

Wadsworth Band

Newsletter



January 2005 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth OH 44281

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

Jan.4 @ 7:30pm WHS Library **All Welcome** www.wadsworthband.com

Notes From Mr. Hadgis:



I hope everyone enjoyed this past winter break. May you feel renewed and ready for 2005! Our students did a wonderful job at the holiday concert in December. I was very pleased with the concentrated effort that went into preparing quickly for the concert. Mr. Williams came to the concert and congratulated the students on an outstanding job on the morning announcements the following day. Other teachers and students outside of the band have commented on the good music that we are playing (since they hear us rehearsing in the gym each day).

The Jazz Band also had a performance inside Walmart. We set up in front of the books & magazines (in the middle of the store) and played for many people who were in the store and stopped to listen to the "holiday jazz" music. Some people even wanted to give us money because the kids sounded so good, but we told them to put it in the Salvation Army Kettle. Many smiles and much enjoyment was given to the crowd of people who listened to the band.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to all the students who played at Beuhlers & Walmart for the Salvation Army kettles. Their volunteer efforts help raise additional money for charity.

Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event

As soon as the students start school in January, we will be preparing for Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event held on Jan. 22 at Springfield High School. This is much earlier than in the past and allows the students only three weeks to get ensembles together to rehearse. Students participating in this event should rehearse together before or after school at least two times per week. This is the only way to ensure that the students have a good experience. I am always available to help before school and after school when I don't have Jazz Band or other scheduled rehearsals. It is the student's responsibility to schedule rehearsal times with me to get help. Performance times will be mailed to our school approximately a week and a half before Jan. 22.

Upcoming Performances / Rehearsals

Besides Solo & Ensemble, the other performances in January are Pep Band home basketball games: Jan. 4, 11, 21.

Students should meet in the band Room at 6:15 p.m. to rehearse music and then, perform at the basketball game. They will be finished at approx. 8:30 p.m. (after halftime). F.Y.I., the Feb. basketball games are: Feb. 4, 8, 15, 18.

The Jazz Band will be performing at several events during the next two months: Wadsworth Women's Club meeting on Feb. 17th, Rotary Club meeting, date at time TBA, Green Jazz Festival-Feb. 19th, and Kent Stark Invitational Jazz Festival on Feb. 20th.

Extra Rehearsals

Extra band rehearsals will be scheduled in the months of Jan. and Feb. in order to prepare for District Band Adjudicated Event. There will also be mandatory sectionals scheduled either before or after school. Schedules will be handed out on the first day after break on Jan. 3rd. Of course, I will cooperate with coaches of any student who is in a winter sport.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 330-336-2390.

Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~~Band Booster President

Fall Fundraiser

The fundraiser distribution went well on Saturday, December 11. Many thanks to Gary Hill, Kelsey Hill, Jonathan Hill, Matt SirLouis, Sarah Stewart, Don and Barb Stewart, Abby Vogus, Halley Vogus, Becky Thomas, Cindy Thomas, Jason Liddy, Mark Sterling, Mr. Clark and Jon and Julie Brenneman for the help unloading and organizing the items on Friday. Thanks to Sally Lewis, Gary Hill, Kelsey Hill, Jonathan Hill, LuAnn Hill, Cindy Thomas, Amy Messer, Mr. Messer and Bill Bauer for braving the cold on Saturday to help with distribution. Although we had some glitches, for the most part all went well. Suggestions and constructive criticism are appreciated. Money is due no later than January 7th. All checks should be made to the Wadsworth Band Boosters – no cash please. Any discrepancies, please call me at 330-336-5374.

We will begin working on the Craft Show and "A Night At The Races" fundraisers after the holidays. Anyone interested in helping, please call me. Fundraisers are only as good as the members will make them. Have a safe and happy New Year.

-----Beth Mollica-Hill



Why Music?

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

In a recent issue of *TRIAD*, a journal published by the Ohio Music Education Association, Donna Collins, the Executive Director of the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, outlined eight reasons for supporting quality arts education programs in Ohio's schools. This month we present the first four of these.

1. Education in the arts prepares students for careers in the \$316 billion arts industry as artists, musicians, dancers, actors, museum curators, architects, graphic artists, photographers, filmmakers, TV-radio producers, designers, teachers, and more. According to Americans for the Arts, more than 548,000 businesses nationwide are related to the arts and employ 2.99 million people. In Ohio there are 16, 937 arts-related industries that employ 89, 196 people. **The arts mean careers and business!**
2. The arts contribute to the national and state economies. The Ohio Citizens for the Arts reported in 2003 that the arts in Cleveland and Cincinnati contributed to more than \$2 billion a year in annual economic activity. In 2002 every \$1 in state funds that was allocated by the Ohio Arts Council was matched by \$33 in local funds, for a total of \$375 million statewide. **The arts mean economic development!**
3. The arts are recognized as a core subject in the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act, which places arts education at the same level of importance as language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign languages. Arts education programs are also eligible for federal funding for teacher training, technology, school reform, Title 1 school wide programs, and extended learning opportunities. The Partnership for 21st Century Schools, a public-private organization of business and education leaders, supports the expanded list of core subjects in NCLB, which more accurately reflect "the demands of 21st century workplaces and communities." **The arts are part of the core!**
4. Arts education programs are an instructional opportunity to improve student achievement. The Ohio Revised Code and Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools require a curriculum that includes fine arts, including music, and elective graduation credits that may include the arts. The State Board of Education adopted Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts in December 2003. Aligning academic standards for the arts with other academic content standards will provide additional opportunities for all students to achieve at high levels, and provide instructional opportunities across the curriculum. **The arts help close the achievement gap!**

Next month: reasons 5-8.



Congratulations go out to the following high school band/jazz band students who were inducted into The National Honor Society recently: Caitlin Wise, Corey Durbin, Stephanie Prechtel, Todd Painter, Alex Sterling, Jennifer Long, Alexandra Papas, Laura Morgan, Patrick Lamielle. A congratulation also goes out to Jennifer Long for being accepted into the Glassmen DCI.

****FYI****

You can now sign up for concessions by going to the WHS band web site. Go to the link (<http://wadsworthband.com/bbconcession.html>) to sign up.

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