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AUGUST BAND CAMP!

All Percussion and
Freshmen Winds Camp
August 1-3

Band Camp for Everyone
August 6-22



There's a
Mandatory Parent
& Student Meeting on
Tuesday, August 7th
at 6:00PM in the
MPR.

GET THE TRAINING

Learn technique and fundamentals from the top instructors in Southern California. You'll be taught marching and music basics for our halftime show.

GET THE MUSIC & DRILL

Your \$150 Deposit saves you a spot in the show. During camp you'll receive the field show music, pep tunes, and drill for our 2018 field show production.

GET THE GEAR!

In addition to marching and music instruction and the cost of the field show, your Band Camp donation also pays for your official field show t-shirt.

MARCHING GLADIATORS



ALWAYS STRIVING FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE.

WELCOME TO THE GAHR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM!

This newsletter contains important information regarding donations, fundraisers, rehearsals, and performances. Please read the following carefully so we get off to a smooth start!

Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Gahr High School Instrumental Music Program! Gahr High School is one of the strongest and most well-rounded music programs in Southern California. We are excited you have decided to be a part of it!

Band Camp is MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS (Winds, Battery, Front Ensemble & Color Guard) **and is from August 6-22nd. All Battery, Front Ensemble, and freshmen wind players, have a three-day Mini-Camp the week before, from August 1st-3rd.** Please see the attached summer practice schedule for the exact days and times for your section, or visit www.gahrband.org/calendar.

We have a Mandatory Parent & Student Meeting for everyone in the program on Tuesday, August 7th at 6PM in the MPR. We will be going through the Gahr Marching Gladiators handbook, the rehearsal/performance schedule, the Gahr Invitational Field Tournament, fundraisers, and our trip to Hawaii in 2019! **On Wednesday, August 22nd we will have our Band Camp BBQ & Concert where you will be able to see what your child**

has been working on and get a sneak peek of our field show! On Friday, August 17th, we will have our annual family Beach Party & Bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach.

The Gahr Boosters have worked hard to create some great fundraisers to help your student offset their tuition. **The plans we have made are based on an operating budget that includes 100% payment of all student donations.** These funds are critical, and without your financial support we are unable to perform at field show competitions, purchase music, or pay for an instructional staff.

I want to encourage all parents to become involved in our Gahr Band Boosters organization! We need help with uniforms, transporting equipment, selling concessions at football games, building props, and completing hundreds of other jobs that just have to be done. You'll be able to meet our booster board at our Mandatory Parent Meeting on August 7th.

SAVE THE DATE: The 4th Annual Gahr Invitational Field Tournament is on Saturday, October 13, 2018! We will need all hands on deck for this to be successful. Please plan on being there to help.

My goal for the students is simple: to grow as both a performer *and* as a person, and having a great time doing it! **We're gearing up for an exciting year, and I look forward to you being a part of it!**

Musically yours,

Darren Loney

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Department Website

www.gahrband.org

Facebook Page

"Like" the Gahr Marching Gladiators on Facebook to stay updated with photos, videos, and more!

facebook.com/gahrband

BAND CAMP 2018

Please read the following information carefully so your student is prepared for camp!

Band Camp for everyone runs from August 6th - 22nd, Monday through Friday each week, typically from 8:30AM-5PM. Please check the summer calendar for additional rehearsals for winds, battery, front ensemble, and color guard. All rehearsals begin promptly each morning in the Gahr High School Band Room (102). During Band Camp, students learn basics and fundamentals necessary for our competitive field show. This includes warm-up routines, exercises, marching techniques, music, and drill for our field show.

All Band, Percussion, and Color Guard members MUST ATTEND SUMMER BAND CAMP to be admitted into the field show for the fall semester. Let Mr. Loney know immediately if this is a problem. We perform shortly after the school year starts, and it is very difficult to catch up after missing 100 hours of instruction. **All outstanding donations must be paid BEFORE you can participate in Band Camp.** If you are unsure of your current account balance or have difficulty meeting these requirements, contact our Booster Treasurer, Deanna Varney, at dvarney15@gmail.com or (562) 413-3068.

Band Camp Registration

This year, Band Camp Registration is staggered during the summer. In order to pay for our summer instructors & materials a **\$150 Deposit is due during the summer:**

Percussion: Monday, July 9th

Color Guard: Monday, July 16th

Winds: Wednesday, August 1st

Missing any part of Band Camp does NOT exclude you from this donation. We also accept major credit cards! **Have your forms already filled out and your payment ready.**

School Registration 8/14

Everyone in the marching band has a special Gahr High School Registration day - Tuesday, August 14th at 6:45AM in the MPR.

Camp and Events Schedule

Band Camp typically runs from 8:30AM-5PM each day, Monday-Friday. Please read the attached Band Camp Schedule for your section's exact days and times.

Lunch is usually from 12-1PM. Students may bring \$5 to receive lunch from the boosters. Students must pay in advance to be included in the next day's lunch count. *Students may also bring their own sack lunch.*

There is a **MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT MEETING** Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00PM in the MPR. Parents will receive the Band Handbook and important information for the fall season.

Saturday, August 11th is our annual Car Wash fundraiser, from 8:30AM-2PM. Students may pre-sell car wash tickets and put 100% of the profit towards their account! While students have the option to sell tickets to earn donations, all students must volunteer for a shift at the car wash.

Friday evening, August 17th we have our family Beach Party & Bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach! Stay tuned for what each section will need to bring.

Wednesday, August 22nd, is our annual BBQ & Concert starting at 5:30PM at the Gahr High School Rally Platform. See what your student will be doing this year!

Ensemble Placements

All winds will be evaluated for ensemble placement (Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and Jazz Band). Students will be asked to play some scales, warm ups, play a prepared etude, and do some sight-reading. **If you are interested in Jazz Band** (sax, trumpet, trombone, drum set, piano, guitar, and bass), **please let Mr. Loney know when you have your woodwind or brass placement.** *Remember, attitude and improvement are also a factor!* Percussionists will be assigned to perform with either Concert Band or Wind Ensemble based on their abilities.



Students must bring a hat and 1-gal water jug.

Things to Remember:

1. Wear the right stuff. Wear light-colored shorts and shirts. A hat, athletic/tennis shoes, and sunscreen are non-negotiable items.

2. Bring your own one-gallon water jug. One gallon is how much water you should be consuming in a 4-hour block. Hydrate! You **MUST** bring your own jug. *Drink water 24 hours BEFORE you arrive to practice.*

3. Eat a good breakfast & bring lunch or lunch money. Eat something with protein. Students pass out when they do not eat. Bring \$5 each day for lunch from the boosters.

4. Bring your equipment. Instrument, binder, music, pencil, lyres, flags, flip-folders, reeds, valve oil, etc. Many supplies will be available for purchase.

5. Be on time. If you're early you're on time. If you're on time, you're late. **If you're late, it's unacceptable.**



STUDENT DONATIONS

Become an Official Booster!

Membership is just \$25 per person and includes an official field show t-shirt, volunteer badge, and a Gahr Marching Gladiators lanyard! Fill out the attached Booster Membership Form. Additional t-shirts are available for \$18 each.

Student Contribution and Fundraisers

The total operating budget for the Gahr Marching Gladiators fall season is approximately \$85,000. This budget includes major items such as instructional staff, equipment and instruments, uniforms, production costs, transportation, and food. We are able to offset this cost with general account fundraisers such as car washes. **The student donation for this year is \$525.** This donation can be paid all at once, or can be broken down into the deposit of \$150 and three additional payments of \$125:

\$150 Marching Band Deposit

Due July 9th at Percussion Camp
Due July 16th at Color Guard Camp
Due August 1st at Wind Camp

\$125 Payment #2

Due September 4th for everyone

\$125 Payment #3

Due October 1st for everyone

\$125 Final Payment

Due November 5th for everyone

The band program has many “upfront” bills, such as **registration for competitions, props**, There is typically an *optional* fundraiser associated with each payment. Scheduled deadlines mark the day a payment is due. While fundraisers can help offset the cost, **it does not excuse the student from donations or due dates. It is critical that 100% of the payment is submitted on time so we can pay our instructional staff!**

Contact Mr. Loney or our Booster Treasurer, Mrs. Varney dvarney15@gmail.com if you have questions about your current account balance.

Sibling Discount

Families with two or more children currently enrolled in the program will receive a \$75 discount per student. *This discount is applied only to the final payment.*

Sponsorship Program

The Marching Gladiator Sponsorship Program is a great way to raise money for your donation! **Download and print the Sponsorship Letter & Instructions off our website** and send it to family, friends, co-workers, and corporate and local businesses. Students have been able to raise their entire contribution with sponsorship letters! Getting sponsors does take some work, but if you spend 2-3 hours and make a few hundred dollars, that's a great financial return.



Please make checks payable to “Gahr Band Boosters”

Always write your student’s name on payments and deposit them in the Band Room Drop Box.
We also accept credit card & online payments!



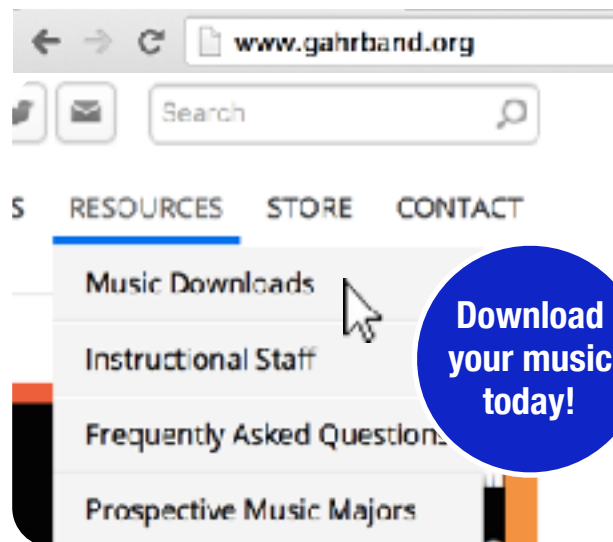
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REHEARSAL PROTOCOL

- **To be EARLY is to be ON TIME.**
- Fast-paced, efficient, and well-organized rehearsals are the standard.
- When you cross the sideline and step onto the field, switch to a working mentality where your goals and work ethic are clear.
- **Silence on the field is required at all times.** *This reduces confusion and allows all members to hear instructions and corrections.*
- **Quick resets.** The more times something is performed correctly, the better it will become.
- **Perform all the time.** Rehearse the way you want to perform.
- **Worry about your own “gig.”** It is not your job to make suggestions to the person next to you. A teacher or staff member will do so at the appropriate time.
- **Take criticism and make corrections.** Everyone will be wrong at some point. Don't take it personally. *Without mistakes being identified and isolated, how would improvement exist?*
- **Push your staff by being ready to go!** *Always know your music, choreography, dots, step-size, and halfway point.*
- Never stop trying to improve your own individual performance.
- **Being good = fun!**

Music Downloads

Students can download PDFs and MP3s of their music! Just go to www.gahrband.org and click on Resources > Music Downloads.



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Come to a Monthly Booster Meeting!

All parents are encouraged to attend monthly booster meetings. Meetings are a great way to stay involved and are once a month at 6:30PM in the Band Room. Meetings are warm, welcoming, and efficient.

Meeting Dates:

June 20th – Field Show Committee Meeting

August 7th – Mandatory Meeting @ 6PM

September 5th – Kick-off Meeting!

October 3rd

October 10th – Mandatory, Tournament

November 7th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 6th

April 3rd – Executive board nominations

May 1st – Vote for executive board

June 5th – Last meeting

WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2018

Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory and comprises the majority of your student's grade. Make sure your student is prepared for rehearsal with a hat, a one-gallon jug of water, dot book, pencil, athletic clothing, and working equipment. Understand **it is impossible to make up the information gained in a rehearsal.** Excused absences are defined as weddings, funerals, or illness requiring a doctor's immediate care. *It is the student's responsibility to provide a doctor's note the following day.* **Unexcused absences are things like having too much homework, conflicts with work, having to babysit, or not having a ride to rehearsal.**

Mondays	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Fridays*
3:00 - 5:15PM	5:00 - 8:15PM	3:00 - 5:15PM	3:00 - 4:15PM


Students are dismissed from the rehearsal location at the end time. Please allow students 15-20 minutes of travel time after rehearsal to walk back to the band room and put away equipment. If there is no football game, the Marching Gladiators have some pep tune rehearsals from 3:00-4:15PM Be prepared with your music organized in a flip-folder and a working music lyre!

EVENT CALENDAR 2018

AUG	1-3	ALL PERCUSSION AND INCOMING WIND PLAYERS	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	1	1ST PAYMENT OF \$150 DUE	
	6-10	BAND CAMP - WEEK 1 (EVERYONE)	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	7	MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT MEETING IN MPR	6:00PM
	11	CAR WASH! - 100% of the profit goes to student accounts.	8:30AM - 2:00PM
	13-17	BAND CAMP - WEEK 2 (EVERYONE)	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	14	Gahr High School Registration in MPR / Uniform Fitting	6:45AM
	17	Band Camp Family Beach Party & Bonfire!	6:00 - 9:00PM
	20-22	BAND CAMP - WEEK 3 (EVERYONE)	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	20	Popcornopolis Orders Due	
	22	BAND CAMP SNEAK PREVIEW CONCERT & BBQ!	5:30PM
	24	Home Football Game vs. Millikan HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
	27	School Starts	
SEP	1	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	4	2ND PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	5	Kick-Off Booster Meeting in Band Room!	6:30PM
	8	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	15	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	21	Home Football Game vs. Mayfair HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
	26	FIELD SHOW PROGRAM ADS DUE - 100% of the profit goes to student account	
	28	Away Football Game vs. Dominguez HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
	29	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
OCT	1	3RD PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	3	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	5	Home Football Game vs. Lynwood HS & Middle School Night!	5:00 - 9:30PM
	10	MANDATORY FIELD SHOW MEETING @ STADIUM (All Students, Parents, & Alumni)	6:30PM
	11	Mingle with Warren HS Band!	5:00PM - 9:00PM
	13	Gahr Invitational Field Tournament! (CSBC)	TBA
	19	Homecoming Game vs. Paramount HS	5:30PM - 9:30PM
	20	Mission Viejo Field Tournament (WBA)	TBA
	27	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	30	Colony Field Tournament	TBA
NOV	3	Bands of America Long Beach Show (BOA)	TBA
	5	FINAL PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	7	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	10	California State Band Championship Semi-Finals (CSBC)	TBA
	12	Finals Rehearsal	TBA
	15	Friends & Family Showcase @ Stadium	5:30PM
	17	California State Band Championship Finals & Grand Championships (CSBC)	TBA
DEC	TBA	Disneyland Community Arts Showcase	TBA
	5	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	20	HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT @ WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL!	6:30PM

BBQ & Sneak Preview!

Join us on Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:30PM for our Band Camp BBQ & Concert! We'll be serving dinner for just \$5 per person, and at 6:30PM the Gahr Marching Gladiators will perform on the rally platform in the center quad!



Join Jazz Band!

Jazz Band is an auditioned, year-long group that plays fun music. The class meets zero period. **Let Mr. Loney know if you're interested during ensemble placements!**

Winter Guard & Drumline

Auditions for the 2018 Winter Guard & Winter Drumline are the week after championships. Both of these high-level performing groups are by audition only.