



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Band Parents and Students,

I am extremely proud of all our band students' performances and behavior during the trip to New York City in April. The Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands gave an outstanding performance in the Atrium at the IBM Building (next to Trump Tower) and many people from Japan, England, Australia, Spain, and NYC paid us big compliments as we brought joy to them during their lunch hour. The man from Spain even asked to buy a CD, but I didn't have one.

Our performance/clinic at Lincoln Center, which is also the home of the Julliard School of Music, was also excellent. Gerald Steichen, one the Metropolitan Opera conductors, rehearsed the Concert & Symphonic Bands and complimented us on our "beautiful sound". Our jazz clinician, Art Barin, who at age 23 was the last musician that Duke Ellington hired before he passed away in 1973, worked with our Jazz Band and was able to accomplish an amazing musical awareness with the group. He was definitely quite a character. Just ask any Jazz Band member.

All of our other experiences were also educational. Our students were given this wonderful opportunity to see a melting pot of culture, great monuments, a Broadway show, and traveling and walking in and experiencing one of the most important cities in the world. In New York City, even standing in lines can give you a cultural experience. As we lined up at Battery Park to catch the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, we were able to listen and talk to the street entertainers. We saw break-dancers, jazz musicians, harmonica players, human statues, and a Jamaican ukulele player who sang, told jokes, taught geography, and gave us some political satire – all this while wearing clown hair.

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**Next Meeting of the
Band Boosters:**



Tuesday, May 1st

7:30 PM

WHS Library



We also could not have asked for a better group of students. They were mature and followed our behavioral guidelines. The hotel workers at the front desk and restaurant complimented them for their polite behavior. The lead bus driver said that it was the finest group of students that he has ever taken on a trip. While we were standing in line to catch the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, a gentleman from England (or maybe Australia according to his accent) said that we had a nice group of well-behaved kids. I also think that New York City has some of the friendliest people in it. Every place that we went, complete strangers would strike up a conversation with us.

Once again, our Wadsworth Band students have represented our school and community well with their stellar performance, musically and behaviorally.

I also want to thank the chaperones for their “stellar” job in keeping track of the students with the highly packed schedule that we kept in a crazy city. They worked very hard and I know that they were exhausted by the end of the trip. Very special thanks goes to Greg & Diane Steinkerchner for spending many additional hours with me, preparing to make this trip successful.

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

Mr. Hadgis



Buses, luggage, instruments, snacks/drinks, students, directors and chaperones all loaded and headed out for New York City! What a great trip. We did some sight seeing, enjoyed “Phantom of The Opera”, entertained New Yorkers at the IBM Trump Tower Atrium and received compliments and instruction from expert instructors at Lincoln Center. We didn’t sleep much but we had lots of fun. A HUGE thank you to all those who went along on the trip to chaperone, esp. to Greg and Diane Steinkerchner for all their preparation which made this trip possible! Thanks for making the trip one for the memory books! Cathie Cooper

The slate of officers was announced at the meeting in April. They will be voted upon in our May meeting. Please be sure to thank those who have agreed to help keep the Wadsworth Band Boosters up and running for the next school year! Nominees are: President - Mary Heltzel, Vice President - David Ott, Treasurer - Jan Croyle, Secretary - Marge Messer.

Cathie Cooper, Band Booster President



New York City..... Wow, so much to say, so little time.....

First of all, we want to give a big kudos to all the kids. They did a fantastic job representing our school in the hustle and bustle of New York City. We don't think we could have packed any more into our busy schedule and the kids did an incredible job adapting to all the changes. NYC has a lot to offer and we are so proud of the kids for their help in getting where they had to be, when they had to be there, so we could experience as much as we could in the short time we were in the Big Apple. I know we all have stories to tell, so be sure to ask your kids as well as other kids (and chaperones) as no two experiences were the same. Some of my favorite memories included watching the kids in Chinatown bargaining for their merchandise, watching Mr. Steinkerchner stop several lanes of traffic in downtown NYC so that one of our buses could back out of a narrow street, listening to the kids perform and watching several New Yorkers taking in the show with great awe, yelling OH-IO to a fellow group of kids from Wooster passing us by while we were in line for the Statue of Liberty, watching in amazement at the special effects of the stage production and music from Phantom, just seeing and hearing the sights and sounds of Times Square at night - -so many memories that will last a life time.

We want to give a big thanks to all the chaperones. None of this could have happened without their help. They include Joe Petrak, Dave Ott, Pam Noel, Mary Miller, Marge Messer, Kim Long, Gary and Debbie Liddy, Rob and Mary Heltzel, Susan Feller, Bob Edwards, Dan and Amy Doty, Jan Croyle, Heidi Clark, Dick and Eva Buhite, and Cathie Cooper. With the very little sleep we got and the hectic schedule we had to maintain, the chaperones really stepped up to the plate. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We, also, want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Hire for all their help throughout the trip. It truly is nice to know that we have great support not only from the parents but from the administration as well.

We, finally, want to thank Mr. Hadgis for the countless hours of preparation for this trip. We knew it was going to be a huge feat to take 122 kids into a crazy city like NYC. Mr. Hadgis put in so much time even before this trip was approved, adjusting this and that, to make it affordable to all and to fit the criteria of the school board. Once it was approved, he spent even more time making sure all the kids would be safe in a city like New York as well as making sure they could experience as much as possible in what time we had in the city. The kids sounded wonderful at their performances which, again, comes from all the effort Mr. Hadgis, as well as Mrs. Hire, put in preparing the music. We can't say enough how lucky we are to have Mr. Hadgis in our program. Mr. Hadgis, our hat is off to you - thank you.

Any questions, concerns, or comments about NYC, please email us at gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com. We would love to get your feedback.

Greg and Diane Steinkerchner





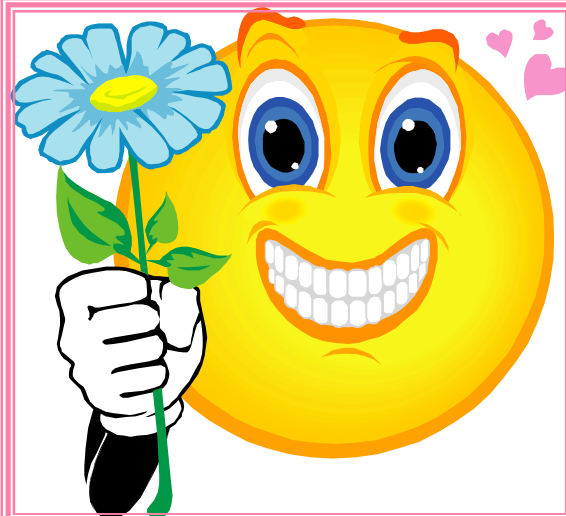
Mark Your Calendar!!!



- May 5** Fine Arts Festival – Jazz Band
- May 1** Next Booster Meeting, 7:30 WHS Library
- May 10** WHS Spring Concerts 7:30
- May 11** Band Banquet, WMS Cafetorium 6:00 pm,
(Watch for details coming home via Band Notes and with your student.)
- May 12** OMEA for WMS Band
- May 22** WMS Spring Concert, 7:00
- May 28** Memorial Day Parade, 10:30 am
- May 31** CIS Concert, 7:00 pm
- June 1** Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm
- June 3** Graduation, 2:00 pm
- June 19** Blue Tip Parade 6:00 pm

*Don't forget Mother's Day
Sunday, May 13th !!!*


Mother's Day





Wadsworth Band Boosters
Minutes – General Meeting – April 10, 2007

Attendance: 26

- I. **Business:**
 - A. Motion to approve minutes from the March meeting made by Patty Bauer and seconded by Nancy Prechtel. Motion carried.
- II. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Financial** – (Jan Croyle) - Review of March financials. So far, we have taken in \$16,239 more than we have spent this year. We will be changing to one bank at the suggestion of the Audit Committee.
 - B. **Director Report** – (Steve Hadgis) – Lots of things going on! OMEA at Highland High School, Friday 4/27 at 8:45 Symphonic Band performs & Saturday 4/28 at 9:00 a.m. Concert Band performs. 5/3 at 6:30 p.m. Soup & Jazz at Grace Lutheran Church, 5/5 Spring Arts Festival, 5/10 WHS Spring Concert at 7:30 OJ Work, 5/11 Band Banquet at WMS Cafetorium 6:00 p.m., 5/15 Senior Recognition Night, 5/22 WMS Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. WMS Gymnasium, 6/1 Baccalaureate, 6/3 Graduation. Will be going to Kent State University again this year for band camp. Won't be at the same field we were at last year – have asked for a field closer to the dorms/food. NYC – one of the Metropolitan Opera conductors will be working with our band. Jazz Band – Art Barin, who was the last musician that Duke Ellington hired will be working with the Jazz Band. There have been itinerary changes with regard to the performance time on Friday. Reminder – students need black pants, nice shirt, shoes to change if they want. Students can change shirt if they have a T-shirt underneath. Luggage tags go on everything (including instruments) – students will get 3 tags. Don't need garment bags! Both bands received straight 1's at Districts. Only a few bands got 1's. State event will be held at Highland High School.
 - C. **Chaperones** – (Greg & Diane Steinkerchner) – Nothing to report.
 - D. **Concessions** – (Eva Buhite) – Set for April games. Also, still need volunteers the following weekend for the King James Invitations. Games will be held at both the High School and Middle School. Reminder – 8th grade parents can begin earning money for their child's account for Band Camp, etc.
 - E. **Publicity** – (Susan Feller) – Posters for band concert are up. Sent information to WCTV to have information posted as well.
 - F. **Membership/Newsletter** – (Mary Heltzel) – April Newsletter – mailed 25 copies at a total cost of \$30.53 (\$20.78 printing & \$9.75 postage).
 - G. **Transportation** - (Rob Heltzel) – Nothing to report.
 - H. **Uniforms** – (Sara Steinkerchner) – Will be ordering more raincoats. Uniform manufacturer came in and tool 100 uniforms for repair. Sarah advised we need them back for Memorial Day parade.
 - I. **Ways & Means** – No report.
 - J. **Web Site** – No report.



III. **Old Business**

A. **Banquet Committee:** – Will meet 4/23 at 7:00 p.m. at Cathie Cooper’s house.

IV. **New Business:**

Nominations – Slate of officer nominations for next year include:

- Mary Heltzel – President
- Dave Ott – Vice President
- Jan Croyle – Treasurer
- Marge Messer – Secretary

Need to have a budget meeting for next year in the next couple of weeks. Let Cathie Cooper know what expenses are expected for next year from your committee. 5/1 is next Band Booster meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Eva Buhite and seconded by Patty Bauer; motion carried.

Minutes by: Mary Heltzel, Secretary – Band Boosters





2006-2007 Band Booster Executive Board

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President: Cathie Cooper

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Committee Chairs

Concessions: Eva Buhite

Chaperones: Diane & Greg Steinkerchner

Ways and Means: Beth Guenther

Newsletter: Mary Heltzel

Web Site: Bill Bauer

Transportation: Rob Heltzel & Gary Liddy

Publicity/PR: Susan Feller & Lisa Jones

Building Project: Gary Hill

Uniforms: Sarah Steinkerchner

Yard Signs: Bob Engler & Sandy Meyer



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