



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Once again, the Wadsworth bands have made history. This is the first time that **BOTH** Symphonic Band and Concert Band have gotten a “superior” rating of a “1” at STATE CONTEST. Since I started taking our band to District Contest in 2004, we have always received straight “1’s”, qualifying our band (Symphonic) to go to State Contest, and likewise, that band always received straight “ones” at State. In 2005, we were able to create a second Concert Band that made it to “State” three years in a row even though they did not have full instrumentation. This past April was the first time they received a superior rating. Congratulations to all of our students for their tremendous effort in achieving this goal.

## *END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCES*

There are numerous performances scheduled for the end of the year. Please put the following dates on your family calendar:

**May 5 – IMPORTANT Band Boosters Meeting,**

**7:30 p.m.-H.S. Library- all parents needed!**

**May 8 – Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. – O.J. Work**

**May 9–Band Banquet, 6:00 p.m.–Middle School Cafétorium**

**May 21 – Percussion Ensemble Concert, grades**

**5-12 – 7:00 p.m., Middle School Café**

**May 26 – Memorial Day Parade, Step-off at**

**10:30 a.m. – Downtown Wadsworth**

**Ceremony at cemetery 11:00 a.m.**

**May 30 – Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m. – H.S. Gym**

**June 1 – Graduation, 2:00 p.m. – H.S. Gym**

**June 17 – Blue Tip Parade, Step-off 6:00 p.m. at WHS**

**– End at Isham School**

## Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



**Monday, May 5, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**WHS Library**





**MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT**

**LOCATION CHANGE!**

In the last newsletter, the middle school band concert location was listed incorrectly. The correct location will be the middle school gym on May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**CHANGE!!!! UPDATED CALENDAR**

There is an updated summer calendar of rehearsals in this newsletter. Please put these dates on your family calendars. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. If there is a conflict, indicate the conflict with a letter signed by a parent or legal guardian and Mr. Hadgis will get back to you. All conflicts must be submitted by June 2.

**BAND CAMP – FEES DUE**

Once again, we will be going to Kent State University for Band Camp, July 27– Aug. 1. This year, we will be staying in the Tri Towers (better dorms) and will have a better practice field. The total cost for Band Camp 2008 is \$243, compared to last year’s cost of \$225.

**HOWEVER**, with income earned mainly through concession sales (stands are staffed by parent volunteers doing concession work to help our band students), the Band Boosters are able and will pay \$58 of the cost for every student, **lowering the cost to YOU to \$185**. Like last year, more than half the amount of band camp, \$100, is due by May 30<sup>th</sup> – checks made payable to Wadsworth Band Boosters. The balance, \$85, will be due on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Freshmen and other band students who need shirts/shoes/shorts need to purchase these items as well. Once you purchase these items, you can use them all four years in high school (unless you change sizes).

Band Camp: \$185 (\$100 due May 30 - \$85 due July 21)

Shorts: \$10	} \$49 due by June 9
Shirt: \$15	
Shoes: \$24	

*Checks made payable to Wadsworth Band Boosters*

**Freshman Total: \$234** –Thanks to the Band Boosters, especially those who have worked in concessions, that’s **\$36 less** than last year, even though prices for band camp and clothes have gone up!



***THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL PARENTS  
WORKING IN THE CONCESSION STANDS***

It is important that parents understand that 95% of the band boosters earnings come from concessions at football, soccer, and basketball games. Although many parents have helped work in the concession stands, many others have not . . . especially during basketball season. This earned money pays for charter buses (\$1,800 a piece) used throughout the year, new uniforms (Marching-\$81,000, Concert-\$19,000), pizza parties, educational enrichment with clinicians, fees, new instruments, repairs, props for shows, and many other benefits that ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE (including help with band camp). Therefore, next year, every parent (or representative) will be required to work five 2-hour sessions, either by volunteering in the fall & winter concession stands, by chaperoning events, or by helping in other necessary tasks.

***MANDATORY AUGUST PARENT MEETING***

A mandatory band parent meeting will be held on **August 4, 7:30 p.m.** in the high school library explaining all aspects of your child’s participation in the Wadsworth High School Band. This meeting is not just for freshmen, it is for ALL PARENTS of band students, grades 9-12. We will also explain the new requirement that all band parents must help (concessions, chaperoning, other tasks).

Please feel free to call me at 330-336-4011 or email me at: [shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

*Mr. Hadgis*

***Band Banquet***

*We still need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up for the banquet. If you can help, please contact Mary Heltzel at 330-336-4493 or [mheltzel@neo.rr.com](mailto:mheltzel@neo.rr.com)*



# JUNE 2008

(Times subject to change)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3	4 Students Last Day	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	10 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	11 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	12 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	13 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	14
15	16 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	17 <b>BLUE TIP PARADE</b> Meet at 5:00 pm Step-Off 6:00pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

\* There will be Color Guard rehearsals in June / July according to the instructor's schedule.

Please note that the typical schedule for summer rehearsals is:

Monday and Tuesday EVENING                      6:00 - 8:30 pm


Wednesday through Friday AFTERNOON      12:30 - 3:00 pm

Please be attentive to band notes for any changes to the schedule.



# JULY 2008

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Color Guard TBA	15 Color Guard TBA	16 Color Guard TBA	17 Instrumental Sectional Rehearsals T B A	18	19
20	21 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	22 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	23 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	24 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	25 <b>Rehearsal</b> 12:30 - 3:00 pm	26
27 <b>B</b> Arrive at Kent State CHECK-IN TIME 3:00 - 4:00 pm	28 <b>A N D C</b> (Band Camp will be at Kent State University) (TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	29	30 <b>A M</b>	31 <b>P</b> →	<b>ON FRIDAY</b> Leave Camp after lunch Perform show at WHS at 3:00 pm	



*Enjoy your  
summer vacation  
wherever it takes you!*

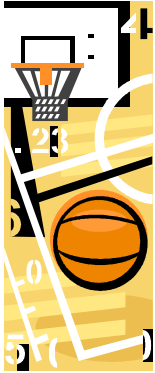


# AUGUST 2008

(Times subject to change)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
*** Conflicts with sports will be worked out between Mr. Hadgis and the coaches					1 Leave camp after lunch 3:00 pm Perform	2 show at WHS
3	4 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	5 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	6 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	7 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	8 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	9
10	11 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	12 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	13 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	14 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	15 <b>Rehearsal</b> 9:00 am - Noon	16
17	18 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	19 <b>Rehearsal</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	20	21 <b>NIGHT REHEARSAL</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	22 <b>FIRST Football Game</b> 7:00pm HOME	23
24	25 	26 <b>NIGHT REHEARSAL</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	27	28 <b>NIGHT REHEARSAL</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm	29 <b>FOOTBALL</b> Away NORDONIA	30
31	* Please note that the Wednesday through Friday Rehearsals change time in early August					

Once school begins, the Marching Band rehearses every Tuesday & Thursday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. One of those night's rehearsals may be cancelled during October.



Thank You to all the volunteers who helped in the concession stand for the Collegiate Basketball Invitational last week. The college basketball players and their coaches were very nice and their interaction with Wadsworth Elementary School children was a wonderful benefit. We were glad to serve them.

Also, I especially want to extend my appreciation to my granddaughter, Susie Smith, for taking my place to help set up the concession stand on Friday morning when I could not be there.

As always, the custodial staff worked very hard and helped us out tremendously!

Give them a Big Thanks next time you see them.

It has been another great concession sales year. Thanks everyone!

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## Welcome

*The Wadsworth Band Boosters would like to welcome all the families of the incoming freshman. Because this is a new experience and we are sure that you might have some questions, we would like to invite you to a quick reception before the upcoming band concert. This will give you the opportunity to speak with some "veteran" parents as well as meet some of the upper class band students. We look forward to meeting with you!*

*Please join us*

*Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m.*

*Wadsworth Middle School Cafetorium*



**Wadsworth Band Boosters**  
**Minutes – GENERAL MEETING – April 14, 2008**  
**Attendance – 24**

**BUSINESS:**

Meeting was opened by Mary Heltzel.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Jazz Concert to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:30pm at OJ Work.

State Contest is Saturday, April 26, 2008 at North Royalton High School. Students will need to be at the band room by 6:30am. The Symphonic Band performs at 8:30am and the Concert Band performs at 10:00am.

Color Guard practices begin next week with tryouts scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will try to have a pep band for the Collegiate Basketball Invitational. It is the same date as the State Contest.

The trip to Kings Island is May 2 – 3.

WMS Band Concert is Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

There is a possibility of having a Drum Line Camp at the end of April or early May.

The Band Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 9, 2008 and will be held at the WMS Cafetorium.

Tryouts for Drum Major will take place soon.

A percussion contest will take place either May 15 or May 21.

The band will perform in the Memorial Parade in Wadsworth.

The band will also be playing for both Baccalaureate and Commencement.

The Concert Attire has arrived and needs picked up on Tuesday, April 22.

Band Camp 2008 will again be at Kent State University. It looks like we will be housed in the Tower Dorms. There will be an increase in cost for camp this year. However, the Executive Board is looking to approve the booster organization funding a significant amount of the Band Camp fee.

Kudos to the Band Boosters for their help in covering costs for band students activities. Approximately \$600 has been spent per student through the month of March for the 2007-2008 school year.

Found another great deal on a used tuba and would like to be able to purchase it. Ken Stout made a motion for the Band Boosters to provide the funds to buy this tuba. Pam Grucza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

There are just a couple of items to mention this month. Our year-to-date ending cash balance is \$67,040.03, which is approximately \$6000 higher than the corresponding balance for last year at this time.

Also, the profit margin for concessions income has climbed to 57.57%.

Motion to approve the March financial statements was made by Sandy Meyer and seconded by Mary Rocha. Motion carried.

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

Still need a few chaperones for State Contest on Saturday, April 26.

Chaperones are still needed for the Kings Island Trip on May 2-3. Cost for chaperones is \$60.00 (Half) and that amount needs to be turned in by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**General Meeting Minutes—April 14, 2008 (continued)*****NEWSLETTER – (Marge Messer)***

Mailed 22 copies of the newsletter. Postage cost \$9.02.

Motion to approve March minutes was made by Kathryn Stark and seconded by Ken Luna. Motion carried.

***WAYS & MEANS – (Rod Kaufman)***

Working to finalize the fall fundraiser (Band Booster Discount Card).

Received some new ideas from the Fundraiser Fair at the Galaxy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

As Mr. Hadgis has already stated, the concert attire is in and the students need to pick it up on April 22, 2008. Look for a band note regarding times and make sure that students check their garment for correct fit before State Contest.

Nominations for 2008-2009 Band Boosters Officers have been submitted by the Nominating Committee and are as follows:

President – Mary Heltzel

Vice-President / Fundraising – Ken Luna

Treasurer – Kathryn Stark

There has been no acceptance for nomination for the Secretary position to date.

The floor was opened for nominations, but none were received. The committee will continue to seek a secretarial candidate.

The Band Banquet Committee is still seeking volunteers to help in several capacities the night of the banquet. Sandy Meyer wanted to know the budget amount for senior gifts. It is the same as last year. The current budget line for the banquet will not be sufficient to cover expenses, which are much higher this year due to a drop in outside donations. There was much discussion on the logistics of the WMS Cafetorium to accommodate the anticipated number of guests and the cost of putting on a banquet such as we have been able to enjoy the last few years. Jan reported that there was extra money in the overall budget we could spend.

Greg Steinkerchner made a motion to cap banquet expenses at \$5500 and the motion was seconded by Kathryn Stark. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Executive Board thought that there would be interest in a Spirit Wear sale for band members and their families again this year. It was suggested that High School band parents wear examples of what they had purchased to the informational reception we are hosting prior to the WMS Band Concert. If there is interest, we will try to offer another sale this coming year.

In past years, the boosters have received a donation from the Blue Tip Festival for parking cars at the stadium. A chairperson is needed to head up the parking for this year's festival.

Mr. Hadgis reports that student teacher, Mr. Helmick is doing a great job and will be conducting a piece for each band (Symphonic and Concert) at the State Contest.

Several students from the Akron University music program were acknowledged as being in attendance at our meeting tonight.

Next meeting will be May 5, 2008 in the high school library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Rocha and seconded by Sara Steinkerchner.

Minutes by Marge Messer, Secretary – Wadsworth Band Boosters



## 2007-2008 Band Booster Executive Board

### Officers

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Transportation: Rob Heltzel & Gary Liddy

Publicity/PR: Susan Feller & Lisa Jones

Uniforms: Sara Steinkerchner

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