

Wadsworth Band Newsletter



October 2005 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth, OH 44282

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

October 4 @ 7:30pm WHS Library

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Notes From Mr. Hadgis

Dear Band Parents and Students,

I have great news regarding our marching band! Our students are fantastic musicians, proud marchers, excellent showmen, inspirational leaders, and one of the best bands in this area. They can play stronger with better precision and intonation than bands twice their size. These comments aren't coming from me. They are coming from people in the Wadsworth audience, the Green Band Show audience, and the Massillon Band Show audience. Band directors have said this to Mr. Foster and me. The Stark County Fine Arts coordinator called me to say that three stark county superintendents talked, at their meeting, about how good the Wadsworth Band was at the Massillon Show. A grandmother who had two granddaughters in the Green Band and a grandson in the Lake band called to say how impressed she was with Wadsworth's band and said that she wanted to send the band a donation. We got a check for \$100 and she said that she didn't know anybody in Wadsworth. A Green alumni person called and left a message on my answering machine to say that many other alumni were talking about how well the Wadsworth band did at their band show. Many of my colleagues reiterated similar compliments to me.

It's very pleasing to see so many people affected in a positive way because of our band's performance. Many parents probably don't realize how word travels and how great reputations are spread throughout the state from excellent performances. This is how our Symphonic Band was selected to play at the Ohio Band Director's Conference (12/2) and how the Symphonic and Concert Bands were selected to play at the Severance Hall performance (1/29). (Our OMEA Professional Conference performance was granted through a "blind audition" process). Our students are truly ambassadors for Wadsworth.

UNIFORMS - POINT OF CLARIFICATION

It was believed by some band parents that we had purchased 180 uniforms seven years ago. After checking the records, we found out that the Band Boosters bought only 126 uniforms, all, of which, are accounted for. Mr. Mayes also verified this.

NEW UNIFORMS

I have met with Dwight Miller, uniform rep for Stanbury Uniforms, about starting the process in designing the new uniforms. He is working on putting together much information and some preliminary sketches so that we may begin selecting a style of coat and estimate the cost. He informs me that we are definitely on schedule in starting the process to get new uniforms by next year. One goal for the new uniform is that we need to have red and "white" on it, since those are our school colors. I will keep you updated when more information becomes available.

DEFIANCE BAND SHOW

Our last band show of the season will be held in Defiance, Ohio. This is about 3 hours away. Two unique features of the Defiance show is a parade of bands in the stadium before the show and a guest college band at the end. This year's guest band is Ball State Marching Band (Indiana), 200 members strong. I have not received a packet of information, yet, as of the deadline for submitting info to this newsletter. However, I will pass out maps and other information when it comes in the mail. Students should eat lunch before arriving at WHS at Noon and bring money to eat dinner (recommend \$6.00-\$7.00) or pack a dinner. The buses will be stopping for students to eat en route to Defiance. Since Defiance is so far away, students probably won't get home until 1:30 a.m.

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

~Mr. Hadgis~
High School Band Director



Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~~Band Booster President

WOW!!!!

This season's marching band is very, very good and truly exciting to watch. Sitting in the stands at the shows, I have overheard many positive comments from parents from other bands. After the Wadsworth band's performance at the Massillon show, the woman in front of me turned to the person beside her and with a big smile on her face said, "Wow! They are REALLY good!"

Congratulations to all the band students and color guard. Your hard work, dedication and teamwork are really paying off.

Mr. Hadgis and Mr. Foster have outdone themselves once again this year in putting together wonderful shows and helping the students grow into a more solid, precise band. The music the students are playing is difficult and demanding and they rise to the occasion every time they perform.

You're a lucky parent

Why do I think you're a lucky parent? I was once in your shoes. Last year my daughter graduated from high school. Four years before that my oldest daughter graduated. So my husband and I have been involved with band for four years. This is our first year without it. I thought it would be a relief, but when Friday night came and there was no traditional run to get pizza and then off to the football game I realized it wasn't so bad after all. And some day you will be in my shoes. So I would like to pass on some advice to parents. ENJOY your kids while you can.

-Ann Wise-

Pondolences

The Band Boosters express their deep sympathies to Steve Prechtel and family on the passing of his father. Steve is the father of **Stephanie Prechtel** (clarinet).

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to **Marla Motz, Jackie Adamson, Drew Cline, Alex Sterling** and **Brian Jones** for being accepted into the 2005-2006 Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony.

Congratulations also go to **Greg Venezia** for his acceptance into the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

Great job, everyone!

Thanks!

Many thanks go out to those of you who helped in any way with the band camp meals. There were so many volunteers, some of whom just showed up to help, that I will not list them all here for fear of leaving out a name. Just know that your help was greatly appreciated. It makes it so much easier when there are many hands to help. Everything went smoothly and none of the kids went hungry, that's for sure. The frequent comments of appreciation voiced by the students made all the efforts worthwhile.

Special thanks go out to Buehler's (pop donation for the August 4th meal), Seiberling's Farm (corn donation), and Bob Evans (chicken, spaghetti, green beans, rice, rolls, and garlic bread for the August 4th meal). It was such a pleasant surprise for the donations since none of those donations were solicited. What a generous community we live in!

And on a final note, I want to thank the Wadsworth Band Boosters for generously donating the funds to feed and fuel the kids while they worked so hard during band camp week.

-Carol Dewan-

Discount Cards

The sales of the band Discount Cards have been going well. Now it's time to wrap up the individual sales. To turn in your money and/or unsold cards please come to the Band Boosters meeting Tuesday, October 4th. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in the high school library.

If you have any questions please call Sally Lewis – 336-6009 or email – slewis@neo.rr.com.

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