

Wadsworth Band

Newsletter



April 2005 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth OH 44281

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

April 12 @ 7:30pm WHS Library **All Welcome** www.wadsworthband.com

Notes From Mr. Hadgis:

Dear Band Parents and Students,

What a fantastic month we have had! (March is designated as 'Music In Our Schools Month' by OMEA). Our students have shown fine musicianship at District Contest, the Medina County All-Star Honor band, and the high school Pit Band for the musical "Footloose". We have made history in Wadsworth; it was the first time we sent two separate concert bands to District Contest, and both received superior ratings of a "1". Also, the Wadsworth band members selected for jr. high and high school Honor Band represented us well and some were chosen as soloists. Finally, the Pit band, although small in numbers, was clearly exceptional this year. It has been a great pleasure working with the WHS band students.

District Adjudicated Event

Our Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Foster, showed *significant* improvement from our concert on March 1st. After their performance at Districts (Wooster H.S. site), they were the first group to receive "1" ratings from all three judges in the auditorium throughout Friday night and Saturday morning. Some comments from the judges were, "This is a very fine sounding band, doing all the right things" and "So few bands make music [not just play the right notes], but this band definitely makes music".

The Symphonic Band also improved from the March 1st concert and was the only band at the Wooster site to receive straight "1's" from all judges, including the sightreading judge. Some comments from judges were, "What a terrific band! Your school and community should be proud. Thanks for the attention to detail and making such great music." and "You had awesome technique, wonderful blend and balance, and were the best band that I heard in these two days". There were many more positive comments.

Parents should know that two of the three judges in the auditorium were some of the toughest judges in the state, having up to six concert bands in one school! In all my years attending Districts, I know that this many positive comments don't come frequently from top judges. Our students have done a truly OUTSTANDING job and need to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

State Adjudicated Event

States will be held at Champion High School in Warren, OH (same as last year) on either Friday, April 22 or Saturday, April 23, time & date TBA. I hope that parents will be able to make it and support their children. If we get a superior "1" rating, it will be the first time in at least three decades that Wadsworth has gotten a "1" at State.

Spring Trip 2005 – Chicago

Homework due after break-April 11th

You all know the exciting itinerary that we will experience when we go to Chicago. I know that everyone is excited. However, remember that it is *expected* that *every student practices* during Spring Break at home. If students are going on vacation, I *expect* those students to take their instruments with them so they can stay in shape. All band members must realize that we must perform well at Northwestern University, one of the nation's top universities. We only have four days after Spring Break to get back into shape (not enough time if students don't play over break).

Also, band students must understand... ***We will only continue to pursue more trips if our students properly prepare, making it a truly educational field trip. Please do not take these trips for granted.*** Our Administrators and Board of Education see the value in this trip and we must not disappoint them, our community, or ourselves by not preparing properly. Remember, that the most important part of our trip is the performances. All instruments will be taken home on April 1st and students must remember to bring them back on April 11th. A performance evaluation tape will be due on April 12th. 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

April Boosters Meeting

The April meeting will be at 7:30pm on **Tuesday, April 12th** in the High School Library. Spring Trip will be an important topic of discussion. If you have any last minute questions about Spring Trip, make sure you attend the April meeting.

Spring Trip Chaperones

All chaperones for the Spring Trip must attend the chaperone meeting that will immediately follow the 7:30pm Boosters meeting.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations go out to the High School Concert and Symphonic bands for their superior performances at the District band contest. Both bands received 1s and have qualified for State contest. The students have really applied themselves to learning some challenging music. Mr. Hadgis and Mr. Foster have done a wonderful job of raising each band to new levels in musicianship and confidence.

Thank You

Thanks to all those who gave up part of their weekend to chaperone and drive the truck for the district band contest. Thanks also to the parents who braved the elements to Wooster High School to support the bands. It means a lot to the students to know that you are there cheering them on.

Thank You Craft Show Volunteers!

Sincere thanks to all who braved the weather to come out and volunteer their time at the Craft Show. It takes a lot of people to make something like this happen. Your dedication and positive attitudes go far to make this a successful organization.

Well, once again, we braved the very snowy weather to hold our annual Easter Parade of Crafts. We had over 70 tables sold and only lost 3 vendors to the weather. Business was not as good as we had expected for the crafters, (tough to sell Easter bunnies and ducks to people in snowsuits. Thanks to all of the

SUPER kids of the band, band booster families and the Wadsworth United Methodist Seekers Sunday School class for their wonderful efforts in helping out both Friday night and Saturday to make the day a success.

Thanks to Dan Bowman and crew for coming out to plow for us, and the custodial help that was there all day to assist us when needed. I am certainly open to any ideas of where we can continue to improve for next year, etc.

As the last big fundraiser for the year, we will now begin the process of looking at new and exciting opportunities for next year. If anyone would like to be a part of these discussions, please feel free to let me know.

Think Spring Trip now!!!!!!
Beth Mollica-Hill



WHY MUSIC?

INFORMATION ABOUT THE VALUE OF MUSIC IN OUR LIVES AND OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Contributed by Dr. Bill Bauer

Ten Facts About Music Education

1. In a 1995 study in Hamilton, Ohio, string students who participated in pullout lessons averaged higher scores than the non-pullout students in all areas of the Ohio Proficiency Test. Sixty-eight (68) percent of the string students achieved satisfactory ratings on all sections of the test, compared to fifty-eight (58) percent of the non-pullout students.
- Michael D. Wallick, "A Comparison Study of the Ohio Proficiency Test Results Between Fourth-Grade String Pullout Students and Those of Matched Ability," *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 1998.
2. According to a 2000 survey, eighty-one (81) percent of people responding believe that participating in school music corresponds with better grades and test scores. This is an increase of fourteen (14) percent over the 1997 results for the same question.
- *Attitudes*, NAMM (International Music Products Association), 2000.
3. More music teachers are role models for minority students than teachers of any other subject. Thirty-six (36) percent of surveyed minority students identified music teachers as their role models, compared to twenty-eight (28) percent for English teachers, eleven (11) percent for elementary teachers, and seven (7) percent for physical education teachers.
- "Music teachers as role models for African-American students," *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 1993.
4. Only thirty-one (31) percent of teenagers and adults in a 2000 survey who do not play an instrument feel they are too old to start learning.
- *Americans Love Making Music – And Value Music Education More Highly Than Ever*, American Music Conference, 2000.
5. Researchers at the University of California and the Niigata Brain Research Institute in Japan have found an area of the brain that is activated only when reading musical scores.
- "Musical Brain – Special Brain Area Found for Reading Music Scores," *NeuroReport*, 1998.

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6. In the 1998 federal study *Gaining the Arts Advantage*, music teachers in many of the strongest arts programs nationwide are encouraged by their schools to perform in their communities and to improve their own performing skills.
- *Gaining the Arts Advantage*, The President's Council on the Arts and Humanities, 1998.
7. Ninety-two (92) percent of people who play an instrument say they were glad they learned to do so, according to a 2000 Gallup Poll.
- *Gallup Poll Shows Strong Support for Putting Music in Every School's Curriculum*, Giles Communications, 2000.
8. In academic situations, students in music programs are less likely to draw unfounded conclusions.
Champions of Change, Federal study, 1999.
9. The scores of elementary instrumental music students on standardized math tests increased with each year they participated in the instrumental program.
- "Music Training Helps Underachievers," *Nature*, May 26, 1996.
10. Nine out of ten adults and teenagers who play instruments agree that music making brings the family closer together.
- *Music Making and Our Schools*, American Music Conference, 2000.