

# Wadsworth Band

## Newsletter



December 2004 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth OH 44281

### NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

Dec., 14 @ 7:30pm WHS Library \*\*All Welcome\*\* [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com)

### Notes From Mr. Hadgis:



This holiday season is a time to be thankful for the many good experiences that we have had this year. The students have consistently improved their performances, the parents have continuously worked to help the organization, and our community has responded with great enthusiasm to our performances at halftime shows and city events. Many directors and parents from other bands have commented on how the Wadsworth band students are very polite and supportive to their bands at band shows and football games. I am very proud to direct such a great group of kids. They have done a wonderful job representing the community of Wadsworth and promoting instrumental music throughout the region.

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

Coming soon is the High School Band Holiday Concert on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at O.J. Work auditorium at 7:30 p.m. It will feature the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands and will end with a 'combined band' piece, Leroy Anderson's, "Sleigh Ride". The Jr. High concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and Central's concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The Jazz Band is in the process of scheduling several performances in the city and at other locations, such as Summit mall. No dates have been confirmed at the time of this printing. Visit the band Website at [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com) for updates.

### PEP BAND

It's also basketball season, which means we need students to play in pep band for the boys basketball games. All students are encouraged to be in Pep Band. Please note that students don't have to attend every game. Last year's Pep Band was very large and quite good. We have a lot of fun playing a variety of music. Her is a list of the games: 12/10-Green, 12/17-Norton, 1/4-Brunswick, 1/11-Highland, 1/21-Cloverleaf, 2/4-Copley, 2/8-Tallmadge, 2/15-Cuyahoga Falls, 2/18-Revere. Students need to sign up on a list with Mr. Hadgis so that they can get into the game free.

### SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

This year, OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest is on Sat., Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at Springfield High School. Students who are interested in performing a solo must start working on it immediately. Any students interested in playing an ensemble should see Mr. Hadgis or Mr. Foster for music selections and suggestions for what kind of ensemble to form. Our goal is to have every member of our band go to Solo & Ensemble Contest, either as a soloist or as a member of an ensemble. Students may choose their difficulty level – Class A, B, or C. The DEADLINE for entry is Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns at 330-336-4011.



### Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~~Band Booster President

### Fundraiser: Century Products and Buehler's fruit

The pick-up day for the items ordered for the fall fundraiser is **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. **NOTE: THIS IS THE ONLY DAY YOU CAN PICK UP THE ITEMS YOU SOLD FOR THE FUNDRAISER!!!!** Items can be picked up at the Buehler's cooler. This is behind Buehler's – where the trucks go for delivery. Students with last names beginning with the letters A – M can pick up their items between 10:00am and Noon on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students with last names beginning with the letters N – Z can pick up their items between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. If you can't pick up your items within this time frame, prior arrangements need to be made. Call Beth Mollica-Hill at 336-5374 to make arrangements. Any items that aren't picked up on December 11<sup>th</sup> will be donated to local charities. We need volunteers to help distribute the items on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers to sort the items after delivery on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, please call Beth Mollica-Hill at 336-5374.

### Basketball Concessions:

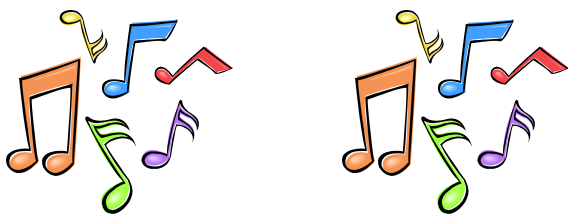
The varsity basketball season begins on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. This means that volunteers are needed to man the concession stand at the high school. If you were reluctant to work concessions for the football games, now is the time to step up and volunteer. Basketball concessions are not as busy and therefore there is more time to learn the ropes and get to know your fellow band booster volunteers. Concessions are a really fun gig – so please sign up and get into the game!

### Holiday Concert:

The students have worked hard to master their music. It would be terrific if we could have a large turnout for this concert. Please invite family and friends to attend this event. We always receive such good, positive comments about our marching band. We know the concert bands will be equally as enriching and entertaining.

Happy Holidays!!!

We would like to extend our heartfelt holiday wishes to all. Enjoy the season. Enjoy your families.



### *Why Music?*

Information About the Value of Music in Our Lives and Our Children's Education  
Contributed by Dr. Bill Bauer

#### The Musical Brain

What is the secret of music's strange power? Seeking an answer, scientists are piecing together a picture of what happens in the brains of listeners and musicians.

- Music has been ubiquitous in human societies throughout the world since the dawn of culture. Appreciation for music appears to be innate; infants as young as two months will turn toward pleasant sounds.

- Many different regions of the brain respond to the perceptual and emotional aspects of music, and the brain alters itself to react more strongly to musical sounds that become important to an individual.

- Scientists who study how music is processed in the brain are laying the groundwork to understand the underlying reasons for music's power and importance to humans. Interested in learning more? Visit <http://tinyurl.com/4eoxx>



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>! That afternoon, at 4PM, the Wadsworth Community Band, under the direction of William Bauer and Michael Foster, will present a Community Christmas Celebration concert in OJ Work Auditorium. Performing with the Community Band will be a special Community Christmas Choir under the direction of former Wadsworth High School Choir Director Gene Lawrence. **Admission is free.**

The program will feature traditional and seasonal favorites including *Procession of the Nobles* - Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, *Farandole from "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2"* - Georges Bizet, *Russian Christmas Music* - Alfred Reed, *A Christmas Festival* - Leroy Anderson, and *March of the Toys* (as performed by the Sousa Band) - Victor Herbert. Members of the audience will also join in the fun with an old-fashioned sing-a-long of carols and other holiday tunes.

The concert will benefit the local service organization, FISH. FISH primarily helps individuals and families in need with food, transportation, and funds for rent and utility payments. At Christmas time FISH supports area families by providing them with baskets of food, clothing, and toys. The Wadsworth Community Band has adopted a family, and will also be accepting donations on FISH's behalf of new children's clothing and toys from those attending the concert. In addition, a unique holiday basket and other seasonal items will be raffled off at the concert, with a portion of the proceeds going to FISH.

Kick off the holiday season with an enjoyable afternoon of music, while also contributing to the betterment of those in need in our community by providing a donation of a new child's toy or article of clothing, or through your participation in the raffle. We hope to see you on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4PM!



1. The Wadsworth Band Boosters would like to thank Amedeo's Flower Shop for their generous donation of carnations and balloons for our Sr. night presentation. We appreciate their continued support of the Wadsworth High School Band.
2. Thanks to Kathy Stugmyer for all of her time and effort in creating the cover letter and fruit sale order form for the November fundraiser.



Andy Gunsch, Megan Crislip and Abby Orchard were accepted into Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus. They will be performing a Christmas Concert, and with Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra in May in Severance Hall.

### **NOTE:**

**There is a change in the date of the December meeting!!! It will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the High School Library.**

### ***UPCOMING CONCERTS***

- Dec. 6 7:30pm Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony I and II  
at Severance Hall  
Dec. 7 7:30pm WHS Band Holiday Concert OJ Work  
Dec.19 3pm and 7pm Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus  
in Severance Hall

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