. Please click on the link below to see the new brochure. There will be more information in future newsletters.

Link is <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc17/19730/2018-fruit-sale-brochure-pdf-2-6-meg?da=y>