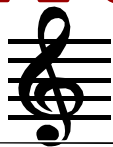


Wadsworth Band

Newsletter



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

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

December 13 @ 7:30pm WHS Library **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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Notes From Mr. Hadgis

Dear Band Parents and Students,

We are approaching the very busy month of December. Numerous performances by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Kettle Bands will be taking place at several locations. As always, our kids are putting in several extra hours supporting our community events, as well as participating in prestigious music conferences. The Wadsworth band is spreading goodwill throughout our community and the "Pride of Wadsworth" throughout Ohio. Please take note of the following events this month:

Dec. 1-24th –Small groups at Salvation Army Kettles occur at different times throughout the city – Students form own groups- Hopefully, kettles manned every Sat. in December

Dec. 2 –Ohio Band Directors Conference, Symphonic Band

Dec. 6 –Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m.- Sym., Concert, Jazz Bands

Dec. 7–Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at the Galaxy Restaurant, Jazz Band

Dec. 9 – Pep Band at home basketball game

Dec. 10- High School & Jr. High Jazz Bands at Summit Mall Jr. High-6:00 p.m. / H.S.-7:00 p.m. at the food court

Dec. 23- Pep Band at Home Basketball game

OBDC at The University of Akron

On Dec. 2, the Symphonic Band will be performing at the Ohio Band Directors Conference at The University of Akron's new Student Center Ballroom. The band will perform several works, and nationally known band composer Mark Camphouse will be conducting his piece with the Sym. Band. **All Concert Band students** are also expected to be there for the following reasons: they will learn much from hearing a university band perform, they should be there to support their peers, and they need to see and experience their peers

performing for a prestigious event before they perform in January. Concert band students are expected to dress up for this event (no jeans, tennis shoes. etc.). Also, all parents are expected to dress up for this event.

Admission is free and **parking is free** at any student lot at the University. See the map of the University of Akron in this newsletter. Students will meet at 5:00 p.m. to load equipment and the bus will leave at 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Concert

This year's December concert will be on Dec. 6th and will feature our Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands at O.J. Work Auditorium. Spread the word and bring your friends and relatives to see our award-winning bands perform.

Wadsworth Jazz Bands

The High School & Jr. High Jazz Bands will be performing "Christmas Jazz" music at Summit Mall on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the food court area. The Jr. High performs at 6:00 p.m. and the High School plays at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support our groups! You can also get some shopping done later.

Extra Rehearsals Over Break

Because of the extremely important January performances at the music state convention and at Severance Hall, it is necessary to rehearse over Winter Break. Both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will **practice on Dec. 20th and Dec. 27th**. The Symphonic Band will rehearse from 9:00 a.m.–noon and the Concert Band will rehearse from 11:00 a.m. to noon.

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OMEA Conference

The Symphonic Band will be performing at the Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Conference at the Cleveland Convention Center Ballroom on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at 4:45 p.m. This is the first time that the Wadsworth Band has ever been invited to perform at this prestigious event. It is the most prestigious of all events for our band. Only the best performing ensembles throughout the state are selected through a "blind", taped audition. Music Educators from all disciplines – band, orchestral, choral, jazz, composition, technology, and general music - students, and parents attend this state event. Last year, the conference hosted 9,000 participants in Cincinnati. Parents and students must receive badges to get into this event. I will give further details to everyone as soon as they are given to me.

Severance Hall Performance

On Sunday, Jan. 29th, 2006, both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will be participating in the Northeast Ohio Band Invitational at the home of the Cleveland Orchestra- Severance Hall. Originally built in 1931, it was hailed as one of the world's most beautiful concert halls for more than half a century. It has undergone a \$36 million restoration and expansion project in 1998, restoring the hall's original beauty. Certain design elements used throughout the hall helped to unify and tie together the diverse styles of Art Deco, French Nouveau, Classicism, Egyptian Revival, and Modernism found in various interior areas. This event gives all of our high school band students a "once-in-a-lifetime" chance to play where some of the world's most famous musicians have performed.

Tickets:

\$10.00 General Admission.

Buy from Mr. Hadgis/Mr. Foster

Make checks out to Wadsworth Band Boosters

\$15.00 Box Seats -limited amount-

call Severance Hall to reserve

800-686-1141

Every student is expected to sell two to three tickets. This is so that we may reach our quota of selling three hundred tickets.

Please order your tickets and CD recordings early, by Friday, Jan. 13th so that the directors do not have to collect money and forms at the last minute.

CD Recording available: If you would like a CD recording of this concert, you must fill out the order form which has not been mailed to me yet. I imagine that everyone will want a recording of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. When I get the information and prices, I will let you know immediately. CD orders must be pre-paid before the concert. (*checks made payable to Wadsworth Band Boosters*)

Professional Photograph: Clifford Norton Studio will be taking a formal shot and action shots throughout the performance so that you may purchase them online, through an order form, or by calling 216-378-8000. Audience members are not permitted to take pictures, video recordings, or audio recordings. After the performance, you may view the images at www.cliffordnorton.com. The Band will receive a large picture of the entire group on stage to hang in the band room.

Maps and directions will be made available in January.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at these upcoming performances. Spread the good word about the Wadsworth High School Band. I do not think that everyone knows about the great accomplishments that the students have achieved these past few years. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 330-336-4011.

~Mr. Hadgis~
High School Band Director



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~Band Booster President

December Boosters Meeting

Please note that the December Band Boosters meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th. We know we will run into conflicts on practically every date in December but we would like to have as many parents and family as possible be able to attend the high school band concerts on Tuesday, December 6th. Please remember all the school band performances this month. The students and teachers have put in a lot of hard work learning their music and deserve to have well attended concerts.

Student Fundraiser

Delivery of the Century products and Pee Jays fruit is scheduled for **December 8th** at the high school. Items can be picked up in the band room after school on the 8th **from 3:00 - 6:00pm**. We don't have the space to store the items overnight so they **must** be picked up on the afternoon of the 8th.

Winter Concessions

The basketball season began on November 29th and that means band booster concessions. The boosters run concessions for boys and girls varsity basketball and a handful of wrestling matches. We will also run concessions for the Holiday craft show and the Band Boosters craft show in the spring.

As discussed at the November boosters meeting, you can earn another \$50.00 toward your student's account working the winter concessions. This should make a significant dent in your son's/daughter's spring trip and band camp accounts. Please make a point to sign up to work some games.

You can sign up on the website –
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