

November 2007

**Important Dates
for November:**

- Nov 2nd—Candle Sale Starts
- Nov 9th—Sub Orders Due
- Nov 15th—Final Disney Payment Due
- Nov 19th—Candle Orders Due
- Nov 19th—Booster Meeting
- Nov 20th—Sub Pick Up



Band Notes



President's Corner

Many of you have received information on the proposed schedule changes for the 2008-2009 school year. The proposed "Block Schedule" involves many changes for our high school. Because of the current structure of the band and the shared high school / middle school staff, the change to block scheduling will create certain difficulties that are unique to the Garden Spot band program. A failure to address these unique needs will make it extremely difficult to maintain the quality of music education we have enjoyed in the ELANCO district for the past several years.

We encourage you as the parent of a band student, to be involved in the decision making process currently occurring at the high school. The decisions made during this time will affect not only next year's band, but could have dramatic affects on the continued growth of the elementary and middle school band programs and hence, affect the future of the band program at Garden Spot High School.

The school administration is holding two Parent's Meetings to allow discussion and questions about the changes to the high school schedule and the effects this schedule change will have on the school programs. These meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 3:30 pm and Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 pm – both meetings are in Community Hall. Please make plans to attend at least one, if not both of these meetings. This is your opportunity to ask questions and gather information about the block schedule, its affect on band and how the school plans to address these needs. The school is requesting that you inform them if you plan on attending by calling the high school secretary at 354-1551. We encourage you to attend and ask your questions.

We also encourage you to attend the school board meeting on November 12 at 7 pm and share with the board your questions, concerns and thoughts on these proposed changes. The school has made information about the proposed changed available on their website at <http://www.elanco.org/schools/gs/hs/HSChanges/>

Additional information about the effects of block scheduling, needs of the band program, and comparisons to other local high schools of similar size can be found on the band booster website at www.gsband.com.

If you have any questions please feel free to email the band boosters.

Andrea Berstler

Upcoming Meetings

Band Boosters

November 19th, 7pm

Cancellations and corrections can be found on the band calendar at : www.gsband.com

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Fundraiser forms can be found on the Garden Spot Band Booster Website;



Senior Spotlights

Geoffery Goshert



Geoffery is the son of Blair and Lori Goshert of Terre Hill. He plays Trumpet and has been in the band for 9 years. He has 3 older brothers, Blair, Jr, John and Jeremy. His hobbies include Bowling.

His future plans are to attend college to pursue a health care career.

Geoffery would like to thank his parents friends

Rachelle Hinerman

Rachelle is the daughter of Gary and Michelle Hinerman of Morgantown. She is a member of the band front and has been in the band for 3 years. She has a younger brother, George. Her hobbies include reading, hunting and arts.

Picture not
available

Her future plans are to join the Marine Corp and attend college.

Rachelle would like to thank her parents and Donna and Kristal.

Any Parting words to the band? "Have fun always! Thanks for making band so much fun!"

Kimberly Landis



Kimberly is the daughter of Richard and Priscilla Landis of New Holland. She plays Clarinet and a drum major. She has been in the band for 4 years. She has an older sister, Lisa. Her hobbies include tennis, band, hanging out with family and friends.

Kimberly plans to attend college for broadcasting.

She would like to thank everyone! Every single person has made the band experience what it has been—total fun!

Any Parting words to the band? "Have fun and enjoy yourself! It's what life is all about. Good luck in future years! I'll miss you all!"

Austin James Martin



Austin is the Son of Arlan and Arlene Martin of East Earl. He plays Saxophone and has been in the band for 8 years. He has a younger brother, Addison. His hobbies include guitar, filming and reading.

His plans to attend college for sociology or psychology.

Austin would like to thank his parents and Jesus Christ.

Any Parting words to the band? "don't worry...be happy".

Disney Facts!

Fun Facts About Walt Disney

Did you know Walt Disney World?

- Disney World bought about 150,000 gallons of paint – enough to cover nearly 7,500 average sized homes in 2004
- Estimated daytime population in 2003: 200,000
- Number of buses: 263
- Number of miles buses travel annually: nearly 18 million
- If you were to stack all of the buttons used by the Costuming Plant Seam Team in one year, you would have a stack 96 times taller than the height of Cinderella's Castle.
- Number of trees, shrubs and flowers: more than 7 million
- Daily water usage: 15 million gallons
- 2,000 acres of turf. At three mowings a week, that adds up to 450,000 mower miles per year, or 18 trips around the Earth at the equator.
- Largest working wardrobe in the world with more than 1.5 million operational garments in use and over 7,000 different garment types. In addition there are over 2 million pieces of entertainment costumes. Each day the costuming plant processes between 27,000 and 31,000 garments.
- More than 50 million soft drinks sold annually.
- 10 million hamburgers, 7 million hot dogs, 9 million pounds of french fries and 300,000 pounds of popcorn sold annually.
- Uses 194,871 miles of toilet tissue, 24,409 miles of paper towels, 319,353 lbs. of chocolate, 1.2 million pounds of watermelon, 741,150 pounds of sugar, 1.8 million pounds of flour, Uses 245,000 pounds of fruit filling, 38,000 pounds of white icing glaze, 2.9 million pounds of eggs, 606,000 pounds of bananas, 510,000 of grapes
- Serves more than 1.5 million soft pretzels, more than 639,000 pounds of macaroni and cheese
- Orders more than 3.8 million ballpoint pens annually, more than 337,000 pencils annually
- Uses nearly 148 million sheets of recycled copier paper annually and 730,102 gallons of bleach annually
- \$1.7 million worms are ordered each year to feed animals at Disney's Animal Kingdom.
- 214,000 bandages were provided to guests during the year 2004
- In 2004, Walt Disney World recycled 18,322,000 pounds of paper products.

Uniform Dry Cleaning

Now that the Marching season is complete, it is time to have those uniforms cleaned in preparation for our Disney Trip. All marching band uniforms must be dry cleaned by our next Disney Parents Meeting December 17th. You will be required to provide a dated receipt as proof of cleaning at this meeting. Your students raincoat must be washed and brought to the meeting to be turned in. Please keep your uniform until we load the truck on January 1, 2008 for the Disney Trip. Band Front outfits should not be dry cleaned but should be washed in cold wash and hung to dry.

If your student is not going on the trip, you may bring the cleaned uniform along to this meeting for turn-in.

Fundraisers

Fundraiser forms, tally sheets and other important information can be found at the booster website: www.gsband.com Check it out!

Looking for an easy to do fund raiser. Collect Yoder's Market receipts. Each student receives 1% of the total from receipts they turn in deposited into their student account.

Please make sure you are using the correct subtotal. Due to new Yoder's discounts, some receipts are not sub totaled. You will need to write in the adjusted subtotal amount below the total showing on the receipt.

The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts dated within our collection period.

The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts on the collection dates published in the newsletter and posted at school.

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 Sue Spotts

Dates on receipts should be from Aug 1, through Dec 31, 2007 only! Turn in date is Jan. 7 & 8, 2008

****Credit will be entered into student accounts when we receive the funds from Yoder's. We cannot advance credits.**

Memory Book Information Needed

We are starting to gather and enter information for the Band StoryBook, Here's what we need to collect:

Senior Spotlight – Seniors—please email the picture you want in the album.

Section photos – We need a scan copy of the picture of each section, including band front, as well as a list of names in order for each picture. Also—any pictures and of the band staff – I have a few, but would love more to choose from.

Any other photos people would like to share with me. My parade ones didn't turn out, so I especially need some of those. And I don't have very many from band camp.

Please contact Kelli Beaver with any information at 717-355-2256 or dkcsbeav@frontiernet.net

Upcoming Fund Raisers:

- Yoder's Receipts: Collect between Aug 1—Dec 31. Turn-in dates Jan 7 & 8, 2008
- Sub Sale Orders due November 9th- Pick up date November 20th.
- Radio Shack Battery Sale Now—Dec 31, 2007
- Home Interior Candle sale starts November 2. Orders and money due November 19, 2007

Next Band Booster Meeting:

November 19, 2007

7:00 pm

Band Room

Booster Officers 2007/2008

President—Andrea Berstler 351-0590
 V. Pres.—Abby Keiser
 Treasurer—Vicky Trego 610-286-0295
 Secretary—Jim Eubank
 Student Account Secretary—Tim Heitz
 Financial Secretary—Karen Miller

GSHS Band Officers 2007/2008

President—Katie Parkes
 Vice President—Emily Dissinger
 Secretary—Kim Landis
 Treasurer—Jackie Trego
 Historian—Amanda Tyson
 Librarian—Carley Myers
 12th Grade Rep—Chris Orr
 11th Grade Rep—David Stoltzfus
 10th Grade Rep—Stephanie Fisher
 9th Grade Rep—Sam Kulp

Information concerning changes to GSHS Daily Schedule

Here are some websites that pertain to Block Scheduling and it's problems:

1. <http://www.jefflindsay.com/Block.shtml>
2. <http://eric.uoregon.edu/publications/digests/digest104.html>
3. http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin029.shtml
4. <http://my.execpc.com/~presswis/block.html>
5. <http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=311606>
6. http://www.collegeboard.com/research/pdf/block_schedules_10409.pdf

There is a lot of information on these websites, a quick scan can find some interesting facts about Block Scheduling. Here are some points to consider:

1. There should be a general consensus among teachers, administrators, students and parents. (The faculty of GSHS have never been polled)
2. Scheduling of classes
3. Shared staff
4. The Arts generally suffer under Block Scheduling.
5. Test scores are not proven to improve under Block Scheduling.
6. Discipline issues do drop since students are in the hallways less.
7. Scheduling of classes in relation to when state standardized tests are given is a problem. Since PSSA tests are given in the Spring, if a student has math in the Fall, how much do they remember by the time the test is given? Also, if the student does not have math until the Spring, have they learned enough to do well on the test when it is given?
8. Lebanon HS is moving away from the Block Scheduling.
9. Cocalico continues to revamp their schedule since their test scores are not improving.
10. Pequea Valley HS is changing their schedule due to 'flat-lined' test scores.
11. Manheim Township has the highest test scores, they are not on and are not going to Block Scheduling.
12. The very first HS in the country (Virginia) to go to Block, has now completely moved away from this type of schedule.
13. A study done by The College Board found that students in AP courses held in the block format scored lower on AP tests than their counterparts in a traditional schedule.



TIPS FOR COLLECTING AND TALLYING YODER'S RECEIPTS

Due January 7 & 8, 2008

- 1.) Make sure the register receipts have **Yoder's Market** or **Yoder's Pharmacy** on the receipt, only these Yoder's receipts will be accepted. **Sorry, we cannot accept receipts of payments made on Yoder's charge accounts, Gas Island, Gift Shop or Petal Perfect.**
- 2.) Make sure the dates on the receipts are within the dates we are collecting the receipts, (i.e. 8/01/07-12/31/07) any other dates will not be accepted.
- 3.) Original receipts only, no photocopies
- 4.) Please do not highlight subtotals as it smears the ink and makes it difficult to verify.
- 5.) Tally the receipts.....**Use the subtotal after discounts, coupons and adjustments and before tax**...(see an example below), fill out slip below and turn in the receipts on specified collection dates to the container marked for receipts in the band room..... **(NOT THE WHITE PAYMENT BOX)**
- 6.) **Due to deadlines we will not be able to take late turn-ins.**



Name _____

Grade _____

Total of receipts \$ _____

GS Band Boosters
Disney Trip Final Payment Coupon

Disney Trip – Student/Chaperone Final Payment Coupon

Please complete and return one coupon with each payment per person. You may write one check to cover the payments, but please be sure each person traveling with the band has a coupon completed.

Payment 4 for Disney Trip 2008—Due November 15, 2007 to white box in Band Room
Payment: **\$250.00**. Clearly label envelope with Student and Parent name.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

\$ _____ Check Enclosed \$ _____ Cash Enclosed
_____ Amount to be taken from Student's Account

Disney Trip – Tagalong Final Payment Coupon

Please complete and return one coupon with each payment per person. You may write one check to cover the payments, but please be sure each person traveling with the band has a coupon completed.

Payment 4 for Disney Trip 2008—Due November 15, 2007 to white box in Band Room
Payment: **\$279.00**. Clearly label envelope with Student and Parent name.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

\$ _____ Check Enclosed \$ _____ Cash Enclosed
_____ Amount to be taken from Student's Account

LLMEA Band Directors - 2006/2007					
<i>School District</i>	<i>MS Band Director</i>	<i>HS Band Director</i>	<i>Private</i>	MS Band	HS Band
Annaville-Cleona	Todd Narehood	Don Schade	N	80	85
Cocalico	Doug Kulp	Robbie Trescavage	N	150	95
Columbia	<i>Rob Richards</i>	<i>Rob Richards</i>	N	23	34
Conestoga Valley	Tom Owsinski	Josh Decker	N	52	
Cedar Crest	Sue Deiffenbach	Cheryl Kulikowski	N		
Donegal	<i>Dale Sellers</i>	<i>Dale Sellers</i>	N	38	65
ELANCO	<i>Richard Fitz</i>	<i>Richard Fitz</i>	N	86	128
ELCO	Craig DeVore	Ken Krause	N	150	90
E-town	Lynnette Miller	Steve Barraclough	N	210	160
Ephrata	Steve Goss	Scott Fairchild	N	135	100
Hempfield	Colin McCaskey	Bill Powers	N	85	110
Lampeter-Strasburg	Scott Loose	Larry Royer	N	80	120
Lancaster Catholic	Tony Kirchner	Tony Brill	Y	80	95
Lancaster Christian	<i>Rachel Rineer</i>	<i>Rachel Rineer</i>	Y		
Lancaster Country Day	Kim Lansinger	David Pedrick	Y		
Lancaster Mennonite	<i>Bill Mitten</i>	<i>Bill Mitten</i>	Y		
Lebanon	Bruce Barry	Jared Daubert	N	73	75
Lebanon Catholic	Shannon Root	Scott Root	Y		
Manheim Central	Christy Wanamaker	Jim Metzger	N	75	66
Manheim Township	Dave Schultz	Ed Vaughen	N	100	122
Northern Lebanon		Galen Walmer	N	83	85
Palmyra	Fred Otto	Bill Bratten	N	180	104
Penn Manor	Jill Almoney	Tom Mumma	N	92	49
Pequea Valley	Allen Apgar	Byron Mikesell	N		
Solanco	Glenn Dotterer	Gary Doll	N	101	137
Warwick	<i>Todd Sheerer</i>	<i>Todd Sheerer</i>	N	60	90
<u>26 School Districts/Private Schools</u>		5 Private Schools		96.65	95.26316
		21 Public Schools		Several 6-8th	
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School District	MS Enrollment	MS Band	Ensembles	Rehearsals Per Week/Cycle
Cocalico	900	150	Band, Ch, JE	3
Columbia	230	23	Band, Ch	3
Conestoga Valley		52	Band, Or, Ch, JE	
Conewago Valley	700		Band, Or, Ch.	3
Dallastown	1500		Band, Or, Ch, JE	2
Delone Catholic		80	Band	1
Donegal	663	38	Band, Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	2-3 cycle
Dover	620		Band, Ch, JE	2
ELANCO	534	86	Band, Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	3
Elizabethtown	950	210	Band (2), Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	2
Gettysburg	950		Band, Or, Ch, JE	5
Hempfield		85	Band, Or, Ch, JE	3
Lampeter-Strasburg	800	80	Band, Or, Ch.	3
Lebanon	1000	73		
Manheim Central	540	75	Band, Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	3
Manheim Township	935	100	Band, Or, Ch, JE	2
Northern York	875		Band, Or, Ch, JE	2-3 cycle
Penn Manor		92	Band, Or, Ch, JE	1 per week
Red Lion	950		Band, Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	2
Solanco	1100	101	Band, Or, Ch, JE, Ens.	5
Southern York	500		Band, Or, Ch.	2
Spring Grove	750		Band, Or, Ch, JE	2
Avg.	805.3888889	88.92857143		2.476190476
	(Most are 6-8)	11%		
ELANCO	534	86		3 per cycle
		16%		

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>MS Sectionals</u>	<u>Graded</u>
Ens, GM, sect.	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, sect	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, sect	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, sect.	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, sect	Yes	Yes
Ens, lessons	Yes	Sep. Report
Ens, GM, sect.	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, lessons	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM, sect	Yes	Progress Reports
Ens, GM, sect.	Yes	Progress Reports
Ens, GM, lessons	Yes	Yes
Ens, GM,	No	No
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	20-Y, 1-N	16-Y, 3-N
		2-PR
	Yes	No

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