

GBBPA NOTES

February 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Tues 2/11 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am | Mon 2/17 | No School |
| | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm | Tues 2/18 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am |
| | GBBPA Band Meeting 7:30pm | | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm |
| | Board Meeting 6:30pm | Wed 2/19 | Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am |
| Wed 2/12 | Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am | Thurs 2/20 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am |
| Thurs 2/13 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am | | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm |
| | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm | Sat 2/22 | All VA Band Auditions JMU |
| Fri 2/14 | Indoor Guard Payment #2 Due | Mon 2/24 | Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am |
| | | Tues 2/25 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am |
| | | | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm |
| | | Wed 2/26 | Workshop Jazz Rehearsal 7:45-8:30am |
| | | Thurs 2/27 | GB Jazz 7:45-8:30am |
| | | | Indoor Guard Rehearsal 6-9pm |
| | | Fri 2/28 | Chili Cook-Off 6-9pm |



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



Things are starting to ramp up for the active late winter/spring season! There are band and guard activities every weekend, February 21 through April 5th. Please look for a way to get involved with the different events, whether it's making cornbread for the Chili Cook-Off or being a "bouncer" at VBODA. We need EVERYONE'S help to make the planned activities run smoothly.

With the busy spring season, preparations will be here before we know it for the 2020-21 season. We're looking for new parents to get involved in leadership positions in the GBBPA. If you have any questions, please contact one of the board members. You can make a difference for the kids in the program and can be a valuable help to Mr. Ross.

See you at the GBBPA meeting on Tuesday!

Erin Oliphant

GBBPA President



GBBPA General Membership Meeting

7:30pm Tuesday, February 11th

GBHS Band Room

Please come help us plan for the busy upcoming season. We need everyone's help – you have something valuable to offer.



Scrip Tips of the Week

Did you know you can "Reload" some of your favorite physical gifts cards and skip the shipping? Reload is a great option for grocery and gas cards where many brands don't currently offer an eGift card option. When you pay with online payments, funds will be added to your card in minutes. If you pay by check, the funds will be added once the coordinator receives your money and releases your order. Shop for reloadable cards on ShopWithScrip or MyScripWallet.

The next deadline for purchasing physical gift cards is Friday, February 21st. These cards will be available for pickup by Thursday, February 27th. We also have physical Scrip cards in inventory. You don't have to wait!

March's order dates will be 3/6 and 3/20.

How do I order Scrip? Go to 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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Basket Raffle at the Chili Cook-Off

CLASS BASKETS (Deadline for the class basket donations is 2/14)

Freshman – Bistro Bundle (gift cards for local restaurants)

Sophomore – Mixed Greens (any denomination of cash)

Junior – Money Tree (any denomination of cash)

Senior – Out on the Town (Cinema Café, Fandango, Escape Room, fast food, ice cream, restaurant cards)

****Please send all cash/check/gift card donations to the green mailbox, **Attn: Jen Sowers**. Don't have time to shop for the class basket? Send cash or check donations and we will do the shopping for you! **Contact Jen 619-341-2113 if you prefer to pay via Venmo or PayPal.**

INDIVIDUAL BASKETS

Students may also create their own complete basket. This is optional. Choose a theme, make a complete basket, and your student will earn 50% Wildcat Dollars from 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 contents of the basket, estimated value, and the student's name so they get credit! If you would like your basket included in our social media advertising prior to the event, turn it in to Jen S. 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.

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

WIN BIG!

The GBBPA is awarding prizes to the students who sell the most Chili Cook-Off tickets! Chili tickets are \$5 each. We are asking each student to sell a minimum of 5 tickets. **Mr. Ross is collecting the money and distributing tickets during school or you can contact Erin Oliphant at oliphantean@sbcglobal.net**

The top 3 sellers will receive:

1st Place: \$100 in their choice of Scrip gift cards

2nd Place: \$50 in their choice of Scrip gift cards

3rd Place: \$25 in their choice of Scrip gift cards

For overall Chili Cook-Off questions.....Please contact Erin Oliphant at oliphantean@sbcglobal.net



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-ups are in Charms under Chili Cook-Off.

Come ready to bid on some sweet treats!

Questions? Contact Amy Curley at irishamc@hotmail.com



Orlando Trip Update

For students going on the Universal Orlando trip: The balance is due on Monday, March 2nd, 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 21st, 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 for an application.



Concessions Stand Update

Work has begun on new facilities to replace the South concessions stand. Drive by the stadium to see the progress.

A Boy Scout will begin his Eagle Scout Project in early March to make extensive repairs to Green and Gold. Please keep an eye out for emails and Band app posts requesting help!

Get involved! Board members needed!

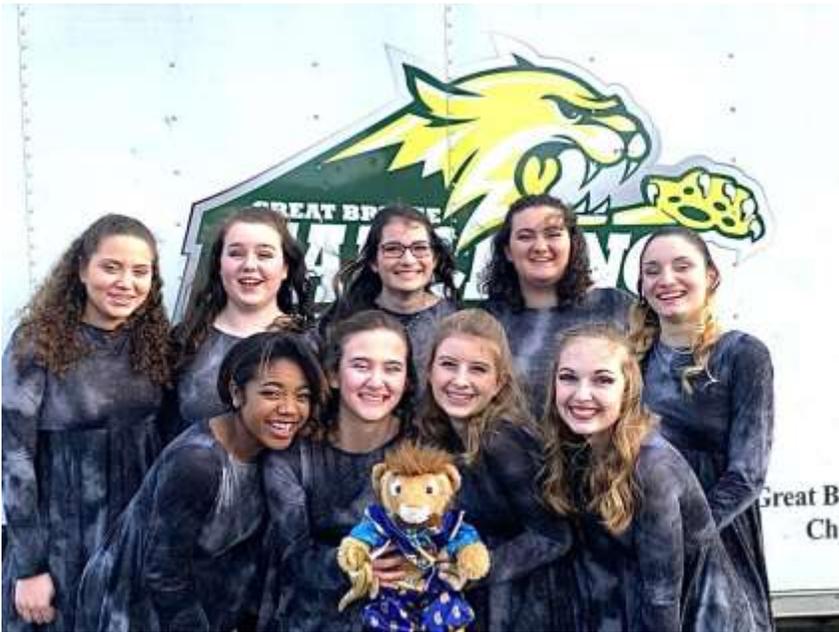


LOOKING AHEAD! There will be several Board positions open for next year. More information to come, but please consider volunteering your time and talents to the GBBPA!

REMINDER!!!



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.



Winter Guard

The Ladies of Great Bridge Winter Guard performed their debut of “Dancing in the Moonlight” at their first competition of the season at the Atlantic Indoor Association’s -North Competition at Patriot High School in Nokesville, Virginia on Saturday, February 8th. In Class CGSRA1, they took 4th place out of 12 guards with a score of 57.55.

Congratulations, ladies! We are extremely proud of you!! Their next competition is March 14th at James River High School in Midlothian, VA.

*****Winter Guard payments of \$135 are due on Friday, 2/14.**



VBODA District IV Assessment (March 5th-6th)

Local concert bands will be evaluated by a slate of judges and will receive ratings based on their performances. Performances will start during the school day and end after dinner time on both days.

We will need parent volunteers who can assist with:

- **Hospitality** (delivering some snacks and drinks for the four judges and other staff who are helping)
- **Stage Crew** (a parent or two who can remain backstage and help set up for each ensemble)
- **Registration** (parents who sit in Roy’s Alley to collect the music scores from the band directors and direct them to the warm-up area)
- **Door Monitors** (parents who monitor activity entering the auditorium to keep distractions at a minimum during performances)
- **We will also sell concessions after school is released**

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.