

# GBBPA NOTES

January 2020

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tues 1/21 GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am**  
**Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm**

**Wed 1/22 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Thurs 1/23 GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am**  
**Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm**

**Fri 1/24 Teacher Work Day**

**Mon 1/27 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Tues 1/28 GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am**  
**Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm**

**Wed 1/29 Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am**

**Thurs 1/30 GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am**  
**Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm**

**Fri 1/31 VBODA All District Band**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the All District Band. They will perform January 31-February 1 at the event held at Grassfield High School. The concert is February 1st at 2:00 PM. The concert is free and open to the public



### Flute

Jordan C.  
Anna R.  
Esther L.  
Lexi D.

### Trumpet

Liam W.

### Trombone

Jake F.

### French Horn

Emily R.

### Bassoon

Maddie O.  
Karielle L.

### Clarinet

Emma N.  
Rain C.

### Percussion

Eadie E.  
Avi J.



Congratulations to all our Great Bridge Wildcats who made district band! Your hours of practice paid off and we're proud of you. You'll represent GBHS Band well and make some beautiful music with talented musicians from throughout the district.

Indoor Guard has also started practicing and we look forward to seeing you perform this winter and early spring.

The GBBPA Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for February 28th! Parent support is essential to make this event successful. Please check our needs in Charms and volunteer. We also need more help planning the event; an event that allows an opportunity for a night of relaxed fun and a chance to get to know some fellow band families a little better. It also gives us a chance to raise some money for the band and guard programs when our marching students aren't in the middle of marching season. Please look for a way you can help and watch for ticket sales to start in February.

Thank you all!

Erin Oliphant

GBBPA President



**Our Annual CHILI COOKOFF will be on Friday, February 28, 2020!** We ask that each band and color guard student sell a MINIMUM of 5 tickets and pay prior to taking tickets home. Tickets will cost \$5 per person and include Chili, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Cornbread, Drink and 3 tickets to vote for your favorite chili.

**WIN BIG!!**

The GBBPA is awarding prizes to the students who sell the most Chili Cook-Off tickets!

**The top 3 sellers will receive:**

**1st place - \$100** gift card of their choice from Scrip (Amazon, Visa, Starbucks, etc.)

**2nd place- \$50** gift card of their choice from Scrip

**3rd places - \$25** gift cards of their choice from Scrip

There will also be a BASKET RAFFLE, DESSERT RAFFLE and LIVE MUSIC!

This is a fun night and a huge fundraising event for our BAND and GUARD Programs. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**How to be a part of the annual tradition:**

-Buy tickets and attend the event. Ask friends and neighbors if they would like to come. Vote for your favorite chili, win a basket, and win a dessert!

-Sign up (in CHARMS) to compete and make your famous chili.

-Donate items for your grade level basket:

**Donations are needed for the class baskets by February 14.** The suggested donation value is \$10 - \$25.

FRESHMEN – Bistro Bundle (gift cards for local restaurants)

SOPHOMORES – Mixed Greens (any denomination of cash)

JUNIORS – Money Tree (any denomination of cash)

SENIORS – Out on the Town (Cinema Café, Fandango, Escape Room, Restaurant cards)

Label items with your student grade and **ATTN: Jen Sowers** and drop off in the band room. Gift cards & cash should be in labeled sealed envelope and placed in the green mailbox. Contact Jen Sowers with questions.

Don't have time to shop for the class basket? Send in your cash or check donation and we'll do the shopping for you!

-Sign-up (in CHARMS) to make your own personal basket:

Students may also create their own complete basket. This is optional. Choose a theme, make a complete basket, and your student can earn 50% Wildcat Dollars for each raffle ticket sold for their basket. This is a great way to earn money for band fees, trips, extras. Be sure to include a typed list of the contents of the basket, estimated value, and the student's name so they get credit! If you'd like your basket to be included in our advertising through our social media sites prior to the event, turn it in to Jen Sowers **by 2/14**.

We will also bring all the baskets to the school and sell tickets during lunch the several days before the event. If you want your basket to be displayed during lunch, get your basket to Jen S. **by 2/23**. You will have extra days to earn Wildcat Dollars during these days. There is a new photo album on the BAND app (Chili Cook-off 2019) where you can see most of the baskets from last year. Pinterest also has many great ideas.

-Sign-up (in CHARMS) to a make a dessert for the Dessert Auction.

-Sign-up (in CHARMS) to help with set-up, serving or clean-up. Student and adult help are needed.

-Sign-up (in CHARMS) to make a side dish: Mac and Cheese, Corn Bread, Hot Dog Buns.

**Any questions or to schedule a drop off, please contact Jen Sowers at 619-341-2113**

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### Scrip Tips of the Week



Are you planning a vacation for Spring Break? Make sure to check if there is a "Scrip for that"! Many travel companies offer rebates – Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Southwest, Delta, AirBnB, and Hotels.com just to name a few.

The next deadline for purchasing physical gift cards is Friday, January 17th. These cards will be available for pickup by Thursday, January 23rd. We also have physical Scrip cards in inventory. You don't have to wait!

As we return to our regular 1st and 3rd Friday of the month schedule, February's order dates will be 2/7 and 2/21.

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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### Dessert Silent Auction at the Chili Cook-Off

Needed: Mouthwatering Desserts

(special cakes, scrumptious pies, terrific tiramisus, beautiful trifles, basket of eye-catching cookies, etc.)

It's like an upscale bake sale. A tasty presentation will help your dessert earn even higher bids.

Please volunteer to donate a delicious dessert to auction at the GBHS Band Chili Cook-Off on **February 28th**. We need your help to make this event a success! Sign up in Charms by choosing the "Dessert Auction at the Chili Cook Off" option under the Volunteer tab.

Come ready to bid on some sweet treats!

Questions? Contact Amy Curley at [irishamc@hotmail.com](mailto:irishamc@hotmail.com)



Thanks to the cleaning committee for coming together to wash our uniforms, fold, and bag them after the Christmas parade. You all rock in helping keep the uniforms performance ready this season for the kids!

Once we receive the uniforms back, we will need some help unpacking and hanging them in garment bag. More information to follow when they are back at GBHS.



### Orlando Trip Update

For students going on the Universal Orlando trip: The next payment of \$200 is due on **Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**. Please drop your payment in the green mailbox and label it for the trip.

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

Erin Oliphant

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The **GBBPA Craft Show** will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This is a wonderful event. More information about volunteering and needs will be sent out in the future.

If you know anyone who would like to be a vendor, please ask them to email Brooke Wescott at [GBHSSpringcraftshow@outlook.com](mailto:GBHSSpringcraftshow@outlook.com) for an application.



We have some exciting changes happening with our concessions before the next football season! The current south concession stand will be replaced with updated facilities that will be up to health department requirements. There is also an aspiring Boy Scout who is working on plans to renovate the Green & Gold concessions stand. We were able to move all the supplies and equipment from the south concessions stand over the Christmas break. The changes should address some much-needed improvements!

### Get involved! Board members needed!



LOOKING AHEAD! There will be several Board positions open for next year. More information to come, but please consider volunteering your time and talents to the GBBPA! It is a great experience and gives you 200 fair-share points!! You knock out volunteering with one position.

### 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.



# 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.



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**Great Bridge Band Parents Association**  
**Annual Chili Cook-Off**  
**Basket Raffle & Dessert Auction**  
**Music by the GBHS Jazz Band**

**February 28, 2020**

**6:00pm-8:30pm**



**Great Bridge High School**

\$5 at the door includes Chili or Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Cornbread, Drink, and 3 tickets to vote for your favorite chili. Come support the Great Bridge Band and Guard programs and have a great time!

**Do you make the best chili and want everyone to know?**  
**If you would like to enter the Chili Cook-Off, please contact**  
**Erin Oliphant at [president@gbhsband.org](mailto:president@gbhsband.org).**