

Greenwood Marching Woodmen and Irish Guard

Alumni Newsletter



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Hello Alumni!

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I extend a hearty THANK YOU to the Alumni for maintaining ties with the GMWIG program with their enduring generosity and encouragement. Your continued involvement is so important to the program and to our kids. This past fall we turned up the "Alumni and Friends Philanthropy" fundraiser on the website where you could easily donate via the link: <https://ghsband.org/alumni-and-friends-philanthropy/>

That effort raised **\$2,328** for this year's program, which is very much appreciated. As we have always done, we will use it to the best of our abilities to provide our students the opportunity for success. A necessary efficiency has always been a hallmark of the program, and every dollar we raise is a dollar that is NOT charged to a student for their fees.

We had a great competition season this past fall, and we are looking forward to more of the same with our Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Groups, as well as the coming Marching Season! Our success is also your success and we hope to do you proud!

Go Woodmen!

And THANK YOU again.

Andrew Short, GBPO President

Alumni and Friends Philanthropy Donors: \$2,328

Chris Beaman—2008

Kathy Black—1978

Aaron Burkhart—2001

Dean Everett—1980

Gayla Gunn—1977

Wanda Irish—1989

Etta Jones—1982

Luci Mitchell Van Valer—1984

Duane Waite—1977

Julie Oster Wolszczak—1975

Dave Youmans—1974



Greetings and Happy New Year GMWIG alumni!

The Greenwood Marching Woodmen had an outstanding marching season in 2023. The ensemble ended the year as the ISSMA Class B State Champion Runner-Up. The ensemble enjoyed high marks in the Music caption and the Music General Effect caption. ISSMA rules stipulate we can't report the exact details on the scoring. However, when I say "high marks", I mean "HIGH MARKS"!

The winter percussion and guard seasons are underway. The winter percussion ensemble boasts forty student members. That may be the largest student membership in the program's history. The show is titled "King of Thieves" and is composed by Matt Hernandez. The visual design is by Ross Werner, Creative Costuming, and Zach Schlicher.

The color guard program has a varsity guard, junior varsity guard, and a cadet guard. Markell Allen is the Color Guard Director. Markell is also on staff with The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands are preparing for the ISSMA Organization Festival. The Wind Ensemble will be performing Incantation and Dance by John Barnes Chance, Rapture by Brian Balmages, and Shenandoah by Frank Ticheli. The Symphonic Band will be performing Dorian Haiku by Scott Watson, The Country Club Stomp, and a third piece that will be determined at a later time.

Students are working on solo & ensemble literature. The Greenwood Solo & Ensemble event is scheduled for January 22nd and the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival will be Saturday February 3rd. We had over 100 students sign up for the two events.

The music for the 2024 marching show has been approved by the copyright holders. The music writers are already working on the next show. We will announce the show title and theme this spring.

Thank you all for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light purple background. The signature appears to read "Luke Aylsworth".

Luke Aylsworth
Director of Bands
Greenwood Community High School

2023 Marching Schedule and Results

2023 Contests	Results
Sept. 9- Lawrence Central Marching Invitational	1st Place—Visual, Music, Effect
Sept. 16- Meijer/Ray Skillman Greenwood Marching Invitational	Exhibition Performance
Sept. 23- Avon Orthodontics Marching Invitational	1st Place—Visual, Effect (tie), Percussion
Sept. 30- ISSMA Marching Invitational- Whiteland Community High School	Gold Rating—Distinctions in Music, Effect
Oct. 7- ISSMA Regional- Evansville Central High School	Gold Rating—Distinctions in Music, Visual, Effect ISSMA Semi-State Qualifier
Oct. 14- Cavalcade of Champions- Center Grove High School	Ceded due to rain
Oct. 21- ISSMA Semi-State- Pike High School	Gold Rating—ISSMA State Qualifier
Oct. 28- ISSMA State Marching Band Open Class Finals- Lucas Oil Stadium	2nd Place



Box Mom Cards 2023



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Garage Sale - This spring and summer I will be hosting a series of garage sales to benefit the Greenwood band program. It's time to start collecting items of donation! If you have things that you would be donating anyway, please consider this as an option. All types of items are accepted **except furniture**. This is due to limited storage space. I will be happy to pick up items from your home or you are always welcome to drop donations off at my house. This is an easy way to raise money for the band as there is no overhead and the proceeds are total profit. All it takes is lots of time and I have plenty of that! This is **not** an official fundraiser, but over the past two years has garnered **\$8,200** for the program. Please let me help you get rid of your "stuff". You are welcome to contact me at gaylagunn1977@gmail.com text, or Facebook Messenger.

Purse Bingo - The newest **official** fundraiser is an evening of Purse Bingo. This will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Greenwood Moose Lodge. The cost is \$30 per person. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with Bingo beginning at 6:30 pm.

Gayla Gunn, Class of 1977

Thank You!

Julie Lash
Andrew Short
Luke Aylsworth
Nita Koehl

