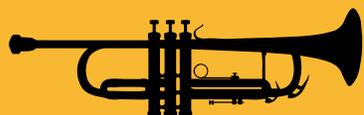




# Just the Beats & All That Jazz

Welcome to the September 2020 edition of the Garner Bands newsletter!



## STATE OF THE BAND

Welcome to all band students and families! The new board wants to assure everyone that, despite the challenges this year brings, we are working diligently behind the scenes to have the concert and marching bands in a "ready" status so that we can hit the ground running as soon as WCPSS deems it safe and appropriate. In an effort to maintain transparency, there will be regular communication with the director, board, students and families. The board has chosen to view this very unusual semester as an opportunity to strengthen the organization, build relationships and get creative with fundraising. At this time, there will not be a Fair Share obligation assessed for any student as we do not know what the whole of the academic year will look like. Please know that this could change as restrictions are lifted and activities resume, but rest assured you will be informed in a timely manner. Please stay in touch through email and social media! We look forward to having everyone together in person soon!



## Director's Corner

Hello and welcome to the 2020-21 school year! For those who don't know me yet, my name is Mr. Patrick Shipp, and I am your student's band director. Things look far different than what we are used to right now, but I believe with a bit of compassion, perseverance, and hard work, your students will have a successful year with the Garner Band. My job is to help mold young people into outstanding individuals with a passion for music and a reverence for the people and world around them. I hope to teach them this through a quality music education, and through the use of our Code of Mutual Values, a series of six values everyone in the program (including myself) holds each other to. They are as follows:

- 1) "I am a professional"
- 2) "Common Sense will guide my choices"
- 3) "Moral Decency will dictate my actions"
- 4) "My private life stays private"
- 5) "'Me' comes before 'we' only in the dictionary"
- 6) "What I say and what I do will always be the same"

Thank you to every single one of you for supporting your child's pursuit of music, and here's to a wonderful school year!



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## PARENT MEETING



**Tuesday, October 20th at 7pm**, we will hold our first Parent Zoom meeting! Hear from your new Director and Booster Board on topics such as Fair Share, NEW Fundraiser plans, and the status of the 2020-2021 Band Program!



Send a Question

To keep our meeting efficient and, to answer as many questions as possible, we have set up a Google Form to submit your questions online prior to the meeting. Full details to follow soon in an e-mail with your Zoom invitation!

SEE YOU SOON!

## 2019-2020 YEARBOOKS



We have a few yearbooks from the 2019-2020 Band season available to purchase! This yearbook is a beautiful hardbound book comprised of 20 pages of candid photos from different band gatherings. Within this book, you will find individual dedicated pages to our 2020 Seniors!

The cost is \$20.00, and we are accepting cash-only payments at this time. If interested, please email our Secretary at [gmhsbandsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gmhsbandsecretary@gmail.com).





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## FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are partnering with Harris Teeter's **Together in Education** initiative to raise money for the band!



Simply link your VIC card to account 6846 in the store or online; you can also send your name and VIC card number via email to Betsy Moll and she can link it for you!



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# MEET THE BOARD

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the GMHS Band Boosters' is to continuously support the Director, students, and their families of all the GMHS bands. To advocate for the highest standard of music education by supporting character development, self-esteem, teamwork, and leadership skills. We are a volunteer, non-profit organization comprised of parents, educators, and members of the community. Our goal is to provide logistical and financial support to the concert and marching bands throughout the year, ensuring all interested students are able to participate.

**Respect self, Respect others, Respect Tradition!**  
**WE ARE TROJANS!**



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