



# NEWSLETTER

## March is Music in Our Schools Month



Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



Tuesday, March 7th  
7:30 PM  
WHS Library

MENC: The National Association for Music Education, with nearly 120,000 professional members, has announced that the theme for the March 2006 Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) national celebration is *Music: The Heart in Education*.

Since 1838, when music was first authorized as a regular school subject, decision makers have agreed on the importance of music education. In 1994, the National Standards for Arts Education were accepted by U. S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley,

reaffirming the arts' essential role in the education of every child.

Participation in music education helps children to develop creativity, self-discipline, critical thinking skills, and self-esteem. The study of music and the other arts also provides students with a sense of their cultural heritage. Recent studies show that students who participate in the arts out-perform their non-arts peers on the SAT. In addition, new research indicates that music may be a key factor in the development of

abstract thinking skills. Music teachers throughout the country will celebrate the 2006 national observance of music in our nation's schools with free concerts, demonstrations, and open houses. It is hoped everyone will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to hear what is happening in school music programs and lend their support by attending these events!

NOTES FROM MR. HADGIS

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Congratulations to the band students who performed at Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Springfield High School. Our students acquired 22 Superior ratings, 6 excellent ratings, and one ensemble with

comments only. A total of 23 soloists and 6 ensembles performed. Students who participate in this event go above and beyond the requirements for band, especially since we have had so many extra performances (continued on p. 2)



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(Ohio Band Directors Conference, OMEA Conference, Severance Hall Concert). By working hard to improve their own technique and musical ability, they have helped the sound of the entire band. Mr. Foster and I are very proud of these dedicated individuals.

I hope to see you all at the Band Boosters meeting on Mar. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Important matters such as elections and band camp will be discussed. We need your help and support. Please call me at 330-336-4011 if you have any questions or concerns.

*Mr. Hadgis*

#### DISTRICT BAND ADJUDICATED EVENT

On Saturday, March 11th, the Concert Band and Symphonic Band will be performing at Wooster High School for Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) District Band Adjudicated Event. The Concert Band will perform at 8:30 a.m. and the Symphonic Band will perform at 11:30 a.m. Three judges in the auditorium will rate our bands on a I to V scale, with "one" being superior and "five" meaning poor. Then, the bands will go into another room where a sightreading judge will pass out music that the students have never seen before, allow them 3 minutes to silently study it, followed by another three minutes for the director to discuss the music with the students. Then, the band will play this music for another rating. Only the band members and their director are permitted to be in the room where the sightreading portion of the Adjudicated Event takes place. Four scores (3 from the judges in the auditorium and 1 from the sightreading judge) are combined to arrive at the final rating. All parents are *strongly encouraged* to attend this important event!

#### H.S. & M.S. JAZZ BANDS

Our Jazz Bands at both the High School and Middle School continue to perform at an excellent level. At our February concert, many

of the professional musicians in the "Swing Machine" commented on how our students' abilities in jazz are further ahead than students at other schools. During the month of February, in addition to the Swing Machine concert, our middle school Jazz Band performed at the Green Jazz Festival and the high school Jazz Band performed at the Kent-Stark Jazz Fest. The middle school Jazz band will be performing at the Mar. 13th Board of Ed. meeting and at the middle school Book Fair at 6:00 p.m. on March 30. On Saturday, Mar. 18 at 10:00 a.m. the high school Jazz Band will perform at the University of Akron's Invitational Jazz Fest.



#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee (Bill Bauer, Lisa Jones, Steve Hadgis and Sally Lewis) is accepting nominations for next school year's Band Booster officers. Elections will be held in May for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone to be an officer on the executive board, or if you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact a member of the committee.

#### HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – "JOSEPH..."

This year's H.S. musical is "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Performances are March 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in O.J. Work Auditorium. Band students playing in the pit band are Lauren White-flute, Sarah Stewart-Clarinet, Kristian Doty-clarinet, Lannette Galayda-bass clarinet, Jesse Hensal-soprano sax, Jen Long-trumpet, Allen Mathis-trumpet, Rachel Stoner-horn, Mike Vuona-percussion, and Dan Cullman-bass. Call WHS Choral dept. for tickets.



BAND BANQUET SLIDESHOW



Gary Liddy will be putting together the "slide show" for this year's Band Banquet. He needs

snapshots and candid pictures of kids in the band - you know, the ones taken at practices, band camp, on the buses, etc. - to include in the presentation. Any and all pictures will be greatly appreciated! If you have digital pictures you can e-mail them to: [DLLiddy@aol.com](mailto:DLLiddy@aol.com). If you have regular pictures, please send them

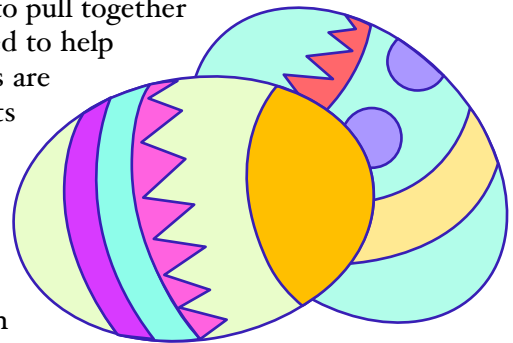
in an envelope clearly marked with your name and phone number, and have your son/daughter give them to Jason Liddy at school. The pictures will be scanned into the computer and returned to you as quickly as possible. Thanks in advance for your support! Questions? Send them to the above e-mail address, or call 330-336-2913.

NEW MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS

We have ordered our new band uniforms for next year. The new uniform touts WHS's school colors, Red & White. It is a sharp and crisp design that will make the band look great on the field. Since there is a lot of white on the uniform, we will have to devise a new system of cleaning these uniforms. A logical suggestion is to pass out and collect the uniforms before every event. The band students would pay a uniform cleaning fee at the beginning of the year and a company would pick them up, clean them, and return them to the school. This is what other area schools do in order to keep the uniforms in good shape. We will need a very dedicated group of parents to be on a Uniform Committee to pass out, collect, dismantle parts, and put back together pieces after cleaning to make this an efficient operation. Our students will shine and our community will be proud when they see our students wearing the new uniforms.

EASTER PARADE OF CRAFTS

On March 25th the Band Boosters will hold the Easter Parade of Crafts show at the high school. This is a fundraiser that takes a lot of volunteers to pull together - and we need your help! On Friday the 24th volunteers are needed to help set up tables for the crafters. And on Saturday the 25th volunteers are needed to tear it all down when the show is over. We can use adults and students to help with this. **Remember that senior students can earn volunteer hours helping with set up and tear down.** We also need volunteers to work at the show itself selling tickets, working concessions, etc. This day will be split into shifts for the volunteers. You can sign up on the website - [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com) or call Cindy Thomas: 336-3038 or Robin Vogus-Horner: 334-8504. To donate items for the bake sale call Eva at 330-336-9221. There will also be sign up sheets at the March 7th boosters meeting at the high school library.



OMEA AND SEVERANCE HALL PERFORMANCES

Thank you to those individuals who donated food for the students' luncheon prior to the Severance Hall performance. Eva Buhite, Marge Messer, Christine Dietrich, Robin Vogus-Horner, Anonymous, and the Boosters all donated food for the meal.

Pictures from the OMEA Conference performance can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/h9lls> and <http://tinyurl.com/zo2b9>



WHY LET YOUR KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN? JOIN THE COMMUNITY BAND!

We know that there are many band parents who also play instruments. Remember the fun you had performing in your high school or college band? Do you have an instrument sitting in a closet just gathering dust? Start playing again as a member of the Wadsworth Community Band!

Starting its 3rd year, the Wadsworth Community Band will soon begin rehearsals for its summer concert season. Practices start April 20th and will continue each Thursday from 7:00 - 9:15 PM in the band room at Wadsworth Middle School. Adult instrumentalists of all ability levels are welcome! No audition is required, only a desire to perform music with others and a commitment to attend the weekly practices. The band will have 3 performances this summer: concerts on the lawn in front of OJ Work Auditorium on June 16th and July 4th, and on a float in the Blue Tip Parade on June 20th.

For more information or to join the band contact directors Bill Bauer or Mike Foster.

For more information and to join the band:

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WWW: <http://wcb.webhop.org>

Phone: 330-336-1290



THANK YOU! DANKE! GRACIAS! MERCI! GRAZIE!



Now that concessions are wrapped up for the 2005-2006 school year, we would like to thank everyone who volunteered to work in the concession stands for football, soccer, basketball and wrestling. You have done an excellent job while keeping that positive atti-

tude that is so important to our organization. **Dave Thomas** has, once again, done a fantastic job keeping the stands stocked with food and workers week in and week out. Thank you Dave for another great year!

SPRING TRIP PLANS



*Pending school board approval*, the band and guard will be going on a spring trip. Early plans are for the students to leave May 5 after school for Kalahari Resort in Sandusky ([www.kalahariresorts.com](http://www.kalahariresorts.com)). On May 6 the group will head to Cedar Point for opening day and will return to Wadsworth that evening.

Students going on the trip will each have to pay a \$50 deposit by March 15th if they do not already have at least that much in their travel account. A list of student accounts will soon be posted in the band room so each student will know what his/her balance is and how much s/he owes. Many of the students already have enough in their accounts to cover the trip. Cost is not expected to exceed \$125 per student to cover transportation, hotel, water park, breakfast buffet, and Cedar Point admission. If a student wants to do other activities at the resort such as make pottery or play miniature golf, the cost for those activities will be extra. Further details will be forthcoming once we know if the school board approves this trip.



WELCOME!

If you notice a new face working with the bands this semester it's our student teacher Miss Ashley Cooper. A graduate of Springfield High School, Miss Cooper plays trombone and is finishing her degree in Music Education from Kent State University. At Kent she is president of the Tau Beta Sigma Band Sorority, and is a member of Delta Omicron Honorary Fraternity and the Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association. Stop by and introduce yourself to Miss Cooper sometime this Spring.

ALL-STATER...ALL-STATER

Congratulations to Jason Hadgis for being chosen as a member of the Ohio Music Education Association's All State Band. He applied for the band by submitting an audition tape last May. Not only was Jason selected for the band from many trombone applicants from throughout Ohio, he was also chosen as the first chair trombonist. This is a tremendous accomplishment and honor! In addition, Jason performed the demanding solo *Trombonology* with the WHS Symphonic Band at the OMEA conference after he had been rehearsing for six hours in the All-State Band that same day. Way to go Jason!

KUDOS!

Twenty-three soloists and 6 ensembles performed at the OMEA District Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event held at Springfield HS on February 11th.

Soloists receiving a Superior (I) rating were Colin Baker (clarinet), Katie Bauer (trumpet), Shannon Brenneman (flute), Alan Hadgis (trumpet), Jason Hadgis (trombone), Jason Liddy (percussion), Scott McLean (trumpet), Marla Motz (clarinet), Todd Painter (trombone), Rebecca Rhoads (flute), Jamie Rohrer (clarinet), Susie Smith (clarinet), Alex Sterling (trumpet), Sarah Stewart (clarinet), Greg Venezia (horn), Mike Vuona (percussion), and Lauren White (flute).

Soloists receiving an Excellent (II) rating were Jackie Adamson (euphonium), Lauren Harbaugh (flute), Ali Heltzel (clarinet), Kelsey Hill (clarinet), Alexandra Papas (flute), and Jessica Walker (clarinet).

Ensembles receiving a Superior (I) rating were the Clarinet Trio (Colin Baker, Jamie Rohrer, Marla Motz), the Sax Quartet (Jesse Hensal, David Sickles, Kate Maneely, Dave Zuchniak), the Trombone Trio (Scott Westerman, Jay Dewan, Ryan Croyle), the Trombone Quartet (Jason Hadgis, Todd Painter, Phil Smith, Colin VanDyke), and the Woodwind Trio (Lauren Harbaugh, Maria Laikos, Andy Guncsh). Receiving "comments only" was another Woodwind Trio (Rebecca Rhoads, Lauren White, Marla Motz).

MEDINA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR HONOR BAND

Fourteen WHS students were chosen to participate in the 2006 Medina County High School Honor Band. This year, the concert will be at Brunswick High

School on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Monday, March 20th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Highland High School; and at 1:00 p.m. on March 23rd, the day of the performance, at Brunswick H.S.. On that day, participating students will bring their concert attire to change into prior to the concert. Dinner will be provided.

Students who will be performing with the band are Shannon Brenneman (flute), Alexandra Papas (flute), Marla Motz (clarinet), Dan Holzworth (tenor sax), Dan Buckingham (baritone sax), Alex Sterling (trumpet), Alan Hadgis (trumpet), Becky Thomas (trumpet), Betsy Bauer (horn), Jason Hadgis (trombone), Todd Painter (trombone), Jackie Adamson (euphonium), Bianca Malone (tuba), and Jason Liddy (percussion). Congratulations to everyone!





MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

The 7th and 8th grade bands will be busy preparing for the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event throughout the month of March. They will also be tested on scales and music for the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event, which is in May. Parents should hear their children regularly practicing this music.

Band played at the Green Jazz Festival with guest artist and adjudicator Bobby Selvaggio, professional Alto and Soprano Saxophonist. The jazz band did a wonderful job; they were the only middle school jazz band performing at the festival! Mr. Selvaggio had many great comments for the group saying that it was the best middle school jazz band he had ever heard! We are very proud of these students and know they will continue to work hard to perform at a high level the rest of the year!



MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

On Saturday, February 18th the Wadsworth Middle School Jazz

The purpose of education is not to create biological computers but to develop well-rounded, humane citizens with the skills to lead healthy, happy, productive and fulfilling lives. Toward this end, every student at every level should have access to a balanced, sequential, high-quality program of music instruction in the school.

- The College Board: *Academic Preparation for College*

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE ADJUDICATED EVENT

The 2006 OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event for middle school students will be held at Barberton High School on Saturday, March 25th. Here are a few reminders for students and parents.

1. Practice regularly (daily for 15-30 minutes is great) and you will do well. In addition, ensembles need to meet with a director before or after school to make sure you are playing well as a group.
2. Remember your instrument, music, mouthpiece, valve oil, etc. In addition, reed players should have a couple of good reeds in case something should happen to one of them.
3. If you are playing a solo, make sure you bring an original copy of the music for the judge with NUMBERED MEASURES! If you do not number your measures it will reduce your rating by one.
4. Make sure to dress in nice looking professional attire. No jeans, sneakers or wrinkled clothes. Please groom hair so as not to look wild and unruly.
5. You are representing all of Wadsworth Schools at these events.

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PRIVATE LESSONS

We now have approval to have instrumental teachers teach individual lessons at the high school. Talk to Mr. Hadgis or Mr. Foster to sign up for lessons from these specialized teachers.



WADSWORTH CITY SCHOOLS BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Lewis at 7:30 PM

I. Committee Reports.

Cindy Thomas presented the Treasurer's report.

Robin Vogus-Horner, Ways & Means Chair, reminded everyone of the upcoming craft show. At the March band booster meeting there will be a sign-up sheet to help with this event.

Concessions chair Dave Thomas asked for workers for the 3 remaining basketball games.

Dennis Burns, Chaperone and Transportation Chair, discussed the band's trip to the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 10th or 11th. Chaperones will be needed and interested individuals should contact Dennis.

II. Business

The Nominating Committee of Bill Bauer, Lisa Jones, Steve Hadgis and Sally Lewis is seeking individuals who are interested in serving as band booster officers in 2006-2007. Contact members of the committee to nominate someone or to indicate a personal interest in running for office.

Band Banquet. The band banquet will take place on May 12th. Carol Dewan and Patty Bauer are co-chairs. A variety of discussion took place about the food to serve and the logistics of

the event. Contact Carol or Patty to volunteer to help.

Sally Lewis thanked Bill Bauer for serving as editor of the newsletter for the remainder of this school year and complimented the appearance of the February newsletter.

Everyone was reminded to order pictures and CDs from the Severance Hall concert.

A spring trip is being planned for May 5-6, pending school board approval. More details will be forthcoming, but it will include an indoor water park in Sandusky and going to Cedar Point.

III. Band Directors' Reports

Mr. Hadgis commended students on their OMEA State Conference and Severance Hall concert performances. He stated that the OMEA event was the high point for the Symphonic Band because they were chosen to play at this conference by expert judges through a "blind" audition process. Mr. Hadgis thanked parents, administrators, school board members, and individuals from the community who attended the two performances.

A contract has been received from Kent State University for band camp. The camp will take place July 30th - August 4th, 2006 and will cost approximately \$225 per student. More details will be forthcoming.

A sample uniform, similar to that being considered for purchase, was shown. Discussion regarding its various features took place. The cost per uniform will be approximately \$392 and 200 will be purchased.

The OMEA High School Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event will take place on Saturday, February 11th at Springfield HS.

Mr. Foster asked the boosters to provide additional funds for equipment needs, repair of instruments, and clinicians for the middle school band program. He also presented a request, on behalf of Amy McArtor and Sam Mayes, for music and materials for the Central Intermediate School Bands. In the ensuing discussion, it came to light that the CIS bands have no budget provided by the schools. The membership agreed to fund these requests but stressed that the Wadsworth City Schools need to provide for the basic curricular needs of the band programs at CIS and WMS.

Attendance: 20





# 2005-2006 Band Booster Executive Board

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Bill Bauer

## Upcoming Events

### March - 2006

11 OMEA HS District Adj. Event  
- Concert Band @ 8:30 AM  
- Symphonic Band @ 11:30 AM

23 Medina Co. All-Star Honor Band  
Performance at Brunswick High  
School, 6:30 p.m.

23-25 High School Musical, "Joseph and  
His..." 7:30pm

25 Band Boosters Craft Show  
OMEA MS S&E - Barberton HS

30 Central Intermediate Band Concert  
7:00pm

*Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.*

*Send information to be included in the newsletter to:*

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