



NEWSLETTER



Dear Band Parents and Students,

This month is officially declared “Music in our Schools Month” by the Ohio Music Educators Association and is packed full of performances. I hope all parents, extended family members, and friends will attend these performances:

March 6 – High School & Middle School Winter Band

Concert at O.J. Work-7:00 p.m.

March 17 – OMEA District Band Adjudicated

Event – Wooster H.S.-morning

March 22 – Medina Co. Honor Band Concert-

Highland High School – 6:30 p.m.

March 22,23,24 – High School Musical “Kiss Me Kate” – O.J. Work

March 29 – Central Intermediate Concert

O.J. Work – 7:00 p.m.

Numerous students have participated in Solo & Ensemble Contest and continue to participate in the Medina County Honor Band, Basketball Pep Band, the Jazz Band, and in the high school musical “Kiss Me Kate”. We can be very proud of many band students who give their time and talent while performing in these various groups that benefit our community.

Mr. Hadgis

**Next Meeting of the
Band Boosters:**



Tuesday, March 13th

7:00 PM

WHS Library

CONGRATULATIONS

Jason Hadgis!!!

Jason has been selected as a semi-finalist to play in the US Army National Solo Competition, held at the Eastern Trombone Workshop Conference. Jason will be traveling to Fort Myer, Virginia on March 22 to compete in the semi-final round.

Way to go Jason!!!



CHEERFUL GIVERS

Our band students have also sponsored two families for the Christmas season by donating gifts and approximately \$336 in cash. The money was used to purchase much needed clothing, diapers, food certificates, school supplies, and some toys. An additional amount of \$250 in gas cards was also given anonymously.

Mr. Hadgis

STUDENT PROGRESS

Some students have been diligently practicing, succeeding at tremendous musical levels while others have chosen to do little, losing their technical and musical skills. I am asking parents to encourage their children to start practicing again, daily, so that they will be prepared to help the band succeed at getting a great sound. Some students take their recent success in band for granted. No matter how busy a student is, he/she must remember that "Band" is also a graded, academic subject that requires homework. "We" have to earn our success every day. "We" should not expect that it will "just happen". "We"

are a team of people that depend on each other to work hard in order to achieve excellence.

Grading: There will be graded assignments given out to all band students this month. Students will be given a date where they must present the directors with a recording of themselves performing a required excerpt of music on a tape or CD and return it to Mr. Hadgis/Mrs. Hire.

BAND CAMP / SUMMER SCHEDULE

Once again, Band Camp 2007 will be held at Kent State University from July 29 – Aug. 3. This is a requirement for all band members. Summer schedules were passed out a while ago. Parents must schedule vacations around the band schedule. Please have any conflicts with other summer dates written down and given to Mr. Hadgis as soon as possible.

Mr. Hadgis





NYC SPRING TRIP

The final balance payment of the trip is due March 1, 2007. It is important that all parents/students pay on time so that our treasurer may write a check to the travel company for the full amount. There is LIMITED space on the bus for luggage, instruments, and garment bags. Students must bring small suitcases ONLY (we're only gone for three days). All students must also **bring a garment bag** to keep the Concert uniform from getting wrinkled. **PARENTS-** Make sure that your child has every piece of luggage and instrument tagged with their name on it. Also, I am recommending that students bring approximately \$25 for meals and extra money for souvenirs. This will be a great trip that everyone will remember for the rest of his or her life.

Suitcase & Belongings search: All suitcases and belongings will be inspected and searched on Thursday morning, April 12, 2007 in the morning while students are in class. If a parent wants to be present during the search, he/she should contact Mr. Hadgis and meet at the school at 8:00 a.m. that day. In addition, school policy states that school authorities may search individual students' property, at any time while traveling to NYC if there is reasonable cause to believe that the student possesses something illegal. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of every student attending Wadsworth High School.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING FOR THOSE CHILDREN GOING TO NYC

All parents who have children going on the NYC Band Spring Trip are **REQUIRED** to attend the Band Booster meeting held on **March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.**

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

Mr. Hadgis



Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Springfield High School on February 17th—each student earned a “1” rating (outstanding performance)!!!

David Miracle

Allen Mathis

Sarah Stewart

Lauren Harbaugh

Shannon Brenneman

Lisa Kaufman

Julia Holzworth

Lauren White

Miranda Boland

Scott McLean

Alison Heltzel

Jessica Walker

Colin Baker

Jason Papas

Katie Bauer

Susie Smith

Chet Forsman

Kim Bertschy

Kelsey Hill

Phil Smith

Jason Hadgis

Ryan Croyle

Colin VanDyke

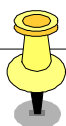
Flute Trio

Clarinet Trio

Clarinet Quartet

Brian Jones

Kelly Cisar



April Basketball Event

Just a reminder to bring your calendars with you to the Band Booster meeting on Tuesday, March 13th so you can sign up to work concessions for the April Basketball Event.

Eva Buhite





March has been officially designated by MENC: The National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. This year's theme is "Music Touches Lives." MIOSM began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 to become a month long celebration of school music.

The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community and to display the benefits school music brings to students of all ages.

Since 1838, when music was first authorized as a regular subject of instruction, decision makers have agreed on the importance of music education. In 1994, the National Standards for Arts Education were accepted by Secretary of Education Richard Riley. The release of the arts education standards reaffirmed the arts as being essential to the education of every child. In 2002, the arts, including music, were deemed a "core academic subject" along with math, science and English in federal education policy as designated by "No Child Left Behind." The state of Ohio adopted Fine Arts Standards for all of the arts, including music, in 2003. These state standards clearly indicate what all students should know and be able to do in the arts, and provide a framework for the curricular study of the arts as an essential component of every child's education.

Recent studies show that students who participate in the arts out-perform their non-arts peers on the SAT. In addition, participation in music education increases children's creativity, self-discipline, critical thinking, and self-esteem. New research indicates that music may be the nutrient that can enhance the development of abstract thinking skills. The study of music and the other arts also provides students with a sense of their cultural heritage.

The Wadsworth City Schools Instrumental Music Program will celebrate MIOSM with the high school and middle school bands' concert on March 6th, the high school bands' performance at the Ohio Music Education Association's Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 17th, and the CIS Bands' concert on March 29th.



Wadsworth Band Boosters
Minutes – General Meeting – January 9, 2007

Attendance: 27

I. **Business:**

A. Motion to approve minutes from the December 2006 meeting made by David Ott and seconded by LuAnn Gresh. Motion carried.

II. **Director's Reports:**

- A. **Mr. Hadgis** – Thanks to all the kids for participating in pep band. Springfield Solo & ensemble event coming up on 2/17/07. Medina County all Star Band – invited 15 kids from the High School. Make sure forms are completed and returned as soon as possible. Pana Percussion Quartet Concert, run by Ryun Louie coming up on 2/5/07 at 7:00 p.m. – OJ Work. New York City trip – there are so many people who expressed interest in chaperoning the trip that we can't take everyone. Mr. Hadgis will be getting together with Greg & Diane Steinkerchner to finalize the list of chaperones. March – Rich Matta - played in Las Vegas and will be guest jazz trumpet soloist for the April Jazz Band Concert. There will be a guest conductor for our last concert in May. Band Council asked Mr. Hadgis about having a potential "lock in" or something like that. Would like to include 8th graders if able to arrange this.
- B. **Mrs. Hire** – Twenty 8th graders were accepted to perform in the Medina County All Star Band. Forms went home today. Please complete and return by Friday. Wadsworth has the most kids coming from their school.

III. **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Financial** – Review of Spring Trip financials & December financials. Deposit submitted for NYC trip (check written for \$20,850). Jan had to go back and add June into the fiscal year budget due to the change in fiscal year to 6/1 – 5/31. Next installment for Spring Trip due 2/1/07. In our last meeting we discussed paying \$120 per student, but that was based on 110 students attending. We now have 123 students going, so final numbers will change.
- B. **Chaperones** – Today is the deadline to throw your name in the hat if interested in chaperoning NYC trip. Have already had an overwhelming response for people who want to go. Red trailer will become property of school board tonight. Earmarked for the band, but will be included in school fleet insurance, license, etc.
- C. **Concessions** – (Eva Buhite ill – Dick Buhite attended in her absence) – Made a few changes to concession stand – thanks to carpentry class. Also working to improve the quality of food. If parents haven't signed up for basketball & wrestling, you can go online and see which games still need volunteers.



- D. **Membership/Newsletter** – Be sure to sign in for all meetings – there is a sign-in sheet on the table by the door along with the agenda, financial reports, etc. Current membership is 65. We mailed 26 copies of the Newsletter for December at a total cost of \$24.98 for printing and mailing.
- E. **Publicity** – Will get more publicity out for band concerts in businesses, WCTV (free to public), to make everyone aware so they can attend. Open to suggestions for more publicity ideas. Susan can take the Massillon Band Show CD and have them put it on WCTV. Susan asked to be kept informed of upcoming events.
- F. **Uniforms** – Covered uniforms with white sheets. Still need 4 more double and 1 more twin sheet to finish covering all uniforms. Waiting to hear back from uniform rep regarding problems with uniforms (buttons, piling, button shank pushing through fabric, trim fraying on sleeves, stitching coming out of capes). Eva has been washing raincoats. If anyone is interested, let Sara know.
- G. **Ways & Means** – Beth Guenther was unable to attend, but is checking with her husband to see if it would be possible to produce band discount cards in house next year. Need to start now to get “anchor” business to sponsor card.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Yard Signs:** Sandy Meyer – still working on signs. Process is time consuming due to paint not drying as fast with the cold weather
- B. **By Laws** – Cathie Cooper - copies of By Laws are on the table and was sent out in Band Notes email. Will take comments and vote at next meeting so make sure you take time to review. Will be changing Band Booster meeting to Monday night instead of Tuesday since band has practice on Tuesday. Meetings will be the first Monday of the month.

V. New Business:

- A. **Nominating Committee** – need a nominating committee for next years’ officers. Need 5 people to fill these spots. Need May banquet committee (banquet is 5/11/07 at the Middle School) – let Cathie know if you want to be on the committee. April basketball event committee (need 2 more people) – large concessions event April 19th through 21st – Thursday through Saturday.
- B. **Items from the Floor** – next booster meeting will be Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.

Motion to adjourn made by Marge Messer and seconded by Sandy Meyer. Motion carried.

Minutes by: Mary Heltzel, Secretary – Band Boosters



2006-2007 Band Booster Executive Board

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