

Galesburg High School Band

Mr. Benjamin Bredemeier, Director

Ms. Brie Shadensack, Assistant Director

February 25, 2010

Dear Friends of the GHS Band Program,

During the fall, around the state, the Galesburg High School Marching Streaks proudly represented our school district and our community at parades, sporting events, and competitions. We enjoyed a wonderful season. Now, the winter season brings concerts and special events for the entire community to enjoy.

Band students will tell you participation is “fun and all your friends are there.” As the Director and as supporters, we understand music benefits academics. Through participation in band our students also gain valuable life tools such as relationship building, cooperation and responsibility. Teamwork and dedication are required to prepare successful performances and our band takes pride in representing their school, community, and organization to the highest standards.

The Band Boosters has an operating budget of over \$40,000 for the 2009-2010 season. Our financial resources come from fund raising activities, with Patron Sales being one of the largest and most important.

The band program, like many others, has had to augment their school district budget allocation with fund raising. A gift from you would assist with meeting our Band budget which assists students to participate in district festivals and competitions. Through fundraising, Band Parents also supply awards, scholarships, and music camp scholarships. And finally, a gift would assist in the purchase of much needed equipment and allow the band to travel to competitions throughout the state and the nation.

Keep music going strong! Your dollars help our students and maintain the strong music tradition at Galesburg High School. Please help us continue the tradition of excellence by mailing the enclosed form with your tax-deductible donation.

Friend	\$49.99 and under
Patron	\$50.00 to \$99.00
Virtuoso	\$100 to \$199
Maestro	\$200 and over

Your contribution will be listed in our concert program provided we receive your donation soon. Our young musicians appreciate your financial gift and your continued support!

Thanks for supporting Galesburg's future.

Cordially,

Ben Bredemeier
Director of Bands

Doris K. Kowalski
Patron Sales Chairperson

We invite you to join us for these upcoming events!

Thursday, March 4th...GHS Solo and Ensemble contest at GHS – 5:00PM

Saturday, March 13th ...GHS Jazz Ensembles at ROWVA Jazz Festival

Sunday, March 21st ...GHS Theme Concert at GHS Auditorium – 2:00PM

Thursday, March 25th...Jazz Showcase at Lake Storey Pavilion – 7:00PM

Guest Artist – Kevin Malley, Saxophone

Sunday, May 2nd ...Wind Symphony Spring Concert – 2:00PM

Thursday, May 6th ...Symphonic Band Spring Concert – 7:00PM

Friday, May 14th ...GHS Jazz Ensembles - Big Band Dip...TBA

******Please complete and return:******

Accept my donation of \$_____ for the Galesburg High School Band Program.
(Make checks payable to the **GHS Band Parents**)

Check one: _____ Friend _____ Patron _____ Virtuoso _____ Maestro
((\$49.99 & under) (\$50.00 to \$99.00) (\$100.00 to \$199.00) (\$200.00 and over)

Name as you would like it printed in our concert programs:



Please send your donation by March 12, 2010 to be included in our next program:

GHS Band Patron Sales
c/o Doris K. Kowalski
11 Fairway Road
Galesburg, IL 61401