

General McLane Band Boosters

The Notes!

July 2010

Mandatory Meeting

The next GM Band Booster Meeting will be held August 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in GMHS auditorium.

Attendance of this meeting by parents or guardians of students participating in marching band is required by the school district. This includes musicians, color guard and managers.

Among the items on the agenda will be the 2010 GM Marching Band schedule, the GM Exhibition and fundraisers.

A mandatory meeting for all persons interested in chaperoning will be held immediately following the general meeting.

Each band member will be giving \$5 towards their section's basket for auction at Exhibition in September. Collection of funds will be at the August meeting.

Sign-up sheets for being a chaperone, Exhibition jobs, concession stand hours, etc., will be available in the cafeteria after the meeting. Account balances may be checked as well.

Music Days

August 24, 25, 26

All band members report by noon and work on music until 3 p.m.

The concession stand will not be open on these days.

The 2010 LMBA Premier Show - The GM Exhibition! September 11th

This is the big event for the band and for the boosters. This is the evening the kids present the 2010 show that they have worked on all summer. This is the event that provides the most revenue for band activities and supplies. This is the Boosters' night to shine!

Many adult volunteers are needed for this event. This is the Boosters' show. All staffing is from our ranks, not from the kids or the school. Members are needed to run the concession stand, the various booths, organize the eighth grade volunteers, provide hospitality to visiting bands, sell tickets, happy ads, etc.

Baked goods will be collected for the Bake Sale from all band families.

Please contact Cheryn Rawson 734-2468 or return the Exhibition Volunteer Form available on the booster website.

Picture Day

This year band pictures will be taken on August 13th. Students need to bring their uniforms on that day. Please come prepared. Whole band, section and individual pictures are among the options you may order.

Concession Stand

The Concession Stand during Band Camps is provided for the benefit of the students and staff. The prices are *lower* than those posted at athletic events - where profits help the Boosters!

Beverages and a variety of snacks are available. The stand opens a half an hour before camp begins and remains open until the camp day is over.

Students have the option to order food from Valerio's for lunch. Pizza is \$1.25 per slice of either cheese or pepperoni. Subs are \$3.00 for a six inch and choices will be listed at the concession stand. Salads are also available but vary in price depending on the type of salad. All orders are taken each morning before camp begins.

Volunteers are needed to run the concession stand.

The day is divided into two shifts; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The shifts overlap at lunch.

7:30 to 12:00

or 11:30 to 4:00

Please call Patti Hepler, 734-7143, if you can help during Main Camp.

As this is for our kids, there is no compensation to student accounts.

Lunch During Main Camp is noon to 1 p.m.

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Newspaper subscriptions or renewals for the family of Gazette local publications will be available from band members in August. This includes the Edinboro News and other papers distributed in northwestern PA and northeastern OH. Jenn Shepherd is chairing this project.

Uniform Fittings

Fittings for uniforms will be held after Band Camp on August 9 for seniors and juniors, August 10 for sophomores and freshmen. A lottery is conducted for each class to determine the order in which students are fitted.

ALL band members are fitted in their uniforms on the appropriate day. Returning members must try on their uniforms each year to check the fit. Those students with legitimate reasons for not being able to participate on the assigned day **must** notify Mrs. Cooke in advance. Students with conflicts with their work schedules or medical appointments will be fitted during lunch hours.

Fittings begin at 4 p.m.

Again: Seniors and Juniors are scheduled for August 9.

Sophomores and Freshmen on August 10 .

The shoe and glove salesman visit to be announced at camp.

Please wear smooth shorts, like the ones you bought to wear during the season, to make the fitting sessions quicker and easier.

*** Volunteers who would like to help with uniform fittings please contact Marcia Cooke at cookehill@velocity.net (I prefer emails!) or 734-3980. ***

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Discount cards for local businesses and larger franchises will be available beginning in August. Support the band while saving! Cheryn Rawson heads this fundraiser.

Magazine sales begin in October. A chairperson is still needed for this project.

Band Camp Hints Revisited

All GM Bands run on *M-time*. Plan to arrive at Band Camp 15 to 30 minutes early. All band members are expected to be in position on the field, with their instruments and ready to play and/or march at precisely the scheduled time.

Allow yourself plenty of personal preparation time to visit with friends, get breakfast or order lunch at the concession stand, etc., and still be in position on time.

Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat or visor and plenty of water for hot days.

It is essential to be well hydrated!

Always wear shoes that are comfortable and suitable for marching.

Flat soled shoes with good support reduce pain and fatigue. The focus of main Band Camp is learning the drill. Most of the time spent is spent marching.

Band Camp is a school function. Please dress appropriately.

Attendance and participation at all band camp days is required.

Bid for the Bands will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at St. Francis Ushers Club in McKean. More information regarding donations and volunteer positions will be available soon. Contact Cheryn to Volunteer!

The 2010 Drum Majors

Senior Drum Major: Maria Carey

Junior Drum Major: Marielle Kennerknecht

What's Up Dot?

Every marching member of the GM Marching Band must have a Dot Book. In the choreography of the show, each member of the band is assigned a number. This number will appear in the drill diagrams provided. By following their dot through the charts, students can see the contribution they make to the overall program.

Where a number appears on the field also corresponds to a specific place in the music. A Dot Book helps band members coordinate their position on the field with the music at any point in the drill.

The drill charts change every few measures and/or steps. A second copy of the music is provided to be *cut-and-pasted* on the back of each chart.

Please bring:

A loose-leaf, three ring notebook, one and a half to two inches thick, makes the best Dot Book. Pages are easily added during Camp. Once the book is complete, it is best to tape the rings closed.

Individual clear sleeves for the pages will help keep the pages from being damaged or ripping out, but are not required. These can be reused season after season! Some *used* dot book supplies are available in the band room.

The Dot Book will **always** be carried by the student during practice sessions. A durable cover is suggested. Dot books can get wet, muddy and grass stained, and frequently get stepped on.

Attaching some type of strap or cord to the Dot Book, so the student can *wear* it while playing their instrument, is also important.

2010 LANCER MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

Aug. 14	Kennywood	Report:	7:30 AM
Sept. 4	FB Vincent @ Vets (Saturday)	Report:	6:00 PM
Sept. 10	FB @ North East	Report:	5:00 PM
Sept. 11	General McLane Exhibition&Clinic	Report:	1:00 PM
Sept. 17	FB Game HarborCreek@Home	Report:	6PM
Sept. 18	Eisenhower Competition	Report:	TBD PM
Sept. 24	FB Away @ Seneca	Report:	5:00 PM
Sept. 25	Edinboro Homecoming Parade	Report:	9:30 AM
Oct. 1	FB Northwestern Home	Report:	6:00 PM
Oct. 2	Girard	Report:	TBD PM
Oct. 8	FB Bradford @ Homecoming	Report:	6:00 PM
Oct. 10	Homecoming Dance		
Oct. 16	Harbor Creek Competition	Report:	TBD PM
	FB Meadville Home (Saturday)	Report:	TBD PM
Oct. 22	FB Fairview Home	Report:	6:00 PM
Oct. 23	Corry Competition	Report:	TBD
Oct. 29	FB Away @ Girard	Report:	5:00 PM
Oct. 30	LMBA Championships @ Vets	Report:	TBD PM
Nov. 4	Band Review 7:30 PM @ GMHS	Report:	6:30 PM
Nov. 5	FB @ Franklin	Report:	5:00 PM
Nov. 6	BID FOR THE BANDS	TBD	
Nov. 12,13, 14, 19,20, etc.	FB Playoff games!	Report:	TBD

Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade and NYC Cruise and show:
Nov. 24, 25, 26, 27, 2010

GM BANDS



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