

# GBBPA NOTES

December 2019

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues 12/10 Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Wed 12/11 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Thurs 12/12 Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Sat 12/14 All District Band Auditions Hickory  
Middle School**

**Mon 12/16 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Tues 12/17 Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Wed 12/18 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Thurs 12/19 Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am  
Ross-ta Claus Gift Exchange 8:15am**

**Fri 12/20 GB Band Parent Party 7-9pm**



ATTENTION STUDENTS!

It is back by popular demand! **The second annual Ross-ta Claus Student Holiday Gift Exchange is here!**

**How do you participate? (this is totally optional, by the way)**

**Step 1** - complete this form by Wednesday, December 11th

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUm78XKMVLogVaGu3vipxvJF0mxsRYRGVz292o8Kcmw\\_vKtw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUm78XKMVLogVaGu3vipxvJF0mxsRYRGVz292o8Kcmw_vKtw/viewform)

**Step 2** - See Mr. Ross to get a survey and turn it in no later than December 11th. You will receive a notification (either by email or from me in person) with your secret Ross-ta Claus person.

**Step 3** - review the short survey and get your person a gift! (Gifts not to exceed \$15.00)

**Step 4** - don't tell people who you have! No spoilers!

**Step 5** - We will have our gift exchange on **Thursday, December 19th at 8:15 AM** in the band room.

Again, this is totally optional but a fun way to spread some holiday cheer. Have a great day!



The Great Bridge High School Bands spread lots of Christmas cheer this past week with the concert and parade! You used the gift of music to lift the spirits of those who were able to hear you. Thank you for the treat!

With 2019 ending, I would just like to take a moment to thank you all for your generous spirits, easy smiles and laughter, and grace displayed. We have a community of young adults and parents who bless those around them.

Thank you all!

Erin Oliphant

GBBPA President

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Fruit orders are tentatively scheduled to arrive Wednesday, 12/11. Please plan to pick up your order from the Band Room on Wednesday between 3:45pm and 7:15pm (doors will be locked at 7:30pm). There is NO space to store the fruit in the Band Room.



We do have a limited number of extra boxes (\$20 each) still available. They make great gifts for the season!

The extras are:

3 #18 3 Navels, 3 Apples, 3 Pears

1 #19 Toffee and Mandarins

3 #20 Pecans and Mandarins

If interested in purchasing from the extras, please send **Judi Laney** a message at [jdgriffin31@hotmail.com](mailto:jdgriffin31@hotmail.com).

Great job, Wildcats!



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In lieu of the December GBBPA meeting, we're having a Christmas party! Let's set this time aside to just enjoy each other's company and not talk "band business". Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and pull out your ugliest Christmas sweater (there will be prizes!).

Friday, December 20th, 2019 7-9pm @ the Oliphant Casa

812 Yorkshire Trail

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### REMINDER!!!



Thank you to everyone who shared photos and videos on the band app over the weekend! You took some great shots! If you want to join our group on the band app, Load the app "BAND – App for all groups" to your mobile phone. Access to our group, Great Bridge High School Band and Color Guard, requires an invite, so let Erin Oliphant, Doug Wilkins, or Sarah Scouten know you'd like one sent your way. You'll have access to many wonderful photos and videos of our students, itineraries, documents, and important messages sent out by the band.



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Please check your email and calendar for upcoming **INDOOR GUARD** information!

## HELP NEEDED!!!



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The annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Friday, February 28th. Who will be crowned the Chili King or Queen this year? Plan on attending this fun family-friendly event where you get to test a wide variety of tasty concoctions, enjoy a performance by the Great Bridge High School Jazz Band, try your luck winning some fantastic raffle baskets, and bid on some scrumptious homemade desserts.

WE NEED HELP organizing set-up, food donations, judges, and clean-up. Please contact Erin Oliphant ([oliphantean@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oliphantean@sbcglobal.net) or 850-529-3944 cell) if you're interested.



The raffle was a great success with the winner and the band each receiving \$4,510! The winner, Sharon Oldham, also generously donated another \$200 to the band.

Brook Wescott deserves a big thank you for all she did to make this raffle happen! She spent countless hours verifying orders, mailing receipts, recording sales, recruiting help, and more. You rock, Brooke!



We have A LOT of beverages leftover from concessions sales, so the band is selling them at \$1/20oz bottle. If you're interested in stocking up for your holiday guests, sports team, or personal use, plan to come by the south concessions stand between 11am and noon on Saturday, 12/14. Inventory includes lots of blue, red, orange, and purple PowerAde, and Coke, in addition to some Sprite and Diet Coke.



**Thank you** to **Jen Sowers**, hospitality chair, for organizing multiple events during the marching season including band camp BBQ, Halloween treat bags, lunch for the JMU trip, and meal delivery for competition weekends. Jen, you outdid yourself with a wonderful reception for the Class of 2020 and their parents. Thank you!!!!

We also need to thank **Crystal Layton** for her efforts in getting sponsors. **Thank you**, Crystal, for revamping the sponsor letter and for looking for creative ways to benefit those who choose to support the band. Great work!

And here's a final shout out to **Michelle Albin, Natosha Gorski, Jan Nelson, and Inge Wobig** for bringing some delicious cookies for the students on Saturday before they hit the parade route. At the end of the night, there were hardly even crumbs left!

## Scrip Tips of the Week



We have seen an increase of activity with purchasing Scrip cards... thanks so much for supporting the band! And congratulations to those who have clearly figured out how to maximize their Wild Cat Dollars (WCD). We had one member make over \$150 in WCD on a 6th purchase!! It can be done.

The easiest tip: Get in to a habit – make it part of your routine! Where are your favorite places to eat and shop? Check if Scrip has a card for that establishment and always use a gift card instead of cash or a credit card.

The next deadline for purchasing physical gift cards is **Friday, December 20th**. These cards will not be available for pickup until **Friday, December 27th**. We also have physical Scrip cards in inventory. You don't have to wait!

January's deadlines will be January 3rd and January 17th as we return to our regular 1st and 3rd Friday of the month schedule.

Still unsure or what Scrip is? Watch this video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/WwkeGiRuYVY>

How do I order Scrip? Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and create a family account using the GBHS band's enrollment code: **69677AL212856**. Place your order and begin "scrip-ing". It's FREE money... really!

Please contact me if you have ANY questions.

Phaedra Link - Scrip Coordinator

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## Orlando Trip Update

We have a very full bus with everyone who committed to the Universal trip by Friday, 11/15. We have a wait list for students who did not make the deadline for remitting the initial deposit. If your student would like to be added to the wait list, please contact me so we can add your student's name to the list. Priority will be determined by the time they either submitted their deposits after the deadline or requested to be added to the list, whichever is earlier.

Students on the wait list will be contacted in order of priority if spots come available. If they still want to attend, we'll request payment be submitted for the amount of the trip due to that point.

For those who committed to the trip by 11/15, the remaining payment

deadlines are as follows:

12/15 \$200

2/1 \$200

3/1 Balance due

Payments are non-refundable unless another student is able to take a vacated spot.

We will email a more detailed draft itinerary and trip cost this week to those participating.

Thank you to Todd Lewis for all he's doing to help with reservations!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Erin Oliphant

# SPONSORSHIPS



Thank you to Crystal Layton with Rose and Womble Realty. If you choose to use her services to buy or sell a house, she's offered to donate \$500 to the Great Bridge Marching Wildcats. You can contact her at 757-695-8533 or catch her on FB at Crystal Homes 24, Rose and Womble Realty.



Thank you Acredale Animal Hospital for your generous donation!



Thank you to Lewis Accounting for your generous donation!



Thank you to Chesapeake Hot Yoga for your generous donations!



**ALL GB BAND PARENTS  
ARE INVITED TO A  
CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

**LET'S SKIP THE REGULAR  
MONTHLY MEETING AND  
HAVE SOME FUN!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
NOW!**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH**

**7-9PM**

**812 YORKSHIRE TRAIL**

**BRING AN APPETIZER OR SWEET TO SHARE.**

**THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE UGLIEST  
CHRISTMAS SWEATERS!**