

Wadsworth Band

Newsletter

September 2004 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth OH 44281

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS
September 7 @ 7:30pm WHS Library **All Welcome**

NOTES FROM MR. HADGIS...

Dear Band Parents and Students,

This has been a very productive month. The band students have been working hard and have put together a great show. We've had a lot of fun with band camp evening activities (karaoke, skit night, dance-dance-revolution, etc.) and have set the tone for success for the upcoming marching season. Our crowd is looking forward to seeing what the WHS Band will be doing at halftime this year.

Some of you parents may recognize some of the music that we are playing: "Karn Evil 9" by Emerson, Lake & Palmer-1969, "Birdland" by Weather Report-1977, "Get It On" by Chase-1973, and "Pinball Wizard" by The Who-1971. The students also like the music from "our" era. These are high energy, challenging arrangements that connect with all audiences.

MEMORIZING MUSIC

Once again, I am asking parents to encourage their child to practice daily so that they will be able to memorize the required music for the appropriate weeks. When a band student memorizes the music, his/her marching improves tremendously, and the band is able to do more routines throughout the season. 75% of a student's grade is based on memorizing and playing music properly. The other 25% is class participation/performance that is also affected if the student doesn't have their music memorized. Grades for Color Guard members are based on the same criteria.

PERFORMANCE MEETING TIMES

All meeting times for **Home games** are at **6:00 p.m.** at **Kaleidoscope Park**. Remember, football games start at 7:00 p.m. this year, except the Cuyahoga Falls game. Students are to arrive at Art Wright Stadium early in order to put their hat bag, case, and belongings in the bandstands and then, go back to Kaleidoscope Park to warm up and line up to parade into the stadium. Meeting times for **Away games** and **Band Shows** vary. See the 2004 marching band meeting times sheet.

GET INVOLVED

I hope all parents get involved with the Band Boosters organization. We've got a great team of people who have a lot of fun helping at concessions, fundraisers, chaperoning and helping at other events. Don't hesitate to call any of our officers to ask how you can help support the organization that supports your child.

I'm looking forward to a great performance season by the WHS Marching Band. Hope to see all of you at the band shows and football games.

~Mr. Hadgis~

Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~Band Booster President

Local Advantage Cards

September 7th is the final day to turn in your unsold Local Advantage Cards and money for those sold. The cards and money will be collected at the Boosters meeting on September 7th. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in the high school library.

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all who created the tasty baked goods for the bake sale. Also, thank you to those who worked at the bake sale. We know how precious free time is and we appreciate your efforts to benefit the band.

Thanks to all the students who participated in Team Day. As a group you sold over 300 Local Advantage Cards, which translates into about \$40.00 into each of your accounts. Your professional attitudes and good humor throughout the day did not go unnoticed and were truly appreciated. Great Job!!!

We can't forget the adult volunteers who helped on Team Day. Your efforts in getting the students around the neighborhoods, keeping them motivated and in good spirits were invaluable. Many thanks.

Concessions

It looks like concessions are getting off to a great start again this year. There is still a need for volunteers to work concessions for soccer games. Sign up sheets will be available at the September 7th Boosters meeting (7:30pm - high school library). Your help in this will be greatly appreciated. Please sign up to help at soccer games!!!

WADSWORTH COMMUNITY BAND

Wadsworth Community Band Strikes Up The Fall Season!
The Wadsworth Community Band will soon begin their fall season. Rehearsals, beginning on September 23rd, take place each Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:15 PM in the Wadsworth Middle School Band Room. Adult instrumentalists of all ability levels are welcome! No audition is required, only a desire to perform music with others and a commitment to attend the weekly practices. The fall season will culminate in a Community Holiday Celebration Concert at OJ Work Auditorium on December 5th. For more information, or to join the band:

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Why Music?

Information About the Value of Music in Our Lives and Our Children's Education

Contributed by Dr. Bill Bauer

Instrumental Music: A Curricular Subject

What does it mean to be curricular? Webster's dictionary defines curricular as "of or relating to an academic course of study." Curricular subjects also: (1) use high quality content as the source material for learning (in music, this would include having students perform and study music of the highest quality), (2) engage students in meaningful activities that lead to significant understanding of the subject matter, (3) are scheduled during the regular academic day, and (4) assess and grade students on their growing understanding of the subject matter.

While some people classify band programs as extracurricular, lumping them in with athletic teams, clubs, and other school activities, this is not the case. Bands primarily serve a curricular function - to teach students about music. Students in bands learn about music primarily through performance, but also by being involved in other "musical" endeavors that include listening to music, creating music (improvising and composing), and learning about the theory and history of music. Along with this primary "academic" role, most bands also serve other important purposes. They provide community service (i.e., marching in the Memorial Day parade), boost school spirit (i.e., performing at pep rallies), and provide positive public relations for school districts, and even entire communities (i.e., entertaining at the halftime of football games, as well as performing in other venues throughout the state and nation). These multifaceted aspects of band programs can contribute to a perception that bands are extracurricular, particularly since most people see only the public performances, not the teaching and learning that goes on behind the classroom doors to develop students' knowledge and skills that are necessary to achieve those performances. But, well-balanced band programs focus on the curricular and should be treated with the respect any curricular subject deserves.

All of us have probably heard about the rigorous academic requirements (or standards) that the state of Ohio has for students in subjects such as math, science, and language arts. These subjects are assessed frequently in schools by standardized tests of various types. Recently, Ohio has adopted new academic content standards for music and the other fine arts (see http://ims.ode.state.oh.us/ODE/IMS/ACS/Content/fine_arts_standards.pdf). The forward to these new standards states, "Ohio's fine arts academic content standards clearly delineate what students should know and be able to do in dance, drama/theatre, music and visual art. These standards will be an integral component of an aligned educational system that includes the arts as one of the core subjects named in the *No Child Left Behind Act*. While there are currently no plans to assess the fine arts with standardized tests such as those used for other academic subjects, school districts around the state will be working to align their music curricula with these new standards.

The Ohio standards are closely related to the *National Music Standards*

<http://www.menc.org/publication/books/standards.htm>, which were part of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994.

Instrumental music programs truly are curricular. That they exist primarily for the musical education of students must be kept in mind by all those involved (administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the general public) in any successful program.



THANK YOU!!

A big *Thank You* to Vicki Long for all her hard work on the flags and uniforms for the girls. A job well done!

Thanks to Linda Knotts and Smuckers for the opportunity to work the concession stand at the Simply Smuckers Ice Cream Social in July.

Thank you to Chriss Hadgis for taking care of the uniforms and distributing them to the new members.

Thanks to Carol Dewan for preparing the medical/first aid box.

Next Band Boosters meeting: Sept. 7 @ 7:30 in the WHS Library.

2004 Wadsworth High School

MARCHING BAND

MEETING TIMES

HOME GAMES: Band members will meet at **Kaleidoscope Park at 6:00 p.m.** dressed in full uniform. Students should **show up early** to put their hat bag, raincoat, flip folio, instrument case, and other belongings in the bandstands at Art Wright Stadium (students must remain in full uniform). Members will then return to Kaleidoscope to warm up and line up to parade into the stadium.

Sept.3 Cuy.Falls

Rehearsal: 4:45 p.m.
 Rehearsal: 4:15 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:25 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:00 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:30p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 11:30 p.m.

Sept.11 Massillon Show

OCT 8 – COPLEY

Rehearsal: 4:15 p.m.
 Rehearsal: 4:50 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:00 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:40 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 11:00 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:20 p.m.

Sept.17 Cloverleaf

Rehearsal: 4:45 p.m.
 Rehearsal: 4:45 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:25 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:25 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:30 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:30 p.m.

SEP 25 – JACKSON SHOW

OCT 29 - REVERE

Rehearsal: 4:15 p.m.
 Rehearsal: 4:45 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:00 p.m.
 Inspection: 5:25 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:45 p.m.
 Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:35 p.m.

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OCT 15 - TALLMADGE

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