



# Gretna East Griffin Pride Band Program

2023 Marching Band Meeting

# Welcome 2023 GEHS Band Families!

We are very lucky to have you here for the inaugural season of the GEHS Griffin Pride Marching Band!



# Marching Band Parent Meeting Agenda

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Welcome to a new program!

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**Welcome!**

Welcome to a brand new program!



# A Unique Opportunity

We get to build something from the ground up! We get to find the “GEHS” way of doing things while honoring the tradition of excellence in Gretna!



# Mr. Leavell

A Little about me:

- Saxophone Player
  - Love Jazz Music
- Grew up in Blue Springs, MO
  - Super competitive High School Band
- Bachelors in Instrumental Music Education
  - MWSU Griffons
- Past 2 Years Assistant at PLSHS
  - Visual Caption Head/ WW Specialist
  - Director of the Winter Winds
- Home Life
  - Jacqueline Pollard - Fiance
  - Marbles - Cat



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# Program Overview

A quick look into how the program will operate and how we will communicate with you!



# Program Overview

The GEHS Band Program will consist of 5 equal categories of activities.

## Marching/ Pep Band

- Griffin Pride Marching Band
  - June - October
- Pep Band
  - Gala Performance, Volleyball, Basketball

## Concert Band

- Concert Music after State Marching
- Great Scale Race

## Jazz Band

- Auditions in November
- Griffin Jazz Ensemble - Top Band
  - Commercial Style Jazz Band
- GEHS Big Band - 2nd Jazz Band
  - If enough people

## Winter Arts

- Winter Guard
  - Audition in November
- Winter Percussion
  - Audition in November

## All State and Solo/ Small Ens.

- All-State
  - Prep Lessons in June
  - Audition in October
  - Conference in November
- Solo/ Small Ensemble
  - Start up in December
  - EBO in February
  - GMF in March



# Year at a Glance

	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Marching	June Rehearsals July Band Camp	Competitions/ State Showcase in October		Leadership Auditions Guard & Solo Auditions
Pep	Gala Performance July 15	VolleyBall Pep	BasketBall Pep	
Concert		Marching Music	Winter/ February Concerts Great Scale Race	Concert Band Festival Spring Concerts
Jazz		Auditions	Winter/ February Concerts Contests	Contests/ State Jazz Spring Concerts
Winter Arts		Auditions	Contests	Contests HWAA Championships
Solo/ Small Ens.			Elkhorn Band Olympics	Gretna Music Festival Spring Concert
All-State	All-State Prep Lessons	All-State Auditions NMEA Conference		

# Communication

We will use a variety of means for communication.

## Regular Information/ Updates:

- Email - Weekly Update
  - Email Hours - 7:30am - 9:00pm
- Stack Team App - Day-of Communication/ General Reminders

## Easily Accessible Information:

- [Griffinpridebands.com](http://Griffinpridebands.com) - Full Calendars, Handbooks, etc...
  - Password: GP2023!
    - Functional, but some areas are still under construction
- Google Calendars
  - Will be updated regularly

# Communication Links



## Stack Team

Scan the QR code above to join the  
stack team app

-or-

Search "Gretna East Band" on the  
Stack Team App!



## Band Website

Scan the QR code above to visit

-or-

Visit [griffinpridebands.com](http://griffinpridebands.com)

Password: GP2023!



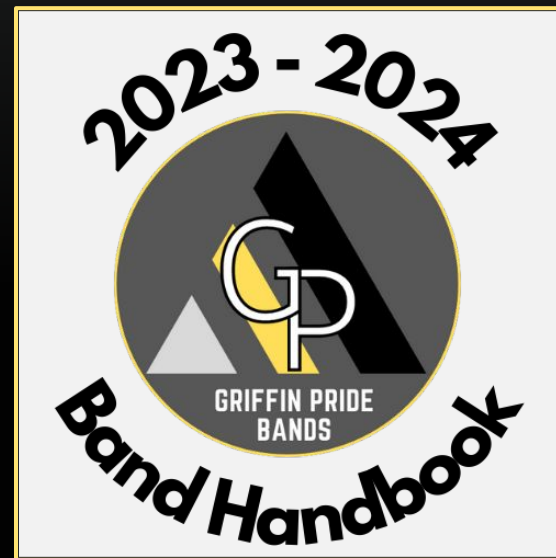
## Google Calendar

Scan the QR code above to  
subscribe to the Griffin Pride  
Marching Band Calendar!

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# Marching Handbook

Quick Look into the handbook for the GPMB



# Grade Information (1st Semester)

Very similar, if not identical, to GHS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Grade Determined by:

### 1. Daily Grade

- Full participation and cooperation in the classroom; instrument and all materials every day; no gum, beverages, or food; proper footwear

### 2. Skills Tests

- Scales, rudiments, terms tests, rhythm packets, playing tests, etc...

### 3. Attendance at Marching Contests, Concert, and Pep Bands

- Music must be memorized to participate in marching performances. If students do not have their music memorized, they may be asked to attend the contest but not perform. The grade for the performance will be 70%.

## Grade Breakdown

25% - Daily Points

50% - Performances

25% - Playing Test/ Assignments

# Letter Information

Slightly Different than GHS

Need 20 Points to letter

## Band Letter Points Opportunities - Marching Band

- Number of Years Participated (Carries over from GHS)
  - 1 year - 2 points, 2 year - 4 points, etc...
- Leadership Positions
  - Section Leader - 2 Points
  - Assistant DM - 4 Points
  - Head DM - 5 Points
- Rehearsal Attendance
  - All June Rehearsals - 2 points
  - Leadership Camp - 1 point
  - July Camp - 3 points
  - All Fall Evening Rehearsals - 6 points
  - Morning Sectionals (Guard/ Percussion) - 3 points
  - Pre-Game Rehearsals (Game Fridays) - 1 point

First Year Band Members who attend everything will end up with 14 points - 6 points away from a letter

Seniors will finish marching season with an automatic letter.

# Additional Letter Info

Ways Students can make it to their Letter. The goal is to have students involved, but not overwhelmed.

Students who earn enough points may letter multiple times.

## Concert Band

- Number of Years Participated (Carries over from GHS)
  - 1 year - 2 points, 2 year - 4 points, etc...
- Extras
  - Lead Chair - 1 point
  - Winning a challenge - 1 point
  - Extra Credit on all scales tests (multiple octaves/ going faster than 120bpm) - 3 points
  - Solo in a piece (once per year) - 1 point

## Jazz Band

- Number of Years Participated (Carries over from GHS)
  - 1 year - 2 points, 2 year - 4 points, etc...
- Extras
  - Lead Chair - 1 point
  - Solo at Performance (once per year) - 1 point
  - 2+ Solos at Performances (once per year) - 2 points
  - Featured Piece (once per year) - 1 point

## All-State

- Audition - 1 Point
- Number of Years Participated (Carries over from GHS | Making Alternate Counts as Well)
  - 1 year - 2 points, 2 year - 4 points, etc...
- Extras
  - Lead Chair - 4 points
  - Making/ Alternate for multiple ensembles - 4 points

## Winter Arts

- Number of Years Participated in Winter Guard/ Winter Percussion (Carries over from GHS)
  - 1 year - 2 points, 2 year - 4 points, etc...

## Pep Band

- Attendance
  - Required Games - 1 point, 1.5x Required Games - 2 points, All Games - 3 points

## Solo/ Small Ens.

- Ratings at Elkhorn Band Olympics/ Gretna Music Festival (Can get points for both)
  - 1 rating - 3 points, 2 rating - 2 points, 3 rating - 1 point.

## Miscellaneous

- Honor Band Audition - 1 point, Participation - Additional 1 point
- Private lessons - 1 point per month where student had at least 3 lessons.
- Outside Ensemble (MAYJO, OAYO, Show Band, Musical Pit, Etc..) - 1 point per ensemble
- Event Shift - 1 point per shift

# Attire Information

Marching band will require a couple pieces of attire.

Required Attire and when it will be used:

- GP Band Polo
  - Gretna Days Parade
  - State Pep Band Performances (Volleyball/ Basketball)
- GP Band Athletic Shirt
  - Thursday Evening Marching Band Rehearsals
    - Worn with black athletic shorts and marching shoes
  - Friday Night Football Games
  - Non-State Pep Band Performances (Volleyball/ Basketball)
  - Football Stands (After Half Time)
- GP 2023 Show Shirt
  - Under the Marching Band Uniform
  - Football Stands (After Half Time)
  - Competitions
- Drill Master Marching Shoes
  - Thursday Night Rehearsals
  - Marching Band Performances.

Athletic Shirt ↓



Band Student Polo ↑

Optional Jacket ↓



Show Shirt (Back) ↑



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# 2023 Season

A Look into the 2023 season, schedule, and show!





Presenting our 2023 Field Show!

# **Double / Agent**



**DOUBLE**  
**AGENT**

*your friends close*  
*Keep your enemies*

Join us in 2023 as we perform our show - **Double / Agent!**

We will follow the exciting story of spies working as counter operatives and Double Agents!

We're hoping this is an *exciting* first addition to the GPMB show history!

# GPMB SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.			
<b>Summer</b>	[Gold Bar]		[Gold Bar]					
June Tuesdays	06/06   06/13   06/20   06/27							
July Band Camp		07/17 - 07/28						
<b>Fall</b>			[Gold Bar]					
Rehearsals			[Gold Bar]					
<b>Competitions</b>				09/23 TMI	09/30 CCMC	10/14 OMI	10/21 STATE	
<b>Community</b>			07/29 Gretna Days	09/01 Home FB	09/15 Home FB	09/23 Home FB	10/20 Home FB	10/28 Showcase

# GPMB Weekly Schedule

	<b>Band Class(music) 8:00am - 8:50am</b>	<b>Evening Rehearsal 6:00pm - 9:00pm</b>	<b>Guard/ Percussion 7:00am - 8:00am</b>	<b>Full Band Morning 7:00 - 8:35</b>
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday (no game)				
Friday (game)				

# Rehearsal Philosophy



## Time

Strategic rehearsal schedule meant to maximize time without overloading the students.



## Efficient

Utilizing the time we have in an efficient way to make good use of the time we ask of students.



## Collaborative

Utilizing our staff to maximize individualized instruction through sectionals and having a clear goal for full ensemble times.

# GPMB Performance Schedule

Event	Date
GEHS Kickoff Gala Performance (GEHS)	07/15/2023
GPMB Parent Preview (GEHS Soccer Field)	07/28/2023
Gretna Days Parade (Downtown Gretna)	07/29/2023
Varsity Football Game (GHS)	09/01/2023
Varsity Football Game (GHS)	09/08/2023
Titan Marching Invitational (PLSHS)	09/23/2023
Varsity Football Game (GHS   HOCO)	09/29/2023
Capitol City Marching Competition (LSHS)	09/30/2023
Omaha Marching Invitational (OBHS)	10/14/2023
Varsity Football Game (GHS)	10/20/2023
NSBA State Marching Contest	10/21/2023
Griffin Pride Showcase Concert (GEHS Gym)	10/28/2023

# GPMB Important Other Dates

Event	Date(s)	Times
June Band Rehearsal	06/06/2023	6:00pm - 9:00pm
June Band Rehearsal	06/13/2023	6:00pm - 9:00pm
June Band Rehearsal	06/20/2023	6:00pm - 9:00pm
June Band Rehearsal	06/27/2023	6:00pm - 9:00pm
GEHS/ GHS Leadership Camp	06/28/2023 - 06/30/2023	8:00am - 3:00pm
GEHS Percussion Camp	07/12/2023 - 07/14/2023	9:00am - 4:00pm
GEHS July Band Camp (Week 1)	07/17/2023 - 07/21/2023	9:00am - 4:00pm
GEHS July Band Camp (Week 2)	07/24/2023 - 07/28/2023	9:00am - 4:00pm <i><u>Friday's rehearsal will end at 2:00pm</u></i>
Optional DCI Finals Watch Party	08/12/2023	4:30pm - 10:00pm (GHS)
GEHS Band Pictures	08/26/2023	Morning (More info coming soon)



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# Financials

A Look at the 2023 Band Attire Fees.

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# 2023 Marching Band Attire Fees

Base Marching Band Attire Fee: **\$65.00**

**Due: 06/20/2023**

Includes: Athletic Shirt, Band Polo, Show Shirt, Season Dog Tags

## Additional Items (if Wanted/ Needed)

Marching Shoes: \$35.00 (Needed)

*\*If a pair is already owned, another does not need to be purchased*

Griffin Pride Jacket: \$70.00

Additional Show Shirts: \$13.00 per shirt

## Additional Fees as needed

Marching Band/ One Season Instrument Rental Fee: \$50.00

Full Year Instrument Rental Fee: \$90.00

Percussion Maintenance Fee: \$90.00

*We try to keep attire fees as low as possible so that any student who wants to do band is able.*

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# Color Guard Info

Specific Color Guard Information

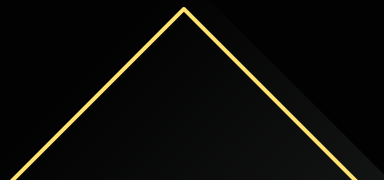




# Ms. Pollard

A Little about me:

- Grew up in Blue Springs, MO
  - Spun in a BOA Super Regional Finalist marching band and winter guard
- Spent 3 years as the Assistant Director of Color Guard at Blue Springs South High School
  - WGI Championship finalist winter guard
  - BOA Super Regional Finalist band
- Past 2 Years at PLSHS



# Guard Staff



**Ms. Lilly Haes**

Graduate of Millard West High School and Midland University. Teacher at Gretna East High School this coming year.



**Ms. Lily Boker**

Graduate of GHS! Spinning with the Colts Drum & Bugle Corp this summer! Will join us in the fall!



**Ms. Katrina Bakke**

Graduate of PLSHS Spinning with the Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corp this summer! Will join us in the fall!

# Contact & Social Media

Email: [GriffinPrideGuard@gmail.com](mailto:GriffinPrideGuard@gmail.com)

Instagram: COMING SOON

Guard Specific Stack Team -

Griffin Pride Guard



# Thank you!!

We appreciate you taking time out of your evening to join us tonight!

If your contract/ financial sheet is signed and ready to roll, please feel free to turn it in at the front!

Any further questions? Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Leavell at [gleavell@gpsne.org](mailto:gleavell@gpsne.org)

Welcome to GEHS and the Griffin Pride Band Program!



# Griffin Band Parents

## Our mission:

To fully support the band program in their pursuit of excellence throughout the year!





# Griffin Band Parents Organization

*The mission of the Gretna East High School Griffin Band Parents Organization is to fully support the band program in their pursuit of excellence throughout the year*



## **2023-2024 Voting Board:**

**President:** Nikki Kopetzky  
**Vice President:** Amy Boon  
**Treasurer:** Deanna Johansen  
**Asst Treasurer:** Becky Haver  
**Secretary:** Kristi Behrens

## **Non-voting Leadership:**

**Uniform Coordinator:** Lisa VanOevren  
**Asst Uniform Coordinator:** Jennifer Bush  
**Communications Coordinator:** Stephanie Critser  
**Food Event Coordinator:** Sarah Morgan  
**Build Coordinator:** Accepting nominations

# How we support:

Fundraising & Donating

Food/snacks at marching competitions

Scholarships for Seniors

Support equipment

Uniform support

Fitting, cleaning, ironing

Director requests

Funding for guest clinicians

Special equipment - buy or build

Volunteer at events

Food set-up/clean-up

Field crew

Encourage, cheer, and help grow our program



**IF LOST**  
**RETURN TO**  
**BAND**  
**ROOM**

# Financials

Gretna BPO Start-Up Donation:  
TBD

2023-2024 Band Support Fee:  
\$90 per student

Amazon Wish List Needs:  
\$4667.26



# Communication

Director communication

Social Media:

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram?

Website - under construction

Griffin Band Parents Google  
Calendar - Meetings Posted

Sign-up genius



Get involved! Contact us at [GriffinBandParents@gmail.com](mailto:GriffinBandParents@gmail.com)

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Events Calendar  
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TALES FROM BAND CAMP

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A BAND PARENT WHEN...

...YOU GO TO THE FOOTBALL GAME JUST TO SEE THE BAND!

CAN I GET A DISCOUNT IF I'M  
HERE ONLY FOR THE HALFTIME SHOW?



THANKS  
EVERYONE!

# Q&A from the Meeting

- Who do parents contact for any financial difficulties?
- Is there a due date for fees?
- For any financial Difficulties, please contact Mr. Leavell at [gLeavell@qpsne.org](mailto:gLeavell@qpsne.org). All communications about this will be kept confidential.
- There was not at the time of the meeting, however that information will be communicated through an Email. The due date is 06/13/2023 along with the commitment contract.