



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Band Parents and Students,

This month is declared “Music in our Schools Month” by the MENC, the Music Educators National Conference, and with just one look at the calendar, one can see why. Every week, we have a performance with a particular ensemble:

- March 4 - Winter Band Concert  
H.S. Bands & Jr. High Bands
- March 7, 8 – District Band Contest  
Concert & Symphonic Bands
- March 14 – Jazz Band Performance with Rich Matta  
Drama Boosters Fundraiser
- March 18 – Medina Co. Honor Band Performance
- March 27-30 – “Beauty and the Beast”- H.S. Musical
- April 1 – “Soup & Jazz” charity concert at  
Grace Lutheran Social Hall

## ***WINTER BAND CONCERT – MARCH 4***

This concert is the only concert that features the Jr. High and High School bands together on the same night. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Bands will play 3 selections each. We will invite guest adjudicators to evaluate the performance by giving taped and written comments while the bands perform. These comments will help the High School bands prepare for the upcoming District Contest performance on March 7 & 8 and help the Jr. High bands improve their skills as well. The concert is held in O.J. Work Auditorium, starts at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free.

## ***DISTRICT BAND CONTEST***

Although we have a Winter Concert three days before, it is imperative that all parents come to listen to their child perform again at District Contest. If parents don't show, the students will perform to only three judges. Having a crowd to perform to gives confidence and support to your child. And you will notice a marked improvement to the performance from the Winter Concert because we will have used the guest adjudicators' comments to refine our bands' sounds.

This year, again, the Symphonic and Concert Bands are participating at District Band Contest on different days and at different sites. The **Symphonic Band** will perform at **Copley High School** on **Friday, March 7** at **10:15 p.m.**

The **Concert Band** will be performing at **Wooster High School** on **Saturday, March 8** at **11:00 a.m.** Your attendance at District Contest is extremely important to your child's success. **Please note:** OMEA rules state that audience members must enter the performance area before it begins. Once the doors are closed, they remain closed until the next band performs. No flash photography or audio recording is permitted. If a parent or community member does not follow this guideline, the Wadsworth Bands will be disqualified from getting a rating.

## **Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:**



**Monday, March 3, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**WHS Library**



***JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE  
WITH RICH MATTA – MARCH 14***

The High School Jazz Band will be giving a special one night performance on March 14 at O.J. Work auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m. with **Las Vegas professional trumpeter Rich Matta**. He has taught for over 40 years, played professionally in Las Vegas behind The Temptations, Englebert & Humperdink, Bill Cosby, Sigfried & Roy, Sonny and Cher, and many, many others. He also studied trumpet with some of the most famous classical trumpet players in the nation. In addition, Rich is a motivational speaker dealing with human relations and building self-esteem in students. His energy and contagious positive nature will make this an electric evening for all to enjoy. Rich's nephew is The Ohio State University's head basketball coach, Thad Matta. There will be a charge for admission.

***MEDINA COUNTY HONOR BAND  
MARCH 18 AT WADSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL***

The Medina County All-Star Honor Band will be held at Wadsworth High School this year in the **West Gym on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.** The Jr. High and High Schools participating in this event are Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Highland and Wadsworth. Each director from these districts selects 15 to 20 students from their respective bands to represent their community and school. Admission is free.

***HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL  
“BEAUTY AND THE BEAST”***

There are 29 band students who are participating in the high school musical this year, either in the pit orchestra or on stage. It will be a great event that everyone will want to see. Performances are on **March 27, 28, 29, & 30 in O.J. Work Auditorium.**

***“SOUP & JAZZ” – APRIL 1***

Once again, the Jazz band will be performing at the charity fundraising event, “Soup & Jazz”, for less fortunate individuals, held at the Grace Lutheran Church's Social Hall. Restaurants from around the city will be serving food and will compete for the honor of the “top soup award”. The Jazz Band will play from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. while the general public tries out the samples of soup and other delectable treats.

***SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST  
CORRECTION!***

Two ensembles were incorrectly listed in last month's newsletter. The Wadsworth Flute trio, members, Julia Holzworth, Ashley Martinez, and Dedee Dingess received a superior “1” rating at Solo & Ensemble Contest. Also, the Percussion Ensemble, members Brian Jones, Mike Vuona, Chris Edwards, Matt Rocha, Justin Swarm, Rachel McCourt, Jessica Beheydt, Michael Petrak, Brett Buzzelli, and Ian Abbot received an excellent rating of a “II” for their performance.

*Mr. Hadgis*



THANKS to Lisa Jones and Beth Guenther for their work in researching and ordering concert wear for our High School Band members. The concert dresses have arrived and have been measured and pinned! Many thanks to Beth Guenther, Marilyn Sulka and Nancy Whitman for giving their time to help with the alteration process.



### CARE AND FEEDING of CONCERT ATTIRE

The concert clothing has arrived and will be sent home with your student in the coming weeks. As these will be passed on to future band members as your student graduates, PLEASE take good care of them! Just a few care hints to help everyone out:

#### DRESSES

The dresses are machine washable. Please wash on COOL temperature, then lightly dry on a COOL setting and remove promptly. They may also be hung to dry. If you need to iron them, please iron on the REVERSE SIDE and use a pressing cloth near the hem. Pressing on the right side of the fabric may leave "shiny" marks. If you hang them to dry, they should not need to be pressed.

#### TUXEDOS



The Tuxedo jacket and pants are DRY CLEAN ONLY. After each performance, please determine if the suit needs to be dry cleaned and have it done promptly if needed. Shirts can be dry cleaned or laundered at home. I have found it is much easier to have the drycleaners press the pleats! Each shirt has several black plastic buttons - PLEASE do not lose these buttons. If you take the shirt to the cleaners, please REMOVE and PUT the buttons in a safe place. The bow tie and cummerbund should just be carefully stored until the next performance.

If you have any questions about the care of these items, please call Lisa Jones at 330-334-0651 or email at [ljones@wadsnet.com](mailto:ljones@wadsnet.com)

**THANK YOU!**



**MEDINA COUNTY HONOR BANDS****TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH**

As host of the Medina County Honor Band Concert, we will feed the band students, directors and other staff before the performance.

Eva will take care of food for adults, but help is needed to serve the students from the concession stand around 3:30pm .

Scarlett Semprini is coordinating the dessert, which consists of cookies and brownies.

Please call or email Eva if you are able to help in any way.

**COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL****APRIL 24TH through APRIL 26TH**

Wadsworth High School is hosting the CBI again this year and the Band Boosters will provide concessions for the entire event.

Volunteers may sign up for two-hour shifts on Thursday and Friday, beginning at 10:00am through 10:00pm.

The final game will be played Saturday evening and volunteers will be needed for the whole game.

Again, call or email Eva to volunteer.

You can still earn money for your student's account during these events.

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# CONCESSIONS

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS****At 2:00am****SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008**



Wadsworth Drama Boosters Presents

One Night Only

# Rich Matta & the WHS Jazz Band Benefit Concert

Friday, March 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

O.J. Work Auditorium Wadsworth

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Trumpet Player for *Sonny and Cher, Fifth Dimension, Glen Campbell*  
and other Las Vegas Headliners

Brendon Urie, lead singer for *Panic at the Disco*, learned drums, trumpet,  
guitar, bass and piano from Rich Matta

Head *OSU* Basketball Coach, *Thad Matta* says, "I am familiar with my  
Uncle Rich's motivational techniques because I started using them at  
age 15...He has a gift as a teacher and motivator that is truly special."

General Admission Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the  
WHS Bookstore during normal school hours or at the Door the  
night of the performance.

All proceeds go to the Wadsworth Drama Boosters supporting the  
Wadsworth Jr. and Sr. High School Drama Programs

For more information or for any questions, contact 330-336-5374

Or visit [www.wadsworthdrama.com](http://www.wadsworthdrama.com)

**Wadsworth Band Boosters****Minutes – GENERAL MEETING – February 4, 2008****Attendance – 17****BUSINESS:**

Meeting opened by Mary Heltzel.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

1. King's Island Trip will cost students \$125.00. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50.00 will be required by Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and the balance of \$75.00 will be due on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The deposit of \$50.00 may only come from student account money if the total cost is covered by the student account. Departure for the trip will be following school on Friday, May 2, 2008.
2. District Contest will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, at either Wooster H.S. or Copley H.S. Details will follow.
3. Thanks were issued to the Band Boosters for the purchase of three tubas for \$5100.00.
4. WHS will host the Medina County Honor Band on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks throughout the day.
5. WMS Solo & Ensemble takes place on April 19, 2008.
6. Upcoming Jazz Festivals:  
Green HS – February 15, 2008, Performance – 7:20pm. The Swing Machine plays at 8:30pm.  
Hudson HS – February 23, 2008, Performance – 3:00pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:*****FINANCE – (Jan Croyle)***

The net decrease in cash for January of approximately \$10,000.00 is explained, in part, by expenditures for tuxedos (approx. \$8700) and tubas (\$5100), which were approved from excess funds in our budget. Our cash balance is high at \$97,321.04 because we are still waiting to be billed by Kent State for summer band camp, which will be around \$32,000.

Motion to approve financial statements for January was made by Ken Luna and seconded by Ken Stout. Motion carried.

***CHAPERONES – (Greg and Diane Steinkerchner)***

Chaperones for King's Island trip will be required to pay half of the cost. The number of chaperones needed will probably be between 15 and 20.

***NEWSLETTER – (Marge Messer)***

Mailed 21 copies of the newsletter for a cost of \$9.02.

Motion to approve January meeting minutes was made by Bill Bauer and seconded by Dave Ott. Motion carried.

**Minutes-GENERAL MEETING-February 4, 2008 (continued)*****CONCESSIONS – (Mary Heltzel for Eva Buhite)***

Concession workers are still needed for the Winterguard Event on February 23, 2008. The time has been split into two shifts. This event keeps our color guard spinning their flags.

***WAYS & MEANS – (Rod Kaufman)***

Fundraisers for this school year are complete. WHYS is sponsoring a Fundraising Fair at the Galaxy Restaurant on February 21 and Rod will be attending.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The May Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2008.
2. Concert Wear update is as follows:
  - Girls dresses are in and will be hemmed at a cost of \$25 per dress.
  - Guys tuxes cost less than originally planned, which leaves more room for pants hemming costs, which will be \$10 per pair.
  - A note about acceptable black, closed-toed shoes went home for the girls.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It is thought that incoming freshmen parents should be invited to a special informational meeting before school ends for this year. The April Band Booster Meeting should be a good time for this and refreshments will be served.
2. There was great discussion about volunteer help and how to involve more parents.

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 3, 2008 in the HS Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Patty Bauer and seconded by Ken Stout.

Minutes by Marge Messer, Secretary – Wadsworth Band Boosters





## 2007-2008 Band Booster Executive Board

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