

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night

## Friday, Sept. 18, 2009

### *Marching with the High School Band*

Parents, please read all information in this packet. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to perform with a superior band organization.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students will march with the high school band on September 18, 2009. Students must arrive at Kaleidoscope Park at 6:00 PM to run through the songs before the performance. They will attend the entire football game, sit with the high school band members in the stands, and will march with the HS band into the stadium and at half-time. After the football game, all students must be picked up at the stadium at approximately 9:45 PM (please be prompt). For the safety of your students we ask that you sign out with Mrs. Hire or a chaperone. If your student is riding home with someone else, please have a note accompany your child informing who will be picking them up.

We ask that parents DO NOT come to the band stands to meet with their child unless there is an urgent reason. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will get a break during the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and can talk to friends and family then. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be fed 2 slices of pizza and a soda courtesy of the Wadsworth Band Boosters. Attire for the evening is tennis shoes, blue jeans, and red t-shirt/sweatshirt (Wadsworth attire preferred).

There will be an additional practice with the HS Band on Thursday, September 17 at the high school (back parking lot...drop off beside Steiner) from 5:15-7:00 PM. Attending this rehearsal is a requirement to be able to march with the HS band on Sept. 18. Arrangements will be made with coaches so students are not penalized.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students will be playing several songs with the high school band both in the stands and on the field. Students must memorize "Grizzlies" and our half time song in order to be able to play and march at the same time.

**This will be a fun, exciting learning experience!**  
**Please sign and return the permission form by Friday, September 4.**

We are looking forward to seeing this wonderful 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on the football field. We know they will enjoy it. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the high school band office at (330) 336-4011.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Hadgis and Mrs. Hire  
Wadsworth Band Directors

**Things to remember:**

- **Instrument/mouthpiece/reeds/mallets**
- **Stand tunes**
- **Coat if it gets too cold!**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> quarter money if you think you will need more food!**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Marching Night**  
**September 18, 2009**  
**Color Guard**

This year we are allowing any 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl interested to try color guard on 8<sup>th</sup> grade band night. High School Color Guard members do not have to play an instrument in the band, but they do audition to be in the guard in the spring.

Students do not need to have any prior experience. We will hold two practices where students will be taught basics and an easy routine. All practices are held at the high school band lot located behind the high school. Drop off at the street between the high school and Steiner. Students must attend both practices to participate at the game and must be academically eligible.

Practice #1- Tuesday, September 15            6-8:30

Practice #2- Thursday, September 17        5:15-7:00

Game- Friday, September 18                6:00

( Please refer to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night sheet for more details.)

**Wadsworth High School Band**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night**  
**September 18, 2009**

**Permission Form**

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There will be an additional practice with the HS band on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the high school from 5:15-7:00 PM. This is a requirement to be able to march with the HS band on September 18. Parents should pick up their child at 7:00 PM after practice.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be: 1) marching with the band from Kaleidoscope Park to the Stadium. 2) Sitting and playing in the band stands with the high school students. 3) Performing at half-time. 3) Picked up at the stadium (approx. 9:45 PM).

Chaperones and directors always supervise the activities of the high school band. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Hire at [dhire@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:dhire@wadsworth.k12.oh.us) or call Mr. Hadgis at the high school band office (330) 336-4011.

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Please return this portion

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the above mentioned activities with the Wadsworth High School Band. I understand that these activities will be supervised by Mr. Hadgis, Mrs. Hire and the chaperones. I agree to pick up my child immediately after the game at the stadium on September 18, 2009.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_