

Wadsworth Band

Newsletter



May 2005 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth OH 44281

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

May 3 @ 7:30pm WHS Library **All Welcome** www.wadsworthband.com

Notes From Mr. Hadgis:

Dear Band Parents and Students,

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I am extremely proud of our Concert and Symphonic Bands for attending the State Adjudicated Event held at Lakeview High School in Cortland, OH on April 22. The Concert Band received an excellent rating of a "II" and the Symphonic Band received a Superior rating of a "1". Both bands have achieved an immense amount of success from the beginning of the concert season up to the present.

CONCERT BAND: This is the first year that we have had a "Concert Band" perform selections without the help of the Symphonic Band members filling in the missing instrumentation. OMEA rules state that no member may play in both ensembles. Mr. Foster had to rewrite horn parts for saxophones and other instruments. Likewise, oboe and bassoon players were missing. Yet, the Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Foster, was the first band at our District site to get straight "1's" from all three judges in the auditorium (the only other group to get straight "1's" in the auditorium was the Symphonic Band). The fact is that the Concert Band accomplished an amazing feat by making it to "State" with the obstacles that they had to overcome. We directors are extremely pleased with the musicianship and determination of these students. Their performance at State was truly "Excellent".

SYMPHONIC BAND: The Symphonic Band went up into Class "A" this year and was the only band at "State" to get straight "1's" at our site, including sightreading. All judges congratulated the students for outstanding musicianship, technique, dedication, and having pride in their band. They said that our community should be very proud of what we have accomplished. "You have earned the respect and admiration of these adjudicators. This is the nicest sounding band that we have heard all weekend. You have proven why you were selected to perform at State." – *Thomas Headly*. In addition, this is the first time in over two decades that any Wadsworth Concert group has received a Superior "1" rating at State. The Wadsworth Bands are "on the map", musically. Many directors and students throughout our state have admired our program. We have represented our community with honors and have helped spread the good name of Wadsworth High School.

SPRING CONCERT

MAY 12TH, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Gary Ciepluch, Directors of Bands from the Cleveland Institute of Music & Case Western Reserve, will be our guest conductor on Thursday, May 12th in O.J. Work auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Bands will perform. Tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors that this will be a great concert. There will be a special combined band selection at the end that will end the evening's performance.

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 30

Before you know it, it will be the end of May!... and that means – the Memorial Day Parade. It's time to dig out the marching uniform, make sure it's cleaned, and polish the marching shoes. Seniors must turn in their uniforms, with raincoats and white pants, at the end of the parade with \$5.00 to clean their uniform. Make checks payable to Wadsworth Band Boosters.

BACCALAUREATE / GRADUATION

The band will be performing at Baccalaureate (June 10 - evening) and at Commencement (June 12 - afternoon). Please mark these dates on your calendar.

SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE EXCUSED ABSENCES

By now, everyone has received the summer schedule for practices. I must receive any requests for missed rehearsals by May 31st. Remember, all rehearsals are mandatory. However, if there is a special circumstance or vacation, I must be notified in advance. Please look at the entire summer schedule and let me know of any conflicts *in writing* by May 31. After this date, excuses may not be accepted.

NOTE: There will be some Saturday shows scheduled in the near future for September and October.

8TH GRADERS WELCOME

We have a fine 8th grade class coming up to the high school as freshmen. Next year promises to be another exciting season. Please feel free to call me at 330-336-4011 if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Hadgis



Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~~Band Booster President

E-Newsletter

The Newsletter – this very piece of mail that you are reading – is available in electronic form! You can read it at the wadsworthband.com website and/or you can have it emailed to you at work or home. We **ENCOURAGE** you to take advantage of this opportunity to save a tree and save the Band Boosters the cost of mailing the Newsletter. It would be wonderful if we could put more money into new instruments, teaching aids, sheet music, etc.

To take advantage of this fantastic offer, sign up at the wadsworthband.com website or email Mark Sterling at msterlin@neo.rr.com or call Mark at 336-6009.

We will begin adding the Booster meeting minutes from the previous meeting to the electronic Newsletter. It will not be included in the mailed version. Stay up to date and fully informed!

May High School Band Concert

May 12th is the date of the High School Concert Band and Symphonic Band concerts. An earlier newsletter reported an incorrect date for the concert. Please check and update your calendars.

Spring Trip

Well, the spring trip has come and gone. What a whirlwind! And what a great trip!

First, I want to say that we have the greatest bunch of kinds in the world. What a wonderful, supportive, encouraging group! We received many, many positive comments from the bus drivers to the hotel manager to Dr. Owens, the clinician, to the “man on the street” listening to the Jazz Band at the John Hancock building. You have a lot to be proud of in your kids. If you haven’t seen them yet, there are photos of the trip at the wadsworthband.com website.

Thanks and congratulations to all the students for representing our school and town so well.

Congratulations

Becca Orchard has really distinguished herself in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. She has been featured on solo French horn in concert, playing the Morceau de Concert, by Saint-Saens. This year’s final concert for the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony is Monday, May 9th at Severance Hall. Becca will be playing her solo in Severance Hall! Great work, Becca!

Congratulations also go out to Prairie Barger and Alex Sterling for receiving Superior ratings at the regional science fair in March. Both students have qualified for the state science fair on Saturday, May 7th. Good luck Prairie and Alex!

Elections

At the May meeting, we will be holding elections for next year's band booster officers. Below is the listed of slated nominees. Nominations can also be taken from the floor at the time of the election. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Your vote is important!

President: Sally Lewis

Vice President: Betsy Bauer
Carol Dewan

Treasurer: Cindy Thomas

Secretary: Andrea Orchard

Please Come!!

2004-2005 Wadsworth Band Banquet

Friday May 13

6-9pm

Wadsworth Middle School Cafetorium

Chicken and beverages will be provided

Last names A-M please bring Desserts

Last Names N-Z please bring Side or Salad

Due to fire regulations, only band member and
3 family members can attend.

RSVP to Andrea Orchard 330-335-6053 or
aorchard@neo.rr.com with number attending

Scholarships
"Hadge" Awards
Annual Slide Show

Don't miss out!!!

Open House – incoming freshmen and parents

In May there will be an open house for all incoming freshmen band students and parents. We hope to have some “getting to know you” time. Questions and concerns about the 2005-2006 marching and concert band seasons will be addressed. The upper classmen are looking forward to meeting the new students and beginning the process of helping the freshmen students learn the ins and outs of high school band.

Band Booster parents look forward to meeting the new parents and sharing with them ways to get involved with the band. It’s a good way to stay in touch with what is going on with your student.

Watch for a flier that will be sent home with your student announcing date, time and place.

2004-2005 Band Booster Board Of Directors

2004-2005 WHS Band Booster Executive Board

Officers

President:	Sally Lewis	336-6009	slewis@neo.rr.com
Vice President:	Bill Bauer	336-1290	william.bauer@case.edu
Secretary:	Andrea Orchard	335-6053	aorchard@neo.rr.com
Treasurer:	Cindy Thomas	336-3038	cewingthomas@yahoo.com

Committee Chairs (who are members of the Executive Board)

Chaperone/Transportation	Dennis Burns
Concessions	Dave Thomas
Ways and Means	vacant

Additional Committee Chairs

Publicity:	Mark Sterling
Uniform:	Chriss Hadgis
Newsletter~Becky Motz	330-335-8032
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Newsletter deadlines are the 20th of every month.

Thank you to Mail Boxes Etc. for the printing and folding of the Wadsworth Band Newsletter

Wadsworth Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2005

Meeting began at 7:30 PM

Sally Lewis welcomed everyone.

Finance Committee- Cindy Thomas

No formal report this month. Cindy has been doing budget comparisons and we are well on track. She says that we should be able to create a more accurate budget for next year as we are tracking categories better.

The Craft Show had 58 sold spaces and revenue of \$3423.66.

No concessions this month.

Ways and Means Committee- reported by Sally Lewis

Sally reported that Beth Mollica-Hill had stepped down from W&M chair. Sally acknowledged her good efforts this year. The Advantage card fund raiser and alternatives such as Mega-Card or doing it ourselves was discussed. WHS has a card printer that we could use. Mega-Card looks good but has a \$20 price point. It was mentioned that the Soccer card competes with the band one and maybe we should cooperate to avoid overlap of merchant offers. Some thought that merchants would react better to local salespersons. If we make cards ourselves we also would need to do all the selling. More will be found about the cost of doing our own cards.

Publicity-Mark Sterling reported that event calendar and other updates have been made to the BB website. Spring trip pictures are planned to be posted during the trip if possible. The Jazz Band performance on April 19th will be promoted on the sign out front of the HS, WCTV and an email sent to all BB members. Mike Foster will print and distribute some posters.

Sally Lewis discussed scholarships. Art Baldwin and Pepsi-Blue Tip. No applications have been rec'd yet. Steve Hadgis stated that applications should be in by the end of this week to give time for evaluation.

The Band banquet is on May 13 at WMS cafeteria. Forms and signup sheet will be sent out next week.

Barb Papas reported that the nominating committee had shown progress. Sally Lewis offered to re-up as president. VP hopefuls are Carol Dewan and Patty Bauer. Cindy Thomas offered to remain as Treasurer.

Steve Hadgis reported that the state large group AV would be on Friday April 22 in Cortland, OH at Northeast HS. Concert Band performs at 5:30 PM and Symphonic Band at 8:00 PM.

Spring trip- Saturday is at Northwestern Univ for clinics for Concert, Symphonic, Jazz and Color Guard. PM gig at Navy Pier is out but they will play at the John Hancock building which should be a great substitute.

Steve reported that the Concert band earned all ones for there performance at Districts and a three in sight-reading. This is a very fine result for a newly formed division of the band. Symphonic band earned all ones in performance and in sight-reading. Both bands received very favorable comments from judges and attendees. Steve said that this may have been the best results ever for a Wadsworth band at this level of competition.

Dr. Gary Ciepluch has agreed to guest direct the HS band at the May 12 concert at O.J. Work. Dr. Ciepluch is on the staff of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the director of the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. Six WHS students are members of the CYWS.

Mike Foster reported that the WMS members did very well at Solo/Ensemble competition

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.
Next meeting May 3, 2005, 7:30 PM