

Summer

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BAND CAMP 2019

**July 29th-August 21st
from 8:30AM-5PM, Mon-Fri
located at Gahr High School**

Band Camp Concert!
Wednesday, August 21st

First Football Game!
Friday, August 23rd

**There's a
Mandatory Parent
& Student Meeting on
Wednesday, July 31st
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 2019 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 July 29th-August 21st.** We will have a 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 Friday, August 2nd at 6PM in the MPR. We will be going through the Gahr Marching Gladiators handbook, the rehearsal/performance schedule, the Gahr Invitational Field Tournament, and fundraisers! **On Wednesday, August 21st 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 16th, 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 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE: The 5th Annual Gahr Invitational Field Tournament is on Saturday, October 12, 2019! 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 2019

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

Band Camp for everyone runs from July 29th - August 21st, Monday through Friday each week, 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 BEFORE 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, Lori Vandeventer, at milojoja@gmail.com.

Band Camp Registration

This year, Band Camp Registration is staggered during the summer. In order to pay for our summer instructors & materials, a \$150 Marching Band Deposit is due on Thursday, June 20th.

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

School Registration 8/14

All students in the marching band have a special Gahr High School Registration day on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:45AM 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 Friday, August 2nd at 6:00PM in the MPR. Parents will receive the Band Handbook and important information for the fall season.

Saturday, August 10th is our annual Car Wash fundraiser, from 9AM-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 16th we have our family Beach Party & Bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach! Stay tuned for what each section will need to bring.

Wednesday, August 21st, 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 Thursday, June 20th

\$125 Payment #2

Due Friday, September 6th

\$125 Payment #3

Due Friday, October 4th

\$125 Final Payment

Due Friday, November 1st

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. Vandevanter milojoja@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.

Sponsorship letters are easy money!

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!



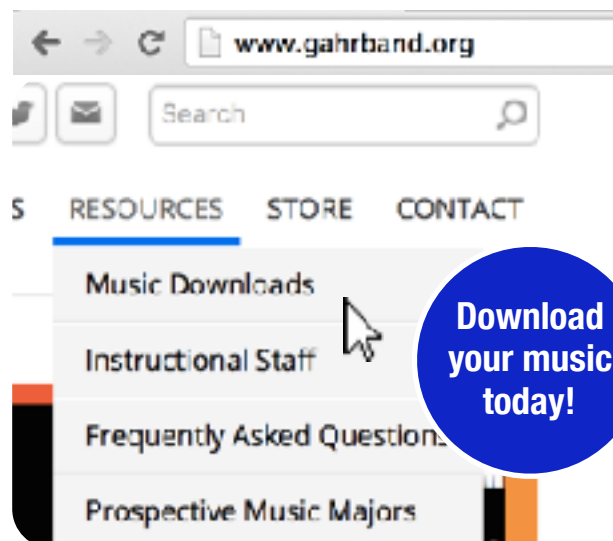
***It is crucial that 100% of the payment is submitted on time so that we can pay our instructors!**

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:

July 31st - Mandatory Meeting @ 6PM
August 28th - Kick-off Meeting!
October 2nd
October 9th - Mandatory, Tournament
November 6th
December 4th
January 8th
February 5th
March 4th
April 1st
April 29th (Area Concert 5/6)
June 3rd - Last meeting



WEEKLY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2019

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	Game Days
3:00 - 5:00PM	5:00 - 8:15PM	3:00 - 5:30PM	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.

EVENT CALENDAR 2019

JUL	29-31	BAND CAMP - WEEK 1	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	31	MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT MEETING, Popcornopolis Kick-Off	6:00PM
AUG	1-2	BAND CAMP - WEEK 1 (Con't)	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	2	Movie Night Under the Stars!	7:30PM
	5-9	BAND CAMP - WEEK 2	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	10	CAR WASH! - 100% of the profit goes to student accounts.	8:30AM - 2:00PM
	12-16	BAND CAMP - WEEK 3	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	14	Gahr High School Registration in MPR / Uniform Fitting	7:45AM
	16	Vandoren Clarinet Clinic and Family Beach Party & Bonfire!	
	19-23	BAND CAMP - WEEK 4	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	19	Popcornopolis Orders Due	
	21	BAND CAMP SNEAK PREVIEW CONCERT & BBQ!	5:30PM
	23	Home Football Game vs. Jefferson HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
	26	School Starts, First rehearsal 3-5PM	
	28	Kick-Off Booster Meeting in Band Room!	6:30PM
	30	Home Football Game vs. Bellflower HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
SEP	6	1ST PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	7	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	13	Home Football Game vs. North Torrance HS	5:30 - 9:30PM
	14	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	21	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	25	FIELD SHOW PROGRAM ADS DUE - 90% of the profit goes to student account	
	28	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
OCT	2	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	3	Home Football Game vs. Downey HS	5:00 - 9:30PM
	4	2ND PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	9	MANDATORY FIELD SHOW MEETING @ STADIUM (All Students, Parents, & Alumni)	6:30PM
	12	Gahr Invitational Field Tournament! (CSBC)	TBA
	19	Saturday Rehearsal	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	25	Homecoming Game vs. Warren HS & Middle School Band Night!	5:00PM - 9:30PM
	26	University Field Tournament (CSBC)	TBA
NOV	1	3RD PAYMENT OF \$125 DUE	
	2	Chino Invitational Field Tournament (SCSBOA)	TBA
	6	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	9	WBA Super Show (WBA)	TBA
	11	Rehearsal TBA	8:30AM - 5:00PM
	16	California State Band Championship Semi-Finals (CSBC)	TBA
	21	Friends & Family Showcase @ Stadium	5:30PM
	23	California State Band Championship Finals & Grand Championships (CSBC)	TBA
DEC	TBA	Disneyland Community Arts Showcase	TBA
	4	Booster Parent Meeting	6:30PM
	18	HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT @ WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL!	6:30PM

BBQ & Sneak Preview!

Join us on Wednesday, August 21st 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 2019 Winter Guard & Winter Drumline are the week after championships. Both of these high-level performing groups are by audition only.