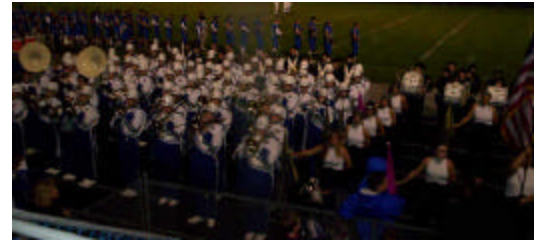


Band Notes



WOW! Another great marching band season

And it wouldn't have been a success if it hadn't been for **YOU!**

Total volunteer hours were over 214 in the fry stand, 650+ chaperone hours, not to mention those who baked or supplied items for the picnic and games. Oh, and don't

forget the meeting and the behind the scene hours. So a big **THANK YOU** to all who helped make this season a success. ✍



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Band Uniform Turn-in Night

You are all aware of the difficulty in collecting 150 uniforms at the end of the marching season. So this year we will be designating January 4, 2005 as Uniform Turn-in Night. We will be accepting uniforms in the band room between 5:30 and 8:30 pm. This should help in making sure the uniforms are complete and ready for storage. We are also requiring proof of pro-

fessional dry-cleaning this year. You will need to bring your receipt from the dry-cleaners as evidence that the uniform was professionally cleaned. Home 'dry-cleaning' kits are not acceptable for cleaning the band uniforms as they do not have the strength necessary to properly clean and prepare the uniform for storage.

Uniform turn-in checklist:

- 1) Have uniform professionally cleaned.
- 2) Be sure you have your uniform parts. (numbers should all match)
- 3) Bring uniform to the band room on January 4, 2005 between 5:30 and 8:30 pm.
- 4) Bring your dry-cleaning receipt as proof of proper cleaning.

Points of Interest:

- ? New Policy for replacement gloves.—\$1.50 must be paid for replacement gloves at the time of replacement!
- ? Poinsettia sale is underway.
- ? Collect those Yoder's receipts.
- ? Band Booster Banquet set for January 25, 2005
- ? Band Booster Web Site is up www.gsband.com

Senior Spotlights



Lydia Hollinger - is the daughter of Stephen & Jacqueline Hollinger. She has two sisters, Rachel Prerette and Rebekah Felpel, both who participated in the band. Lydia has been playing the saxophone for 9 years. She is also active in the Sea Club. Her future plans include attending cosmetology school. Her most memorable life experience has been discovering Christ. Lydia leaves these final words for the band—"Always live life to its fullest and speak out about what you know is right."

Sophie Thiesen - is the daughter of Larry & Martha Thiesen. She has 2 brothers and sisters, Natalie, Barrett, Spencer & Steph. All the Thiesen's have been in the band. She has been playing the trumpet since 4th grade. Sophie is also involved in Jazz Band, Chorus, NHS, and FLAG. Outside of school, she is active in her church & youth group and also works. She plans to attend college to study Elementary Education. Her most memorable life experience was a mission trip to the Bronx with her youth group this past summer. Sophie leaves these final words to the band—"Be nice to Freshman!"

Cullen Maclay - is the son of David and Julia Maclay. He has one brother, Adam, who is also in the band. He has been playing trombone for 9 years. Cullen is also active in NHS, Golf, Tennis, GSPA, Jazz/Concert Band, Orchestra, Chorus and Select Ensemble. Cullen can be found occasionally helping out with midget baseball. He plans to attend Duquesne or Wilkes University to study to become a pharmacist. His most memorable life experience was attending the Drum Major Academy. Cullen had the honor of being one of our Drum Majors this marching season. He leaves these final words—"Managers do things right; Leaders do right things..." Dr. Tim (DMA Camp)

Brandon Witmyer - is the son of Robert and Michele Witmyer. He has younger sister, Kyrstyn, who will be in the band in the future. He has been playing French Horn/Mellophone since 4th grade. Brandon is also active in Cross Country, Track, GSPA, YPC, Chorus and Vocal Ensemble. He is also active outside of school in Boy Scouts and Church Choir. After graduation, he plans to attend college to study Elementary Education. His most memorable life experience was the backpacking trip to Philmont, NM two years ago. Brandon leaves these final words—"Always remember to have fun in all you do, keep it real, and if you can't be all there, then go home!"

Band Aids

MARTHA & LARRY THIESEN

Martha and Larry have been our biggest contributors...of band members that is. All five of their children have been in the band. Natalie graduated in 2002; Barret in 2004 and the triplets- Sophie, Stephanie and Spencer will graduate in 2005. Hard to believe there won't be any Thiesens in the band next year! Martha has helped

with parades and is always willing to bake us goodies when needed. Both Martha and Larry have teamed up to help out in the fry stand. And Larry got up early to truck all our stuff to the airport for Disney and stayed up late a few days later to get it all back home. Thanks Martha and Larry for all your help over the years!



Band Boosters Policy for Yoder's Receipts

Yoder's Market has generously allowed the band to collect receipts year-round as a fundraiser for band students. With this in mind, the Band Boosters have initiated a policy concerning the collection and credit of these receipts.

1. The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts dated within our collection period.
2. The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts on the collection dates published in the newsletter and posted at school.
3. Funds will be credited to the student's band account only.

This is the Band Booster policy – contacting Yoder's will not change the Band Booster policy – NO EXCEPTIONS! Anyone with questions, please contact Kathy Zellefrow.

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Next Band Booster Meeting:
December 7, 2004
7:00 pm
Committees meet at 6:30 pm
Band Room
Everyone Welcome!

Student Officers 2004/2005

- President—Ross Myers
- Vice President—Victor Myers
- Secretary/Treasurer—Jeneva Umberger
- Publicity—Angela McClure
- Senior Rep.—Austin Martin
- Junior Rep.—Jeremy Horning
- Sophomore Rep.—Jon King
- Freshman Rep.—Kate Timpson

Middle School Band Half Notes



Elementary Band Notes

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 16th! Our Holiday Instrumental Concert featuring the Elementary Orchestra, Selected Band Beginners and Spartan Band will begin at 7:00 in the GSHS Auditorium. Come early to claim your seat! Ensembles will begin at 6:30 pm. The Beginner Band members will join the Spartan Band members in a Band Extravaganza performance of "The Nutcracker"! Come see 300+ young musicians perform for you in the holiday spirit!

TOOTIN' KAHUNAS were in great form at the last GSHS home game on Oct. 29th! Congratulations on a fantastic season!

Upcoming Events:

It's Concert Season!
Thursday, Dec. 16th – 7pm Garden Spot H.S. Auditorium
Elementary Band & Orchestra!

Selections include:

The Nutcracker
Patapan
Reindeer Rag
Christmas Concerto
We Wish You a Merry Christmas!
Holly Jolly Christmas

CHECK OUT OUR BAND WEBSITE!!!
www.teacherweb/PA/ElancoSD/ElementaryBand/