

Hello Everybody! Just some reminders and information for next year! Please let your parents read this as well as there is some important information they will need to know about!

NEW STUDENTS!!!! DO NOT GET OVERWHELMED!!! we are there for you and will help you through the whole process. It look sleek a lot on paper, but we are all there tho help each other!

PARENTS AND BAND MEMBERS!! PLEASE SIGN UP FOR "REMIND"

The show songs are We Didn't Start the Fire/Piano Man, My Life/Only the Good Die Young, Your Song, Saturday Nights Alright for Fighting. These should be close to being memorized coming into band camp so practice, practice, practice!!! .

Over the summer, I will try to place the MP3's of the music at:
www.pgasd.com/highschool/organizations/band

However you can always look them up on jwpepper.com.

Squad leaders should have at least 2 rehearsals prior to July 20th. If you have not heard from a squad leader, please email me kegibson@pgasd.com. I have changed the way we do our first rehearsal with the FAITH that my squad leaders will do this! If all participants show up for 1, you do not need to have 2. But offering 2 allows for some flexibility. This will be counted in your grade.

Check your schedule! Band camp is mandatory so plan on being there....if things go well, we will try to work "fun day" activities into the mix.

Percussion and Band Front Pre-camp is 3 fun filled days of rehearsal and routine creating. Please plan on attending if you are part of these squads.

If you know of anyone who did not receive music or a schedule, please contact me immediately! This probably means they are not on my list so I need to get them on the roster to make sure there is a spot in the show.

******Again this year, we will be purchasing light up shoes. They are approximately \$50. I will place an order begging of July,**

You will also be required to purchase an all weather uniform. You will order these at band camp. The all weather uniform is about \$35. You may charge these to your band account, and then use fundraiser money later to pay for them. You will get all of that information the first day of camp.

We also have a picture day. Pictures are optional, but everyone will get one taken. We will give you more info as that day approaches.

To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late and to be late is a crime!!! Band camp beings on the field at 8:00 am. First day you will report to the auditorium, after that I will tell you where to report. There will be a booster meeting after the meet the player night. It is a great time to ask any questions, meet the boosters, join the boosters, and have some fellowship.

The best way to get info is by e-mail these days. Please make sure you take the time to e-mail me so that I can include your e-mail address in our weekly updates.

PLEASE bring a pencil to camp with you...preferably a lead pencil...this is SOOO important for marking music.

Remember, all band camp rehearsals are crucial and one missed day could mean you missed an entire song.

Any new members please e-mail me Kegibson@pgasd.com so I can include in the updates.

Sunscreen!! Hats!! Sunglasses!!! WATER or a drink!! Feel free to bring bag or lawn chairs for sectional time.

No Flip Flops!! It makes marching difficult. Sandles are fine if they have a back.

New Music Rules:

First copy/flip folder is free.

If you lose your flip folder, there will be a \$15 fee to get a new one.

If you lose a piece of music, there is \$1 fee to get a new copy.

New students:

Focus on the show music, and try to have it ready when band camp begins. Look over the other music and get a good feel for it. The other songs are for the stands and we will gradually get into them.

Eventually we will want you to MEMORIZE ALMA MATTER, NATIONAL ANTHEM, and The Hey Song (ROCK AND ROLL!!!)

Do not get overwhelmed. Ever new band member was in your shoes! It takes some time and I promise you will get it! Just do your best and it will all work out. We are a team, and we will make sure that everyone progresses and learns the music. We work together. You may feel frustrated. You may fee like the music is too hard. Don't worry, we have all felt that way, and before you know it, you're on the field and we are making music!!

Mr. G

Band Shoe Order Form

Name: _____

Grade 2017-18: _____

Sneaker Size: _____ Please circle: Men's Women's Kid's

\$50

Make Check payable to: Pine Grove Band Boosters

Please return by July 1, 2019

Mail to: Ken Gibson

Pine Grove Area High School

101 School Street

Pine Grove, Pa 17963 Or drop off in office Mon-Thurs 8:00 am - 3:00 pm