

Wadsworth Band



Newsletter



NOTES FROM MR. HADGIS...

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Our first week of practice was very productive. Although we were missing many members, the positive work ethic and environment was encouraging. We are fortunate to have such great kids who are very cooperative and respectful. In addition, the senior class is excited to start organizing some “fun” activities during band camp week (Aug 1-4). I am looking forward to a great season.

EXTRA TIME DURING BAND CAMP WEEK

The seniors want to make this a special week. Each night, there will be activities after practice to give the students a chance to have fun. We are asking all parents to pick up their child later to allow them to participate in these supervised events. Directors and chaperones will be present the entire time. Following, is a list of pick-up times for each night:

- <freshmen & seniors only>Monday (8/1) – 9:30 p.m.
- <all students>Tuesday (8/2) – 9:45 p.m.
- <all students>Wednesday (8/3) – 10:00 p.m.
- <all students>Thursday (8/4) – 10:30 p.m.

PRACTICING / MEMORIZING MUSIC

I am emphasizing that parents get involved in their child’s music education by asking if their child has done his/her homework for band. Remember, “Band” is an *academic* subject that is graded. Students must earn their grade – it is not given to them. Memorizing the assigned music in the summer is important because, once school starts, students will be overwhelmed with homework from other academic subjects. Summer is the perfect time to spend working on the art of memorizing music.

However, parents of freshmen students should know that some consideration is given to freshmen, since they have never had to memorize this much music before. If a freshman student does not check off his/her music on time, he/she may check off part of the song for memorization. Then, that student may come back the following day or two and check off more of the song. If the directors see consistent progress, then that student is earning his/her good grade. The key to earning a good grade is steady improvement. If you have any questions, please call me regarding your child’s progress. Many of our older students are happy to spend extra time helping freshmen students improve their playing.

SCHEDULE

Please understand that no more excuses for missing rehearsals or performances are acceptable except, of course, for emergencies or a *very* special occasion. Rock concerts or birthdays are not excuses for missing rehearsals/performances. When a student signs up for band, he/she is committed to attend all scheduled activities. All requests for excused absences should have been given to Mr. Hadgis in June.

Additionally, all students were given next year’s summer schedule (2006) so that parents may plan vacations around the band schedule next year. In order to have an excellent organization, all members need to be present to improve the team. I thank all parents in advance for working around the band schedule.

BAND CAMP '06 / FUNDRAISING

Next year, we will have our band camp at Kent State University (July 30 – Aug 4). It is important to realize that attending Band Camp is required for all students and it will be an additional cost of approximately \$200. Many parents can’t

afford to write a \$200 check at a moment's notice, so that is why all parents are encouraged to sell the band discount card (in August) and students are encouraged to sell fruit and/or brochure items in the fall to raise money for this event next year. All proceeds from these sales go directly into student accounts. This way, all students have an opportunity to raise the necessary funds to attend camp next year.

Please contact me at 330-336-4011 (Band Office) if you have any questions or concerns.

~Mr. Hadgis~

Wadsworth High School Band Director



News from the Booster Board

~Sally Lewis~ Band Booster President

Concessions

Believe it or not it's already August! Our first home football game is Friday, August 26th. Soccer cannot be far behind!

We need volunteers to work the concessions stands at home varsity football games. We also run a concession stand for all home varsity boys and girls soccer games. Working concessions is a fun way to get to know new people. It's also quite rewarding knowing you are helping Wadsworth bands.

Concessions is our primary source of income and we can use every person's help to make this year a great success. Please volunteer to work in concessions this year. Remember, you can earn up to \$50 toward your student's account to help defray the costs of a possible spring trip and a probable away from home Band Camp next summer. Sign up sheets for working concessions will be available at the August 2nd 7:30pm boosters meeting in the High School library.

We are also looking for some folks to help open the concession stands for football. This entails coming to the stadium early and getting the stand up and running. You can open the stand and then turn it over to those who will be working the game and have the rest of the evening to yourself to enjoy the game and watch the bands. If you are interested in doing this job please call **Dave Thomas – 336-3038**.

Merchant Discount Cards

We hope to have the Merchant Discount Cards ready to go for the August 2nd booster meeting. This is a popular fundraiser that we have done in years past that not only helps put money in the student accounts, it brings business to our local merchants. Everybody loves a bargain and the Merchant Discount Cards offer some nice bargains. We trust you will help make this year's discount card sale a huge success. Please come to the August 2nd band booster meeting for full details about the Merchant Discount Cards.

Eighth Grade Band Students and High School Fundraising

In the summer of 2006 Mr. Hadgis and Mr. Foster hope to have a true Band Camp – one that will take the students to a college setting where they will be able to really concentrate on their music and their marching. It is amazing what a difference this kind of concentrated learning makes. The students also get to know each other quickly and for a strong bond as a group. This type of Band Camp, of course, costs money and all students and parents of students who will be in the High School Band next school year (2006-2007) need to start preparing now for Band Camp. For this reason we would like to include this year's eighth grade students and parents in the fund raisers that put money directly into each student's account. The Merchant Discount Cards and the Fall Student Fundraiser are designed for this purpose. Many students have been able to completely fund their costs for spring trips in the past with these fundraisers. Details about the Merchant Discount Cards will be discussed at the August 2nd band boosters meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in the High School library. Please plan to attend.

Band Picture Day

Thursday, August 4th is picture day for the band. The group picture will be taken at **1:00pm**. Students, please arrive by **12:40pm**. This will allow plenty of time to get into your uniform and be ready for the photo to be taken at 1:00pm. There will also be an opportunity for individual photos. These photos will be taken **BEFORE** the group picture. If your family decides to sign up for an individual photo, please arrive at **12 noon**.

Order forms will be sent home with the students by Monday, August 1st. If you plan to place an order, please bring back the completed form by Thursday, August 4th.



In Sympathy

The Wadsworth Band family wishes to express their deepest sympathies to the family of Dennis and Carolyn Burns (Head Chaperones) and Matt Burns (trumpet) on the passing of their 2 month old grandson and nephew, Robert Padgett Jr. on Thursday, July 14.



THANK YOU!

Special thanks go out to all who worked to help make the Blue Tip Festival parade a success. Thanks to those who accompanied the band in the parade keeping a close eye on each student on a very warm evening. Also, many thanks to *everyone* who helped park cars for the Festival in the evenings. Your hard work helps us earn money in support of Wadsworth bands.



Band Camp Meals

Monday - Thursday August 1-August 4

It has been the Booster Board practice to provide meals for the band students during the week of band camp. To help keep costs down for the Boosters, we would like to request donations of cookies to feed the kids with their band camp suppers. If you would like to make a donation of cookies, please call Carol Dewan (330-334-6258) or see her at evening practices to schedule which day you would like to donate something.



Booster Membership

The Boosters of the Wadsworth City band program need you. Our bands are growing in number and responsibility. As the numbers increase, the hands needed to support and encourage need to increase as well. The Booster Board asks that you please fill out the enclosed Booster Membership Form and bring it with you to the next Booster Meeting at the High School library on Tuesday, August 2 at 7:30pm. Joining the Boosters is a fun, important way to have an input in your child's musical education. Thank you in advance!



2004-2005 Band Booster Board Of Directors

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WADSWORTH BAND BOOSTERS MEMBERSHIP

2005-2006

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail yes no

___Active Membership (Currently have a student in the band program)

___Associate Membership (No student currently in the band program)

Membership Dues: \$5.00 per family

Please bring form and check to Booster meeting or mail to:
Wadsworth Band Boosters
P.O. Box 2
Wadsworth, OH 44282

Please indicate how you would like to help the band this year:

___Help at Concession Stands

___Uniforms

___Fund Raisers

___Bake Sales

___Sewing

___Maintain Equipment

___Craft Show

___May Banquet

___Phone Committee

___Chaperone

___Public Relations

___Pull Trailer (2" ball hitch)

___Carpentry Skills

___Newsletter

___Willing to help as
needed

Please list any other skills you think might be helpful to the band, ie:
Medical, Legal, Copying, Driving...etc...

* This organization is a non-profit organization and is designed to support the band and color guard. The fee is minimal and is used to cover printing and postage costs of the monthly newsletter. Monthly meeting are held the first Tuesday of the month from 7:30-8:30pm in the Wadsworth High School Library. All meetings are open to the public.