



GREENVILLE BANDS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Band Families,

We hope everyone is doing well amidst the tumult that has been the January weather in Western Pennsylvania! This will be our first issue of what will become a weekly update on all aspects of Greenville bands. Inside you will find recent news, calendar updates, fundraising information, links to useful places and much more! We are hoping that this newsletter will serve to keep everyone informed and better connected to the goings on in all of the band groups and boosters. This is a work in progress, so feel free to send any comments or questions you have to: greenvillebandprogram@gmail.com

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

MONDAY: Steel 3-5pm

WEDNESDAY: Indoor Percussion - Battery - 3-5pm

THURSDAY: Indoor Percussion - Pit - 3-5pm

- **Booster Meeting 7pm in the band room!**

FRIDAY: Indoor Percussion - Pit and Battery - 3-5pm

GREENVILLE BANDS WEBSITE

It has been a long time in the making, but we are officially official! The website for all things related to the greenville band program is live at GreenvilleBands.com! So far a lot of time has been spent getting all of the pages organized and links between pages and social media functioning. We have a subscription prompt for when you first land on the page and these subscriptions will be used to inform the general public about goings on with the band program, the release of the weekly newsletter, and more. Pages on the website include:

- [Home](#)
- [Band Boosters](#)
 - In the future, this page and connected pages will have booster meeting minutes, booster forms, and more
- [Groups](#)
 - [Greenville Indoor Percussion](#)
 - [Greenville Trojan Marching Band](#)
 - [Elementary Band](#)
 - [Winter Guard](#)
 - [Greenville Steel](#)
 - [Jr High Concert Band](#)
 - [Sr High Concert Band](#)
 - [Brass Caroling](#)
- [About](#)
- [Special Events](#)
 - This page contains explanations of all special band events, essentially functioning as a glossary/index
- [Weekly Newsletter](#)
- [Donate](#)
 - Donations will be able to be accepted through this portal once the system has been set up
- [Fundraisers](#)
 - Information about all of the fundraisers we do throughout the year
- [Alumni](#)
 - Alumni can sign up to get updates about alumni band using this page. A calendar will be added as well as links to alumni band music.
- [Calendar](#)
 - All calendars from all Greenville band groups are combined here. To see the individual calendars, go to the page of the [group](#) you would like to see individually.
- [Request a Performance](#)
 - If an outside party is interested in having the marching band, steel band or jazz band perform for an event, this link will contain a form that can be submitted for request.

These pages are still a work in progress, so any suggestions you have for things you would like to see, navigation, or anything else will be very helpful! All groups with events scheduled have a calendar on their respective page that is updated when events/rehearsals become available.

There is also a mobile page for the website, and this is also a work in progress. It has to be edited separately from the desktop site, so it takes a bit more time. Sorry for the inconvenience/delay...

CALENDARS

Each page for each group contains a calendar for that group. These will be general calendar events that are public. Once we have developed the members only section of the website, we will post a more detailed calendar with details for performances, locations and so on. There is also a master calendar, located on the [calendar](#) page of the website that has ALL of the events for EVERY group in the Greenville Bands family.

MEDIA

I am working on adding media for all groups on the website, so any extra media you have, videos, pictures, sound, would be much appreciated! I would like the website to be able to provide a general look at everything that we do while also understanding that social media platforms will be an easier way to provide the most current band media. Please send all media to greenvillebandprogram@gmail.com. Recently added media includes:

- Pictures for all groups (from currently available media)
- Audio for the marching band in the form of a playlists - Greenville Trojan Marching Band 2023
 - These 40 tracks were recorded in one rehearsal, November 1st, 2023.
- We have a youtube channel that we will start posting video to, so please send in videos!
- Social media links for:
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Youtube](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Steel Instagram](#)
 - [Band](#)

IN THE WORKS

There are many features that I am developing that I am hoping will work in the future. The most important aspect of making all of this successful is everyone trying things, seeing what works and what does not. Your feedback is very important! The projects in the work include, but are not limited to:

- An app that is specifically designed for the band
- A Space in the Wix spaces app (basically our website in app form)
- Ability to check your individual band account balance
- Calendars that you can sync to your phone
- Ability to pay for band items through the website (in addition to the traditional paper methods)

Bocce

The GHS Bocce team had a match at GHS vs. Sharpsville on Wednesday and it was a great time had by all! Lots of positive responses from students, teachers and team members. The gym was full and booming. The coaches said that their match vs. Slippery Rock the next day was *extremely* tame by comparison.



CONCERT AT WINTER'S END

In preparation for our adjudication event on March 20th, we will be having an evening concert on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024! This concert will feature all of our concert bands, Elementary, Jr High and Sr High, as well as our Greenville Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard. The concert will take place in the High School gym and will be a great evening with energetic music and a show of what we have all been up to here at GASD!

FUNDRAISERS

We will be starting our Jane's Pies fundraiser on January 31st and it will run until February 14th. Be sure to get your forms down at the band or choir room starting on Wednesday!!

INDOOR SEASON

Both indoor groups, the Greenville Winter Guard and Greenville Indoor Percussion (**GIP**), had their first indoor show this past weekend at Kiski high school! Both groups had a blast on the trip, performed SO well, got a lot of feedback and made a lot of memories. Videos of the performances are [HERE](#) on our Youtube channel!

Our next show will be Saturday, February 10th at Norwin High School. Percussion will perform at 2pm and the Winter Guard will perform at 4:50pm. Come on out and enjoy the experience!



All 35 students on the way to the show...



Greenville High School Winter Guard!!



Greenville Indoor Percussion (GIP)!!



Watching North Allegheny Perform...

JUNIOR HIGH DISTRICT BAND

Any students that are in 7th, 8th or 9th grade that are interested can sign up for this year's Junior High District Band! The one day fest will take place at Seneca Valley Intermediate High School in Harmony, PA. This is a paper application only fest, so all students have to do is tell Mr. Danch they are interested and their name will be placed on the application. Selection is done through a round-robin process, so not all students will make it in. Typically 3 students from the 7th and 8th grade and 3 students from the 9th grade band will make it in. Students that are selected will receive music to practice and then will travel to Seneca Valley on March 26th for the fest. The concert will be at 7pm and parents are responsible for attending the concert and transporting their students home.

ELEMENTARY PEP BAND

The elementary pep band just had their first game this past Monday, January 22nd. We have two games left, February 8th and February 15th, both Thursdays. This is the areas ONLY 5th and 6th grade pep band, so it is a unique and great opportunity! Sign up forms will be sent out prior to those dates for parents to sign their students up for the games. These Google forms give teachers and Mr. Danch the information they need to be sure that students are going where they are supposed to at the end of the day, as well as what kind of pizza they like and specific details about the games. It is always a great time and the students really get into it!

A HUGE thank you to Mr. Isaac Hightree for his help at this first game with playing, mentoring and photography! All 7-12 are welcome to come help out, play and join in the fun!



GREENVILLE STEEL

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND

The Greenville Steel band has been asked to play before the Mercer County Community Band concert on July 19th, 2024! This is a great opportunity to play for a very large audience, so we are very excited.

PMEA STATE FESTIVAL APPLICATION 2025

The steel band is also working on new repertoire so that we can audition for the PMEA State Festival for 2025. If accepted, the steel band will get to travel to the Kalahari in the Poconos in April 2025 and perform for music educators and students from across the entire state of Pennsylvania.

STEEL BAND PARADE TRAILER

The Greenville Steel band is currently on the hunt for a trailer to use to perform in parades. Ideally this would be a flatbed trailer. We will weld posts on to the sides of the trailer to use as steel stands and secure the drums. This will allow us to start looking out further for opportunities for our steel band to perform!

JAMESTOWN FAIR PERFORMANCE

I *just* spoke with the Jamestown fair organizers and I was told that we were by far the most attended performance at the fair! They said they would love to have us back, so please put Thursday, September 5th on your calendars!!

MARCHING BAND 2024-2025

It is hard to believe that we are already talking about next year's marching band, but that's how it always goes! We try to stay ahead of everything so that everyone can properly plan their vacations and other summer schedules. Remember that band camp is the only mandatory part of the summer, and that is because we learn everything we are going to perform that fall in that singular week in the summer. Many schools have band camps that are multiple weeks, but Greenville gets it all done in just one.

PROSPECTIVE MARCHING BAND CAMP DATES

Based on the prospective starting dates of school for the next year, band camp could be **ONE** of two weeks. We have to be sure to avoid soccer and football camps so we get the field time we need to learn. Until the school calendar is released, we are asking to keep these two weeks open. Once the school calendar is released, it will be **only ONE** of these weeks that we will use for our mandatory band camp.

July 18th and 19th Mini-camp, Band Camp July 22nd through July 26th

OR

July 25th and 26th Mini-camp, Band Camp July 29th through August 2nd

REMINDERS

- Submit names for Junior High District Band
- Sign up for Elementary Pep Band
- Keep an eye out for flat-bed trailers
- 7-12 Students are encouraged to help with elementary pep band!
- **Band Booster Meeting February 1st, 7pm in the band room!**
- Jane's Pies will be sold from January 31st through February 14th!

USEFUL LINKS

- Greenvillebands.com
- [Facebook](#)
- [Youtube](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Steel Instagram](#)
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