

General McLane Band Boosters

The Notes!

June 2010

The General McLane bands are renowned for their excellent jazz tradition. The genre is a perfect fit for the GM bands because it provides both a diverse and a dynamic style of music.

The 2010 season will explore a different genre, equally diverse and dynamic, but the selections are from the work of one artist:

GM Band is going to take on the King!

That's right -- this year's marching show will be a tribute to Elvis Presley.

The featured songs include some of Elvis's legendary tender ballads – add extra tissues to your band booster survival kit.

Other selections come from the King's long list of classics that are guaranteed to make you tap your toes, if not start dancing in the stands!

Oh Mama's, it is going to be a great year!

**GM, get ready to ROCK,
'cause that's how we ROLL!**

**Mini Camp
June 14 through June 18
9 a.m. to 3p.m.**

Duck ticket/money due June 23rd

Program Ads due July 2nd

//Our Own Website☺

gmbandboosters.org is our new one-stop-shopping location for all things to do with the boosters or the band. Schedules, forms and information will be available and updated regularly.

Thank you Ward Waldo for sharing your time and talents to provide an excellent method for all boosters to be informed and communicate!

All documents pertaining to band business will be available on the booster website and in the band room. This will include permission slips, order forms and schedules.

***All hardcopy forms, correspondence or checks can be deposited in the Band Booster Box in the Band Room or mailed to:
General McLane Band Boosters
P.O. Box 341
Edinboro, PA 16412***

Summer Band Booster Meetings

June 14 A meeting for new parents will be held at 7:00 p.m. with a general meeting beginning at 7:30. Booster meetings are held in the band room unless otherwise announced.

No meeting in July!

August 9 – Mandatory meeting of all parents/guardians of GM Marching Band members. This includes all instrumentalists, managers and color guard members. This meeting is mandated by school policy and will be held in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

A word to new members:

Like everything else about coming to high school, this is a new beginning.

Marching band is so much more than just the music! There's the marching, obviously. If that isn't enough of a challenge, there is more independence and, with that, more responsibility. Not all instruction, or discipline, comes from the band director or staff.

Marching Band is a TEAM sport. This is your rookie year. To succeed, listen to veteran members – they are here to help you. The best thing to bring with you is an open mind and a cooperative attitude.

Welcome to the Band!

Required Apparel

Students are required to purchase one short sleeved Band T-shirt. Extra T-shirts and long sleeved shirts may be ordered as well. The cost of the shirts, and a due date for T-shirt orders, will be announced at Mini Camp.

All students are required to wear black (dark) shorts under their uniform. These shorts must be smooth to avoid damage to the uniforms. Bicycle shorts, silky gym shorts or Under Armor are suggested.

Shorts under the uniform help reduce the number of times the uniform needs to be dry cleaned. Also, the students often change clothes on the buses and the shorts make for a more G-rated band.

Don't forget your black socks! Avoid showing skin; judges take off points for bare ankles or wrists. Please wear socks that are crew length or longer.

Uniforms!

All students will be fitted in a uniform during main camp. The days and times selected for uniform fittings will be announced in the July newsletter and on the website. If a student can not attend the scheduled fitting days, please contact Marcia Cooke at cookehill@velocity.net prior to main camp for other arrangements to be made.

Marching and guard shoes will be sold during uniform fitting days. The exact day will be announced prior to main band camp.

LMBA Premier Event at GM!

We are again hosting the Premier Event for the Fall Marching Season. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Along with the honor of being the first to host a LMBA (**L**ake **E**rie **M**arching **B**and **A**ssociation) event for the season, the Exhibition is also one of the primary fundraisers for the Boosters. Parents of all band students are needed to make this event a success.

Time is the most important element you can donate to this particular event. Along with the usual help needed for the concession stand and novelties booth, there is a variety of jobs that need to be done. Hosts are needed for helping the visiting bands. To help keep traffic flowing parking attendants are needed. There are booths for the basket auction, bake sale, candy grams, etc., that will need volunteers. Boosters will be taking entrance tickets, selling 50/50 tickets and programs.

The more people who volunteer, the lighter the load for everyone!

Band Camp Hints

All GM Bands run on M-time. Plan to arrive for either Mini or main Band Camp 15 to 30 minutes early. All band members are expected to be in position 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, hit the concession stand, etc., and still be in position on time. There are very few things more embarrassing -- or more noticeable -- than running on to the field late.

Be prepared for any type of weather. Bring a sweatshirt or jacket for cool days and early mornings. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat or visor **and plenty of water for hot days.** Bring a change of clothes for rainy days. Remember, football halftime shows and band competitions will be held in all kinds of weather and field conditions – heat, rain, mud, high wind and snow! Practices are meant to prepare you for all these possibilities.

Always wear shoes that are comfortable and suitable for marching. Forget fashion! Flat soled, supportive shoes are the way to go.

Band Camp is a school function. School District dress code requirements will still apply. Some points of the code may soften and bend in the August heat, but be reasonable. Please dress appropriately.

Attendance and participation at all band camp days is required. Please submit a note to the staff if you miss a day due to illness. Notify the staff in advance of appointments.

Camp Concessions!

A concession stand is provided for the students during both summer band camps. 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 in 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.

Mini Camp: 8:30 to 12:00 and 11:30 to 3:00

Main Camp: 7:30 to 12:00 and 11:30 to 4:00

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

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

Band Camp Schedule

August 2nd – 6th
and

August 9th – 13th
8 a.m. to noon
Lunch
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kennywood, Saturday, August 14
7:30 a.m. to midnight

August 24, 25, 26 (27)
Noon to 3 p.m.

FUNDRAISING

The members of the GM band and the Band Boosters participate in many and varied fundraising activities. These activities are essential in providing our children the quality and quantity of experiences associated with GM Band membership.

A portion of all profit from fundraising activities is allotted to the Band Booster Fund. Monies raised for the Band Booster fund are used for transportation, maintenance of equipment, uniforms, awards, scholarships, etc. Booster funds not only assist the marching band but all other GM bands as well.

The Band Exhibition held at General McLane is one of the primary sources of Band Booster funds. All profits from ticket sales, concession stand sales, the bake sale, program sales, etc., benefit Band Boosters. The success of this event depends entirely on the efforts of the Band Parents.

Other fundraisers involve the band members, themselves. Program ad sales, duck races, magazines sales, etc., provide monies for both the Booster Fund and the students. Each of these activities will be presented to the students in detail and reviewed on the website and newsletter. This season we have a chairperson to oversee all fundraising events. Cheryn Rawson (734-2468) can answer any questions you may have regarding fundraisers.

Participation in any fundraising activity is optional. However, students may use the fundraisers to augment their student accounts. The percentage the student will receive will be announced for every student fundraising activity.

Program Ads

Forms for the Exhibition Program Ads will be distributed during Mini Camp. Students' accounts will be credited with 50% of the price of each ad they sell.

Personal ads are also available. Each ad costs \$10.00 -- \$5.00 going to the student's account. Send a special note to your favorite band member, section or the whole band!

Duck Races

Every 4th of July the Kiwanis Club of Edinboro holds a Duck Race. Hundreds of numbered rubber ducks are launched from the dam behind the Borough Building to *swim* down Mallory Run to the bridge at Normal Street. Over two hundred prizes are donated to the annual Duck Race from local merchants.

Each Duck Race ticket is \$5.00. For a limited time, the Kiwanis graciously allow GM Band members to sell tickets for the Duck Race. The Band Boosters receive \$1.00 from each ticket sold. Students receive \$2.00 in their student accounts for every duck they sell!

Tickets will be available Monday of Mini Camp. (Please contact Cheryn Rawson, 734-2468, for more information.) Students will be held accountable for all money and tickets. Money for tickets not returned will be deducted from the student's account.

2010 John J. Marszalek Scholarship winners:

Emma Polaski
Alan Adrusky

Congratulations!

What's a Band Booster? Why Do I Want To Be One?

The General McLane Band Boosters are a group of adults who support the GM Bands. Most are the parents or guardians of participating students. Other members come from the community or are band alumni.

What these people have in common is an interest in the supporting the bands in all the various programs available – not just the marching band. Band Boosters provide the required monies for the various band activities and functions. The money is provided primarily through fundraisers.

Support also comes in many other forms. Membership is \$15/\$25 per family and forms are available in the band room and on the website.

The donation of time is a commodity the Boosters always need. Every talent donated is appreciated. Boosters are called on to bake cookies, dust trophies, paint wooden musical notes, photograph events or kids . . . whatever they are willing to do.

And why do you want to be a Band Booster? To support, and get to know, a great group of kids!

Fall dates to remember:

September 11th, Exhibition at GM!

October 30th, Championships at Vets

The final schedule of football games, competitions and other band events will be coming soon – keep checking the website for information and announcements. Hardcopies of this information will also be available in the band room

Let's March!

M M's World. Being in The Band means that you have chosen to be part of M's world. In M's world, M's word is law. Being part of this domain means you already have a member of the faculty whose door is open to you – although there may be a line. It means the Band Room can be your sanctuary. These are privileges to be treated with care. There are simple rules of conduct; follow the rules and enjoy the privileges.

A Always ask questions. If you don't understand the music, the drill; how to step, where to go next -- ASK. There are always older students, section leaders, staff members or boosters available. During summer camps there are extra alumni and staff who are there to help you do your best. If the answer is unclear, ask again or ask someone else. Any questions you have about the school in general, use the older students as a resource.

R Respect and responsibility. Respect those around you; other band members, staff, and boosters. Respect yourself; always do your best. Take responsibility for your own success, your own possessions, and your own behavior.

C Courtesy and cooperation are always the best way to make your path smooth. Practice both and your band experience will be one of the highlights of your high school career. The GM band is also **cohesive**. Its members will become your extended family.

H Hard work is the only way we know. The GM Band has been a contender for LMBA Open Class Champion for many years and frequently won that honor. Work hard. Always do your best and you'll be one of the 2010 Champs!