Welcome to the Gilbert Tiger Pride!

It’s going to be a great year, and we are happy that you are a part of the family. Here’s a brief description of our marching season:

- In-Town Band Camp, July 14-18, 1:30 - 9:00 p.m. @ GHS
- Out of Town Camp—July 21-25, @ Pine Summit Camp in Prescott, Arizona
- Performances at all varsity football games
- Marching Band Festivals throughout Arizona
- California Tour, Nov. 6-9
- London Trip, Dec. 27– Jan. 3 (optional)

Marching Band is an “8th Hour Class”
- Tuesdays & Thursdays FULL BAND, 5:15 - 8:30 p.m.
- Monday Sectionals for Guard, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Sectionals for Winds and Perc., 1:45 - 4:00 p.m.
- Complete calendar at www.tigerpride.org
- Check often for updates.

Other purchases may include:
- Marching shoes - $40
- Compression Shirt - $15
- Additional Color Guard items—flag silks, poles, rifles, bags, etc.
- Instrument supplies: reeds, valve oil, drumsticks, mallets, etc.
- GHS Band Jacket (opt.)
- Band Yearbook (opt.)

If you have questions about marching band, please contact Mr. André at:
Gilbert High School Band Office- (480) 497-0177 ext. 146
Or E-mail- Ronald.andre@gilbertschools.net

Register online at www.tigerpride.org to receive Band Newsletter.
Arizona Tax Credit:
Marching Band expenses can be paid by the Arizona Tax Credit. The Arizona State Legislature has established a law which allows a Tax Credit for a donation up to $400 if filing jointly ($200 if filing individually) to any school extra-curricular activity. THIS INCLUDES MARCHING BAND. You can apply this tax credit toward a reduction in the amount of state income tax you owe when you file your 2014 taxes. Not only parents, but grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends can contribute to your student's band fees by way of this tax credit if they file an Arizona State Income Tax Return.

A tax credit form is included in this packet. Additional forms can be obtained from the Band Room, the GBB, or the district website. [www.gilbertschools.net](http://www.gilbertschools.net) You can also make a tax credit donation online using a credit card. Please check “Gilbert High School” and write in Gilbert Band and your student’s name. Please forward the confirmation receipt email to the GBB Treasurer so that we know the tax credit donation has been made online. Make copies of all yellow receipts once received and give those copies to the Treasurer.

Other Fundraising Opportunities:
Not only is the Arizona Tax Credit a great opportunity, your GBB also arranges for several fundraisers throughout the marching season to help make marching band more affordable. Many students have paid their entire fees by way of fundraisers.

Making Payments:
Please make all Tax Credit payments to the District or Gilbert High front office by check or money order (no cash please) made out to: Gilbert Public Schools. Make a copy of the receipt for the GBB Treasurer. Tax Credits may also be made online. (see above info.)

All other payments can be made out to GBB. Please write your student's name in the “memo” area of the check. Payments can be placed in the locked file cabinet drawer in Mr. Andre’s office or mailed to:

**Gilbert Band Boosters (GBB)**
PO Box 537
Gilbert, AZ 85299

Payment Schedule:
All payments must be received on or before the following deadlines:

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Total: $650.00

* ($250 needs to be paid by July 17 in order to go to band camp)

Again, to receive proper credit, please make all payments by check or money order (no cash) with your student’s name in the “memo” area of the check. Student Fee Statements can be seen on CHARMS and will be emailed periodically.
The Gilbert Band Boosters (GBB) would like to welcome you to the 2014 Marching Band Season!
We would like to encourage you to get involved in your GBB. Our organization assists the band director by arranging parental help for all events, fundraising to supplement the school district’s band budget, and encouraging corporate and community support and involvement with all facets of the GHS band program.

GBB Officers 2014-2015

President: Karen Ferrin
Secretary: Amy Trueba
Treasurer: LeAnne Woods
Drumline Chair: Nataki Wimbley
Color Guard Chair: Holly Thorn
Concert Band: Amber Masci
Equipment: Chris Woodard
Public Relations: Marianne Turley
Fundraising: Janet Ball
Socials: Susan Anderson
Volunteers: Elaine Huettl
Book-keeper: Robyn Siroky
Uniforms: Frances Stinnett

Fundraising:
We will be arranging several fundraisers this summer and fall to offset the cost of marching band. Enclosed is the easiest fundraisers… the Arizona State Tax Credit. You can donate up to $400 towards your student’s fee and receive a $400 reduction on your 2014 Arizona State Income Tax. You must make a copy of the yellow receipt and turn it in to receive credit.

Examples of other fundraisers available:
• Fry’s Community Rewards. Everybody has to buy groceries… Fry’s will contribute a percentage purchases to your student’s fees.
• Discount Cards
• Jamba Juice Cards
• Candle Sales
• Butter Braid Sales
• ASU Football Concessions
• GHS Football Concessions
• Invitational Ad sales
• Fireworks Stand
• World’s Finest Chocolates
• Smart Cell (Cell phone accessories)
General Information for Parents

Statements:
The GBB will keep track of income from tax credits, fundraisers, and payments. You will be billed according to the payment schedule. You will also be billed for any expenditures accrued by your band student such as marching shoes, extra wrist bands, extra gloves, etc.

Please make a personal copy of all payments to the band. Please check your statement monthly on CHARMS. The statement shows all activity throughout the year. Your student’s balance is easy to locate. It is at the top and says “Balance Due” or “Credit Balance”.

Uniforms:
We are very excited to be wearing our new marching uniforms this year!

Your band student will be assigned a numbered marching band uniform, which are valued at approximately $400 each. The uniform consists of a jacket, "bib" pants, hat (Shako) with feather plume, leather gauntlets, gloves, wrist bands, and a nylon garment bag with wooden hanger. Color guard members will have a custom made uniform designed specifically for the theme of the marching show.

It is the student’s responsibility to take proper care of all assigned parts of the uniform. Instructions for the care of the uniform will be given to the students at band camp.

Uniform fittings for wind and percussion members will take place during the week of In-Town Band Camp. Students may come anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the following days:

- **Seniors** - Tuesday, July 15
- **Juniors** - Wednesday, July 16
- **Sophomores** - Thursday, July 17
- **Freshman** - Friday, July 18

ALL wind and percussion members MUST come on their designated day to be fitted for a uniform.

Band Parents in Action:
The strength of the GBB depends on how much you are willing to be involved. The more people we have volunteering, the easier the jobs become. It takes a lot of parent help to move the band. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents, strike up friendships, network, and get the opportunity to hang around some of the best kids in the world. I guarantee you will have fun! Sign up to help out or contact any of your GBB board members through the “contact us” page on the tigerpride.org website. You may also contact the GBB President by emailing kaylouaz@aol.com or text 480-244-7102.

The Gilbert Tiger Pride Band has been invited to march in the 2015 London New Year’s Day Parade. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these kids. We will be doing our best to provide fundraisers and working with our students to make sure that everyone who wants to go can go. This is an optional trip, but we do not want money to be the factor keeping a student from participating. Those willing to work will reap the benefit. We will leave on Dec. 27th and return on Jan. 3rd.

The cost of the trip is $3090, which includes nearly everything. Through our General Fundraising, our goal is to get the cost down to $2800 per band student. We ask that all parents who are sending a student on the trip help with at least one General Fundraiser. Together we can make this happen!!! Cheerio!!!
Gilbert Public School District No. 41
2014 Arizona State Tax Credit Contribution Form

I am enclosing a (Check: , Money Order) payable to Gilbert Public School District No. 41 for $ as a total contribution to the public school system for extracurricular activity fees. Total amount cannot exceed $400 for joint tax returns. Individual returns are $200 maximum credit. Corporate and/or business checks are not eligible. (A.R.S. 43-1089(E) defines extracurricular activities as school sponsored activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate. The activities must supplement the school's education program. Recreational, amusement or tourist events and/or student trips are not eligible for tax credit.)

Name __________________________
Mailing Address __________________________ Phone __________________________

City __________________________ State __________________________ Zip Code __________________________

Please Note: The above complete information is required in order for this contribution to be used as a TAX CREDIT on your 2014 AZ State income tax report. If the information is incomplete, your contribution and form will be returned to you.

NO REFUNDS. The law provides for a credit on your state income tax return. You will receive your money back after you file your state taxes.

I would like my contribution to support the following school(s):

$__________ ASHLAND RANCH ELEMENTARY $__________ SETTLERS POINT ELEMENTARY
$__________ AUGUSTA RANCH ELEMENTARY $__________ SONOMA RANCH ELEMENTARY
$__________ BOULDER CREEK ELEMENTARY $__________ SPECTRUM ELEMENTARY
$__________ BURK ELEMENTARY $__________ SUPERSTITION SPRINGS ELEM
$__________ CANYON RIM ELEMENTARY $__________ TOWNE MEADOWS ELEMENTARY
$__________ CAROL RAE RANCH ELEMENTARY $__________ VAL VISTA LAKES ELEMENTARY
$__________ FINLEY FARMS ELEMENTARY $__________ DESERT RIDGE JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ GILBERT ELEMENTARY $__________ GILBERT JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ GREENFIELD ELEMENTARY $__________ GREENFIELD JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ HARRIS ELEMENTARY $__________ HIGHLAND JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY $__________ MESQUITE JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ HOUSTON ELEMENTARY $__________ SOUTH VALLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ ISLANDS ELEMENTARY $__________ CAMPO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ MESQUITE ELEMENTARY $__________ DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY $__________ GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ NEELY TRADITIONAL SCHOOL $__________ HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ OAK TREE ELEMENTARY $__________ MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL
$__________ PATTERSON ELEMENTARY $__________ CANYON VALLEY SCHOOL
$__________ PIONEER ELEMENTARY $__________ GILBERT CLASSICAL ACADEMY
$__________ PLAYA DEL REY ELEMENTARY $__________ GILBERT GLOBAL ACADEMY
$__________ QUARTZ HILL ELEMENTARY $__________ V.I.K before/after schl. enrich class

Please apply my contribution to the following specific EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY at the school(s) that I have designated:

Gilbert High Band

Student name __________________________

Your contribution can be mailed to 140 S. Gilbert Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85296, c/o Tax Credits for Gilbert Public Schools.