

Off The Wall

Newsletter for the GTown Wall of Sound Members and their Parents

July 19 / Pre-Camp Edition

Wall Camp is just over a week away. The drill is done and all of the pre-camp prep work is completed. We have a lot to accomplish during camp, but the result is going to be incredible.

<u>Camp Schedule:</u> Tuesday, July 27	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Wednesday, July 28	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Thursday, July 29	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Friday, July 30	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Monday, August 2	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Tuesday, August 3	(8:00 am-12:00 noon)
Wednesday, August 4	(7:00 am-10:00 am)
Thursday, August 5	(12:00 noon-5:30 pm)

What you need for camp...

- Your instrument/all music (warm-ups, show music & stands songs)
- Flip Folder & Lyre (Winds) / Flip Folder (Guard) / Binders (Percussion)
- If you need to purchase a lyre, take your instrument into White House of Music and they will fit a lyre specially for your instrument.
- Appropriate summer clothing (shorts/t-shirts, etc...)
- Sunscreen/ Bug Spray/ Water Bottle (with name on it)
- Comfortable Tennis Shoes/Hat/Sunglasses

Theme Days: Wednesday (7/28): Hat & Sunglasses Day

Thursday (7/29): Clash Day (wear clothing that does not go together)

Friday (7/30) Class Color Day (9th: Green / 10th: Yellow / 11th: Red/ 12th: Blue)

Schedule for the Week of July 19-26

July 19	Student Leader Session	3:00-5:00 pm
July 19	Playing Rehearsal	7:30-9:00 pm
July 20	Marching Tech Session	9:00-11:00 am
July 20	Student Leader Session	1:00-3:00 pm
July 20	Percussion Sectionals	4:00-6:00 pm
July 20	Marching Tech Session	6:00-8:00 pm
July 21	Student Leader Session	2:00-4:00 pm
July 21	GCB Concert	7:00 pm
July 22	Bass Drum Sectional	9:00-10:00 am
July 22	Marching Tech Session	1:00-3:00 pm
July 22	Student Leader Session	4:00-6:00 pm
July 22	Memorization Checks	4:00-8:00 pm
July 22	Color Guard Rehearsal	6:00-8:00 pm
July 23	Memorization Checks	4:00-6:00 pm
July 26	Memorization Make-Ups:	6:30-7:30 pm
July 26	Playing Rehearsal	7:30-9:00 pm



Memorization Checks occur on July 22nd and 23rd. Students will sign-up for a 45-minute time slot (beginning on Monday, July 19th). Each group will contain 8-9 students (with only one of each instrument). After a rehearsal of the show music, students will play the show as a group without using music.

If a student is unable to demonstrate that they have their music memorized (or unable to attend the 22nd or 23rd sessions due to vacations or camp), they will need to come in for the Memorization Make-Up from 6:30-7:30 pm on Monday, July 26th. If they are still unable to perform the memorization successfully, they will need to continue to come in from 7:15-8:00 am each day of camp until they pass the memorization.

The color guard will have their memorization checks during their practice on July 22nd. The Percussion will have their memorization check during sectional time at the July 26th playing rehearsal.

The annual **Wall of Sound Picnic** takes place on August 5th prior to the Pre-Season Wall of Sound Performance. There is a Picnic Sign-up form attached. Please make sure to get your form and money in by July 28th. Tickets will be distributed to the students the week of August 2nd. Advanced sign-up is required.

If you volunteered to help at the picnic, a volunteer list form is attached to this newsletter. Please email Mr. Barnes (gtownbands@gmail.com) to confirm your participation.

At the Picnic, there will be a sign-up for helpers for our annual marching band invitation, **Marching Band Madness**. The event takes place on September 18th and will feature several area marching bands including Wauwatosa East, South Milwaukee, Mukwonago, Cedarburg and the G-Town Wall of Sound. We are also pleased to have the UW-La Crosse Screaming Eagles Marching Band perform again at MBM. We need many, many parent volunteers to make the event work. Please stop by the table and sign-up to help. We need everyone to step up to make it run smoothly. You can also contact Theresa Midlikowski at liltmski@netzero.net.

The **8th Annual WBB Golf Outing** (August 4th) is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We encourage everyone to sign-up and take part of this event. The full package includes 18 holes of golf with dinner & performances later that evening. It promises to be a fun day. If you don't golf; the dinner, raffle & auction, Wall of Sound performance and Variety Show are great events to attend. Email Pam Bechler at pbechler@wi.rr.com for more information or if you have a question.

The **Wall of Sound performance** at the golf outing begins at 7:15 pm at the Chalet in Richfield. Members need to provide their own transportation. Contact your section leader if you need a ride.

We are still looking for additional Wall of Sound members to perform for the first ever **Golf Outing Variety Show**. We're looking for soloists or small groups that would like to perform. If you have any hidden talents that you would like to share, please contact Mr. Barnes.

Parent T-shirt Design

Wall of Sound Parent T-shirts will be available for sale at the Wall Picnic on August 5th. They will be black in color with a white design (see design to the right). They are a “must-wear” for all future Wall of Sound performances. Make sure to purchase your shirt before they run out. The cost is \$10.00 each.



Support the Arts In Germantown:

Germantown Community Band Concert

Wednesday, July 21st
7:00 pm @ Firemen’s Park
Children’s Concert

Imagination Theatre of Germantown presents:

The Wizard of Oz

August 6th (7:00 pm)
August 7th (2:30 & 7:00 pm)
August 8th (2:30 pm)
\$12 at the door / \$10 in advance
Brown Deer High School
8060 60th Street
Brown Deer, WI 53223
www.itogonline.org



On a side note:

Mr. Barnes’ classic rock band “Big City” will have their final performance ever at the Heritage Days Festival in South Milwaukee (16th & Rawson Ave) on Saturday, July 24th 1:00-4:00 pm.

Questions, Concerns, Comments???

Contact Mr. Barnes at
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gtownbands@gmail.com

The Warhawk Band Boosters participates in a monthly **Market Day** sale. Brochures are available from the band room or you can order online at www.marketday.com. The account number for the WBB is #16967.

The next Pick-Up date for Market Day is on Thursday, August 12th from 5:00-6:00 pm. Please consider giving Market Day a try. The food is delicious and you help out the GHS Bands in the process.

We are also looking for Tri-M Volunteers to help with the delivery on August 12th. Email Mr. Barnes if you would like to help out.

Wall of Sound Discount Cards are beginning to get out into our community. We still have several cards yet to sell.

- Each card sells for \$10.00 and we get an amazing 70% profit for every card sold.
- As part of the Wall of Sound membership, it is required that every Wall Member purchase two cards for \$20.00. They can keep them, give them away or re-sell them. We would love to sell all 500 cards (which is an average of 5 cards per member).
- Incentives include a cash drawing for everyone who sells 5 or more cards and a free party sub during Wall Camp for any section that averages 5 or more cards per person.
- We are trying to raise enough funds to upgrade from school buses to deluxe coach buses for all three competitions this year. We need to sell all 500 cards in order to raise the necessary funds for these upgrades. Please support this cause and pick up some additional cards on consignment as soon as possible.

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Off The Wall Newsletter Return Form

Student Name _____

___ We have received the July 19th Off The Wall Newsletter

___ We are able to help out at the following activities:

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| ___ Golf Outing on August 4 th | ___ Student | ___ Parent |
| ___ Market Day on August 12 th | ___ Student | |
| ___ 4:00 Set-Up | ___ 5:00 Transporting to Vehicles | |

___ We would like to pick up an additional (___) Wall of Sound Discount Cards on consignment. We will send payment and/or return any unsold cards by August 15th.

Don't forget to...

- Send in your Wall of Sound picnic forms!!
- Register for the Golf Outing (golf or just the dinner/show package).
- Order Market Day this month.
- Sign up to help with Marching Band Madness at the Wall Picnic.
- Purchase your Wall of Sound Parent T-shirt at the picnic (in addition to your complimentary Wall Buttons.)

Parent Signature _____

Return to the GHS Bands (Blue Box) by July 27th (first day of camp)