

Wadsworth Band

Newsletter



January 2006 P.O.Box 2 Wadsworth, OH 44282

NEXT MEETING OF THE BAND BOOSTERS

January 3 @ 7:30pm WHS Library

www.wadsworthband.com

NOTES FROM MR. HADGOS

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Soon we will be performing at the OMEA State Music Conference and the beautifully famous Severance Hall. Severance is truly a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience and this is the first time that any Wadsworth Band has performed at the OMEA State Music Conference. These opportunities have come to the band because of the hard work and dedication from many of its members. The desire to achieve excellence and desire to play music at a high level demands that the *individual* band member puts in hours of practice throughout the week in order to prepare properly for these prestigious events. We are very fortunate to have many students who put in this amount of work.

However, not all students are working hard to perform to the best of their ability. Although Band is a teamwork subject where all students need to work together to achieve the desired “sound”, the quality of this sound cannot be realized unless each member is practicing individually on his/her technique, tone, intonation, facility, style, and rhythm. PARENTS, you should hear your child practicing at home every evening so that they will be *properly* prepared to play the music well. It takes commitment to be good. It takes discipline to be good. It takes a desire to improve one’s self each and every day to be good. All band students need to practice individually each day, not just *many* band students. A few people in the band who aren’t prepared can hurt the performance of the entire group. It is only fair to require all students going to Severance Hall to practice every day.

EXTRA REHEARSALS IN JANUARY ***for SYMPHONIC BAND***

Symphonic Band, please write the following dates on your calendar so that you make note of when you will be rehearsing in January.

WED., Jan. 4 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

TUE., Jan. 10 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

WED., Jan. 18 – 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

***MON., Jan. 23 – 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

**There is no school this day,*

*but it is our final Dress Rehearsal and everyone **must** attend*



PROPER ETIQUETTE at SEVERANCE HALL

Severance Hall is the home of the famous Cleveland Orchestra, one of the finest orchestras in the world. It is imperative that all students and parents understand the honor of performing here and the amount of respect that the audience and students must have for this concert hall. Following is a list of rules for proper concert etiquette:

- Refrain from talking or whispering during the music. This includes disciplining children.
- Refrain from unwrapping noisy candy wrappers.
- Turn off pagers and cell phones.
- Do not wave at your child during the concert.
- Do not take flash photography or record concert.
- Clapping is the appropriate way to show appreciation for the performance. Whistling and cheering are not appropriate at a formal concert.
- Parents should keep small children seated with them at all times. If children become restless, remove them immediately from the auditorium. Parents should consider leaving small children with a babysitter for this reason and because we will be making a recording of this concert.
- Applaud at appropriate times – when conductor enters, after entire number is finished, not between movements (read the program for mvts).
- Stay for performances 1 through 4 (see concert order). Do not leave after your child's portion of the concert is finished (watch Case Bands).
- Enter or exit the auditorium only between musical groups or during applause (unless you need to remove a noisy child).

PERFORMANCE ORDER

(Stay for performances 1 – 4)

- 1 – 2:00 p.m. – Nordonia
- 2 – 3:00 p.m. – Wadsworth
- 3 – 4:00 p.m. – University Cir. Wind Ens.
- 4 – 4:45 p.m. – Case Symphonic Winds
- 5 – 5:30 p.m. – Strongsville
- 6 – 6:30 p.m. – Solon

The Wadsworth **Concert** and **Symphonic** Bands will play a combined selection first. Then, the Concert Band will leave the stage and the Symphonic Band will continue with three other numbers.



CD RECORDING at SEVERANCE

We will be making a recording at Severance Hall and you may order a CD in advance by filling out a special form with a \$12.00 check made out to Wadsworth Band Boosters by Jan. 20th. After this time, you will have to order your CD directly from the recording company. I will not get the special form until Jan. 10th. That only leaves ten days to fill out the form and bring in your check.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Students must wear black & white as usual. However, some students have been dressing in too casual of a style. If anyone wears black pants, they must be “dress” black pants, not pants that are tight around girls’ legs or low riding pants that allow the audience to see “skin”. In other words, a student’s back or midriff. Unfortunately, some students don’t understand what “dressy” and “classy” mean. I have told students that dresses or skirts are to be ankle length and blouses or shirts are to be pure white, not off-white. No sequins or flashy jewelry. Dresses should not be sleeveless. Guys must wear long, totally black ties; no designs of different colors. If any student does not follow these guidelines, they will be sent home and forbidden to perform at the concert.

Parents are expected to dress very formally.

PARKING

It is suggested that parents park in the parking deck underneath Severance Hall. The cost is \$8.00. There is limited parking on the street at the meters and many school buses will be taking some of those spots.

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 (after the concert), 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 and then, order the shots that you want. The Band will receive a large picture of the entire group on stage to hang in the band room.

DIRECTIONS TO SEVERANCE HALL

Take 77 North into Cleveland. Take the 90 East exit, but stay in the left lane of the exit because the right lane makes you get off at East 9th St. (you don't want to do that). Be careful. Get off at the third exit on 90 East (only about 1 mile) which is CHESTER – Turn right onto Chester Avenue, and head east about 3 miles to Euclid Avenue. Turn left on Euclid Avenue. At the second traffic light, turn left onto East Boulevard (Severance Hall in on the corner). Access to the Severance Hall parking garage is on the right, behind the hall.

HISTORY of 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. The Concert Hall holds 2,100 seats and Reinberger Chamber Hall seats 400. For a much more detailed history, visit the Cleveland Orchestra's web site at: <http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/Severance/SevHistory.asp> .

NEVER A SNOW DAY

No matter what the weather, Severance Hall has never cancelled a concert and this philosophy will stay consistent. So, we will be performing even if there is a snowstorm.

~Mr. Hadgis~

High School Band Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following band students were inducted into the 2005-2006 National Honor Society

Andy Gunsch	Megan Crislip
Marla Motz	Sara Schaub
Betsy Bauer	Scott Westermann
Shannon Brenneman	Carina Cooper
Samantha Clark	Alan Hadgis
Kristian Doty	Jason Hadgis
Katie Cammarn	

Job well done!!

Winter Concessions BACK TO THE GRAND!!!!

As most of you read this, the holiday season will be winding down and hopefully a warm glow of good memories. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that there are still some 20 events for which the band boosters need to provide concessions. Concessions are our main source of income and our "bread and butter". I'm sure most of you know that the band boosters operate with a very large budget. Just some of the things we pay for over the course of the year include a great range of items from food, snacks, and meals during band camp week, to the trucks that haul equipment for all appearances, all the way to the new uniforms that are in the works for next year. Normally the band buys new uniforms every 10 years, but because the band is growing at such a fast pace we no longer have enough uniforms for all the bodies that will be in the band. We will need new uniforms three years ahead of schedule. This is a great problem to have but it strains the budget that much faster. The new uniforms are projected to cost between \$400-\$450 each. That means that 200 uniforms will cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000. Yes, the school pays for half the cost but the band booster will be responsible for \$40,000-50,000. All members of the band benefit from the efforts of the band boosters. It would be great if everyone pitched in to help man concessions. If everyone would volunteer for just 2-3 events it would greatly lighten the load for the core group that always seems to be there. It not only benefits the boosters budget, but for each hour a parent or guardian helps with concession, \$1.25 is accumulated in your student's travel account (to a maximum of \$50 for marching season and \$50 for winterseason - a total of \$100). The band is planning to attend band camp away from school this year and the estimated cost of this will be \$200.

Helping with concessions is a win/win situation. The boosters benefit, therefore all the kids benefit, you can earn credit to offset the cost of your student's travel, plus it's just great fun to work concessions and meet other parents. Please consider signing up to help!!!! You can do this one of two ways. Either on line from the boosters web site, www.wadsworthband.com or by calling **Dave Thomas at 330-336-3038**.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Bauer

Secretary



Booster Corner

Submitted by Sally Lewis~~Band Booster President

Happy New Year!!

We hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Now it's time to get going on the New Year and rededicate ourselves to making this a successful year for the Boosters organization and our students. We have a lot to accomplish in the remainder of this school year. Please make a point of attending the band booster meetings. This is a great way to keep abreast of what's happening in your son's and daughter's band activities.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:30pm in the high school library. Everyone is welcome.

Nominating Committee

In January we will convene a nominating committee that will be charged with the duty to recruit nominees for next year's Board of Directors. The committee members will accept these nominations until the April boosters when the ballot of officers will be presented.

Please consider volunteering to work on this committee. It is not a difficult job but it is a very necessary one. Your participation on this committee will truly be appreciated.

If you wish to serve on the nominating committee, please call Sally Lewis – 336-6009 or email – slewis@neo.rr.com.

WHS Bands Receive Accolades

The Wadsworth High School Bands' performances are being noticed by people from near and far. Following the Symphonic Band's performance at the University of Akron's Ohio Band Directors Conference (OBDC) many compliments were received. Parents, University of Akron faculty, Dr. James Saker (the OBDC Honors Band conductor) and renowned composer Professor Mark Camphouse (another OBDC clinician who rehearsed and conducted the WHS Band, talking with them about the art of composing music) all remarked on the excellence of the WHS

concert. Letters from community members received by Mr. Hadgis and Mr. Foster following the OBDC concert and a performance by the jazz ensemble at a Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce luncheon commented on the fine "precision and musicality of your concert" and mentioned that "It may have been cold outside but you warmed up the large audience and sent them back to work with smiles on their faces. Excellent ambassadors of good will for our school!"

Everyone will have the opportunity to hear the Symphonic and Concert bands in two more prestigious venues during the month of January. On Thursday, January 26th at 4:45 PM, the Symphonic Band will perform in the ballroom of the Cleveland Convention Center at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) 2006 North Coast Conference. Performing at the state music education conference is a major honor. Each year a seasoned panel of judges choose a select number of ensembles through a "blind review" process to play at this event. Groups interested in performing submit a tape of themselves to the selection Committee, who then listen to the tapes without knowledge of the group's school affiliation. The judges pick the bands, choirs, and orchestras strictly on the merits of the musical performances they hear on the audition tapes. A performance at the OMEA state conference is akin to a playoff appearance by a school athletic team.

Then, the following Sunday, January 29th, the Symphonic and Concert Bands will participate in Case Western Reserve University's Northeast Ohio Band Invitational. This concert will take place in the University Circle area of Cleveland at storied Severance Hall, home of the Cleveland Orchestra. For a high school ensemble to perform in a professional environment such as this is a rare opportunity. Traditionally, when groups perform at the state conference and at Severance, there are many parents, school administrators, school board members, and other supporters in the audience. We know that all of these groups from Wadsworth will want to travel to Cleveland to demonstrate their pride in our students and support of the instrumental music program to the people throughout the region and state who will be in attendance. Contact Mr. Hadgis (336-4011) for information about securing tickets to both of these events.

See you in Cleveland!

In Sympathy

The Wadsworth band Boosters extends their deep sympathies to the Dennis Burns family (Matt Burns-trumpet) on the passing of Dennis's mother.



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