

Welcome to **Great Valley Music** and the  
**Great Valley Music Parents Association (GVMPA)**!

GV music offers many opportunities for your student to further their love of music. Our goal is to give you an overview of the program, how GVMPA supports it, and how your family can be involved.

**Great Valley Music Faculty:**

High School:

**Alex Siwa** - HS Instrumental Music Director ([asiwa@gvsd.org](mailto:asiwa@gvsd.org))

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar 1, Guitar 2, Marching Band, and Rock Band (Unique Ensembles)

**Ashley Vogel** - HS Choral Music ([avogel@gvsd.org](mailto:avogel@gvsd.org))

AP Music Theory, Bella Voce, Chamber Singers, Chorale, Concert Choir, Music Theory, and Piano Class

Middle School:

**Maryellen Byrne** - MS Music ([mbyrne@gvsd.org](mailto:mbyrne@gvsd.org))

General Music, Blue and White Chorus, General's Chorus and Select Chorus, Musical Theater

**Mark Cellini** - MS Music ([mcellini@gvsd.org](mailto:mcellini@gvsd.org))

General Music, Chamber Orchestra and Orchestra

**Adam Search** - MS Music ([asearch@gvsd.org](mailto:asearch@gvsd.org))

General Music, Instrumental Music, Concert Bands, Jazz Band

Elementary School:

**Will Shafer**: General Wayne ([wshafer@gvsd.org](mailto:wshafer@gvsd.org))

**Joy Deminski**: Charlestown ([jdeminski@gvsd.org](mailto:jdeminski@gvsd.org))

**Paige Seaton**: KD Markley ([pseaton@gvsd.org](mailto:pseaton@gvsd.org))

**Brooke Abrahams**: Charlestown

**Scott Walter**: Sugartown ([swalter@gvsd.org](mailto:swalter@gvsd.org))

([babrahams@gvsd.org](mailto:babrahams@gvsd.org))

*\*More information can be found on GVSD.org: Teacher Websites*

**Great Valley Music Communications:**

**CHARMS** ([www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)) Login: school code is **GVSDMusic**; **Please request** your temporary password by emailing [treasurer@gvmpa.org](mailto:treasurer@gvmpa.org) and your student's teacher. This is a primary mode of communication for the extracurricular activities of the music department, particularly for tracking forms, student financial account balances, and uniforms/formalwear. Each student/parent unit receives an account with a common password.

**Remind** Some GV Music Faculty use Remind to communicate information about practices, performances, and events. You will receive instructions from your student's teacher to participate.

**GVMPA!**

GVMPA provides advocacy, service, and financial support to music students and their teachers in all vocal and instrumental programs in the Great Valley School District. We are a private, non-profit corporation (separate from the school district) comprised of parents and guardians of GV music students. We serve 800+ students in 6 schools participating in 20+ ensembles, including marching, jazz and concert bands, choirs, symphony and string orchestra, indoor percussion and color guard.

We hold general member meetings almost every month of the school year. If your child participates in any Great Valley music program, you are a voting member of GVMPA - **Welcome!**

**GVMPA Leadership:**

**Executive Committee**

Danielle Werkeiser: *President*

([contact@gvmpa.org](mailto:contact@gvmpa.org))

Laura House-Kelly: *Vice President*

Tom DeTulio: *Financial Secretary*

Alex Nikas: *Treasurer* ([treasurer@gvmpa.org](mailto:treasurer@gvmpa.org))

Suzanne Parent Goldman: *Secretary*

Kerry Cavalcanto

Chris Scott

**Committee Chairs** To be announced

**GVMPA Communication:**

**Monthly Meetings** All are encouraged to attend the meetings. They're fun and informative. Please visit us ASAP and learn all the ways we're supporting your student in their musical endeavors!

**GVMPA website** ([GVMPA.org](http://GVMPA.org)) This is your go-to for up-to-date info: fundraisers, events, volunteering, on-line donation, merchandise and student payment, news and accomplishments, meeting minutes and more. Follow us on **Instagram** (Great Valley Music Parents), and like and follow us on **Facebook** (Great Valley Music Parents Association) for more information and awesome pictures!

**Student Fundraising Account:**

GVMPA offers students the opportunity to fundraise for their own personal music needs. Through fundraisers, students accumulate funds in their CHARMS account that can be used for music department trips, uniform and formal wear rental, the purchase of instruments, music lessons, tuition for a private program or camp, or anything else that furthers their music education.

*\*Information on timing, student benefits, and order forms can be found on GVMPA.org. Information will also be shared through newsletters and emails.*

**Parent Support:**

Parent support is critical to our success and there are many ways to lend a hand:

**Volunteer** - opportunities include working at the Snack Shack during GV Football games, chaperoning events, providing meals, helping transport music equipment for football games and competitions, and serving on committees, among many other opportunities.

**Support Fundraisers** - attend the annual Designer Bag Bingo event, purchase Spirit Wear, 50/50 Raffles and Spring Raffle tickets, secure corporate sponsorships, and more.

**Make a donation** - Your annual individual donation is especially needed and greatly appreciated!

*\*More information and volunteer sign-up can be found on GVMPA.org. Information will also be shared through newsletters and emails.*

**Have a question?** Send it to [contact@gvmpa.org](mailto:contact@gvmpa.org)! Looking forward to getting to know you!

# VOLUNTEERING WITH GVMPA

Volunteer support is essential to the success of our Music Department and there are lots of ways you can lend a hand.

## VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS

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Roles are listed below. Full descriptions can be found on [www.gvmpa.org](http://www.gvmpa.org).

### HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

GVMPA manages the concession stand ("The Shack") at the home football games. We generally need 15+ volunteers.

#### PURCHASER (REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE) – CLEARANCES NOT REQUIRED

Item	GVMPA vendor
Frozen hamburgers	Devault Foods (near Route 29)
Ice	Ice Butler (near Giant, Frazer)
Soft pretzels	Philly Pretzel Factory (West Chester)

#### SHACK – CLEARANCES PREFERRED

Job	Responsibility	# needed
Burgers (run the grill)	Grill 200-300 hamburgers during the game	1-2
Hot dogs (run another grill)	Grill 100-200 hotdogs during the game	1
French fry maker	Make french fries	2
French fry seller	Sell/serve french fries	2
Nachos	Prep nacho chips and cheese station	1
Runner	Move burger, hot dogs from grill to Shack. Stock food/beverages for sellers.	1
Wrapper	Wrap hotdogs, burgers, pretzels and pizza before and during the game	4
Seller	Set up counter and sell food and beverages	3

#### EQUIPMENT HELPER

Help move pit equipment, drum major podiums and other items into position on the field for the pre-game show. You can work at the shack AND help with equipment. CLEARANCES REQUIRED.

### AWAY FOOTBALL GAMES

Role	Tasks	Clearances required
Chaperone	Ride bus to/from game and assist students as needed, including water, first aid, etc.	Yes
Equipment Helper	Load and unload equipment trucks and move equipment to/from performance location.	
Truck driver	Retrieve trucks from U-HAUL; attach equipment trailers; drive trucks to/from game.	No
Water buyer	Purchase and deliver cases of water to the HS before the game (reimbursement available).	

## MARCHING BAND COMPETITION (CAVALCADES)

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Marching band competitions are managed like an AWAY football game. We generally need **Chaperones, Equipment Helpers, and Truck Driver**. Must have clearances to chaperone and help with equipment (see above).

**CAVALCADE MEALS** – For most cavalcades, we need volunteers to prepare and serve a meal at GVHS before we leave. Sign Up Genius will list dishes, condiments and supplies.

**CHEER SQUAD** – While not on Sign Up Genius, family and friends are encouraged to attend competitions to cheer for our kids. Meet up at our usual spot: on the 40 yard line (to the right of the 50 when facing the field), about three-quarters of the way up to the top of the stands. Attendees only sit on one side of the field.

**ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER TASKS** will be posted on Sign Up Genius throughout the year, for help with Indoor Percussion and Guard Competitions, the band banquet and fundraising events (mums sale, Designer Bag Bingo, etc.).

## ORGANIZING/PLANNING

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In addition to one-time volunteering opportunities, you can play an important role in planning and organizing through committee work. If you'd like to learn more or help, please contact Laura House-Kelly at [LHouseKelly@yahoo.com](mailto:LHouseKelly@yahoo.com).

Committee	Goal
Communications	Help build awareness and communicate with the broader community through our website, monthly e-newsletter, and social media.
Fundraising	Support current fundraising events and initiatives and build new events to help meet fundraising goals.
Events	Organize, plan, and execute our primary Music Department events, including the marching band banquet, Indoor Color Guard and Percussion show, Designer Bag Bingo, etc

## WANT TO SIGN UP?

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Go to [www.gvmpa.org](http://www.gvmpa.org) and click on Donate/Volunteer in the upper right corner, then click on Sign Up to Volunteer. You'll be taken to Sign Up Genius which will have the current list of opportunities.

**CLEARANCES** are needed for any task in which you will be in direct contact with students (see lists above). Not sure if you'll need them? Get them anyway; it's free and they're good for five years.

- From the District homepage, click on *Parents* at the top of the page, then click on *Clearances/Clearance Requirements for Parent Volunteers*. This is the direct link: [www.gvsd.org/Page/12107](http://www.gvsd.org/Page/12107).

## MASKS REQUIRED

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Per current GVSD and PA rules, we are required to wear a properly fitted mask for any volunteer task in which we will be indoors, including working at the Shack and riding on the bus. Disposable masks will be available if you forget to bring yours. Shack volunteers who are handling food must also wear gloves.