



# NEWSLETTER

## *From the Desk of Mr. Hadgis...*

Dear Band Parents and Students,

We have had a great start to our marching season playing at the half-time shows. The band students have done a wonderful job and I am very proud of them. Our show for the **FSN Broadcast of the Wadsworth/Medina Football game** was a great success last Thursday. The special effects with the 8 air cannons shooting up streamers at the end of the show added a surprise to the crowd. I hope to see all parents attend at least one of the band shows. The band had a fantastic performance at the Lake Band Show.

The other band shows are the **Massillon Band Show on Sep. 20** and the **Hudson Band Show on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Massillon show will take place in Paul Brown Stadium, which is the finest high school stadium in the entire region (seating 17,000 with new grass-tro-turf). Since the stadium is so big, all fans

and band students may enjoy the show from the home side and cheer each other on. We will get a great DVD from this performance that many of you will want to have. The great thing about these shows is that thousands of people attend just to see the bands. And, you, as parents, don't have to work concessions for it!

### **THANK YOU ALL**

I want to personally thank all parents who have contributed their time working concessions, chaperoning, and organizing all the other details that need to be coordinated to run such a big organization. Without your efforts, we could not function with as much success as we have seen in the past several years. The band is, once again, the largest it has ever been in the history of Wadsworth! And, it continues to be one of the best bands in the area. Please continue to volunteer your time for concessions by contacting LuAnn Gresh at [la-hill@wadsnet.com](mailto:la-hill@wadsnet.com) and for chaperoning by contacting Diane Steinkerchner at 336-7568 or at [gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com](mailto:gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com). We really need all parents to help so that no one gets burned out.

### **MARCHING BAND MEETING TIMES**

Please take the time to read the Meeting Times for Marching Band Events included in this newsletter and post them on your personal and family calendars. These dates and times will also be posted on the band booster web site at [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com). I have also included a Course Criteria page in this newsletter that was passed out at Open House so that those who did not attend may read the grading procedures.

Thank you for all your volunteering and support. If you have any questions or concerns, 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).—**Mr. Hadgis**

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



**Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**Cafeteria**



*A Special Request from Mr. Hadgis...*

Dear Wadsworth Band Parents,

I am asking that all band parents come to the Community Forum Meeting in support of building a new high school and three elementary buildings that will be proposed as a bond issue in November. It will be held at **Wadsworth High School on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008 in the Library at 7 p.m.** This meeting will inform you of the wonderful opportunity this project can give to our kids, our band and the entire community.

The Ohio School Facility Commission (OSFC) is helping fund schools in an effort to improve the quality of Ohio school facilities. The Wadsworth City School District has been assessed by the OSFC and their original recommendation was to replace Wadsworth High School, Central Intermediate School, Overlook, Valley View and Isham with four buildings, and to combine two elementary schools on a new location. However, Wadsworth City Schools Administration worked with the OSFC to keep historic Central Intermediate School and the neighborhood-school concept. At this time, Wadsworth City Schools would receive \$.36 on each dollar spent on qualifying aspects of the project once the OSFC awards money in 2009.

Please attend the meeting in support of this project. Receiving \$.36 on the dollar from the State is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our town. I hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Steve Hadgis



## 2008 Wadsworth High School MARCHING BAND MEETING TIMES—For Performances

### SEP. 19 –GREEN –(Home) (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night)

Doors open: 4:00 p.m.  
Attendance: 4:35 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:45 – 5:05 p.m.  
Inspection: 5:25 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:15 p.m.

### SEP. 20 – MASSILLON BAND SHOW

*One Paul Brown Dr. SE Massillon, OH44646*

Doors open: 3:15 p.m.  
Attendance: 3:50 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:00 – 4:20 p.m.  
Inspection: 4:40 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 11:20 p.m.  
Tickets: *Adults-TBA Seniors/Students- TBA*  
*Children 12 & younger are free*

### SEP. 26 – BARBERTON – (Homecoming)

Doors open: 4:00 p.m.  
Attendance: 4:35 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:45 – 5:05 P.M.  
Inspection: 5:25 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:15 p.m

### OCT. 3 – TALLMADGE – (Away)

Doors open: 3:45 P.M.  
Attendance: 4:20 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:30 – 4:50 p.m.  
Inspection: 5:10 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 11:00 p.m

### OCT. 4 – HUDSON BAND SHOW

76 North Hayden, Hudson, OH 44236

Doors open: 3:20 p.m.  
Attendance: 3:55 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:05 – 4:25 p.m.  
Inspection: 4:45 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: 11:25 p.m.  
Tickets: \$7 at gate \$3 pre-sale

### OCT. 10 – HIGHLAND – (Home) (Senior Night)

Doors open: 4:00 p.m.  
Attendance: 4:35 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 4:45 – 5:05 p.m.  
Inspection: 5:25 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 10:15 p.m.

### OCT. 17 – CLOVERLEAF – (Away)

Doors open: 4:15 p.m.  
Attendance: 4:50 p.m.  
Rehearsal: 5:00 (no rehearsal)  
Inspection: 5:20 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: approx. 11:00 p.m.

### OCT. 24 – COPLEY – (Away)

Doors open: 4:30 p.m.  
Attendance: 5:05  
Rehearsal: 5:15 p.m.  
Inspection: 5:25 p.m.  
Arrive back at WHS: 10:45 p.m.



*Mark your calendars!*



## Wadsworth High School Band

Steve Hadgis, Director

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### **MARCHING BAND:**

Marching Band accounts for only ¼ of the academic (graded) school year. Students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances unless a written note, signed by parents, one month prior to the requested date, is approved by Mr. Hadgis. The marching band performs at all football games and at local and distant band shows. In addition, it will march in the city parades and other events throughout the year. The Wadsworth High School Marching Band has a fine reputation as one of the best bands in the entire region.

### **GRADING**

Students receive 50 points every week for participation and 100 points for each song that is required to be memorized (for that week). Obviously, most of the grading is about memorizing the music because that is the only homework that is assigned during marching season. Also, the philosophy of the marching band is that the student who executes all the maneuvers and drills on the field must be able to play the music, otherwise, they are faking playing – and that is not supportive of the music education of the student. Music is the means that we use to learn, perform, and to entertain. It is the means that students learn leadership, teamwork, perseverance, dedication, and commitment.

### **TESTING**

Students may check off song memorization with their section leader only if the song is memorized 100%. If the student cannot play all notes and rhythms correctly, they may check it off with the directors for a percentage. Students can not grade other students.

### **HOMEWORK**

Very often, parents and students do not realize that Band is a class that has homework. Not only are students expected to practice memorizing music, but they are supposed to work on improving tone, technique, rhythmic skills, and style. This is what makes a good musician and the lip muscles (hands for percussionists) need to be “in shape” in order to perform properly. A daily routine is what is recommended for every student to be successful.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Every month, Diane Steinkerchner sends an electronic newsletter to all parents. If you have not been receiving an electronic newsletter, please email Diane at: [gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com](mailto:gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com) or call her at 330-336-7568. If you would like a copy mailed to you, instead, please call Polly LaHue at 330-334-4361 or email her at [pmlahue@neo.rr.com](mailto:pmlahue@neo.rr.com).



## CONCERT SEASON:

In the middle of October, all students will prepare an audition piece that will be graded. The directors will then, place them in a chair order according to their performance. Since we have a large band, the students will be divided into two groups – Concert Band and Symphonic Band. The Symphonic Band will rehearse and perform difficult pieces, including college level material. Many students in this group take private lessons. Students in the concert band are also pushed to perform at the top level, but are more inexperienced. Both groups have played at the Northeast Ohio Band Directors Invitational Concert held at Severance Hall, at District Contest, and at State Contest. All students are encouraged to take private lessons. The experience that one gains by studying music more intensely is truly priceless.

## GRADING

Students will be graded on preparing required sections in their music, either on tape or for directors after (or during) school. Also, points are given for participation at all concerts, rehearsals, and events. There will be required scales to be memorized and exercises assigned by the directors. In order to perform these exercises well, the student must practice each night to properly prepare. That will be their **homework**. So, if parents don't ever hear the instrument being played at home, they should ask their child if they are prepared for their assignment. In addition, the administration is asking that we have written assignments. These written assignments will include beginning music theory.

## REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES

All rehearsals and performances are required. Please refer to the performance schedule for the 2008-2009 school year. Both the Concert Band and Symphonic Band will have extra after school rehearsals scheduled in February and March.

## WEB SITE

[www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com)

## BAND NOTES

Diane Steinkerchner (band parents) will email details to everyone with information regarding performances as a reminder or if changes occur.

### ***Just a reminder—***

*It's not too late to volunteer. If you missed the Band Booster meeting last month, membership forms were distributed that listed several ways you can help out. If you need a form, you can find it at [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com) or from Mrs. Hire. Just fill it out and turn it in to Mrs. Hire to join in the fun and be a part of the Wadsworth Band. Our success depends on your generous help!*

**THANKS SO MUCH to all our wonderful parent volunteers. The first two football games ran smoothly despite the hot conditions. It appeared that everyone was working hard with a constant smile. We hope you all had fun as we joined together in raising funds for our students. Keep up the fabulous work!—Your Concession Committee**





## *Band Camp 2008*

Hello all and welcome back to school. I hope everyone is as excited as we are to get this year started. The kids worked very hard at band camp and we are getting to see the results at our halftime shows and band shows. We have several thank yous to send out. First, we want to thank the kids. We were very proud of them. The weather certainly cooperated with us this year and the students stepped up to the plate and did what they had to do to get the job done. Kudos to each and everyone one of them.

Next, we need to thank our parent volunteers for the week. Without these parents, band camp would not have been as successful as it was. Shout outs go to Brian Steinkerchner, Rob Heltzel, Mary Heltzel, Craig Dietrich, Barb Papas, Katie McCourt, Lisa McLean and Diane Steinkerchner as well as Jeff Wetshtein, Andrew Wetshtein, Jon Steinkerchner, and Kyle Steinkerchner for all the prep work done on the field, med check in, and help with check-out. We also need to thank our parents who stayed for a partial week. They are Jerry McLean, Dave Ott, Tim White, Bill Bauer, Mike Lewis, Jan Croyle, Kim Long, Lisa Hasenyager, and Lisa McLean. Finally, a big shout out goes to our parents who stayed all week. They are Joe Petrak, Kathryn Stark, Christine Dietrich, Scarlett Semprini, Sue Petrak, and Greg Steinkerchner.

We also want to thank Mrs. Hire and all of our instructors who came to help with sectionals. Their help was truly appreciated.

A huge thanks goes out to Mr Hadgis who spent hours and hours preparing for camp - everything from creating the halftime shows to staying in contact with Kent State to making sure we had every form needed for the week and everything in between. We can't even imagine the number of hours Mr Hadgis has put in to make our band the success that it is. Please be sure to give him a "Big Thanks" next time you see him. We worked hard to make band camp productive for the kids as well as a fun experience they will remember forever. Also, be sure to check out the band website at [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com) to see all the pictures from band camp.

Looking forward to a great year,

Greg and Diane Steinkerchner



### ***Shoe Cleaning Tips!!***

***Just a reminder . . . Mr. Clean "Magic Erasers" and Stride Rite foam shoe polish work wonders to make those marching shoes look new again!***

### ***Yard Signs***

If anyone still needs a yard sign and you didn't sign up for one at the August Booster Meeting, please contact Sandy Meyer at 330-334-1999.





## Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday Aug 11, 2008

7:30pm WHS Cafeteria

Attendance - 139

- 1) Mary Heltzel, president - Welcome to all and thanks in advance for volunteering.
  - Introductions of the booster board were made.
  
- 2) Director's report – Steve Hadgis
  - 164 students currently in the high school program
  - 3 concessions in operation for football games – all parents are needed to volunteer to make it a success
  - Thank you all for volunteering
  - Band camp – kids had great experience from their feedback
  - Kids need to practice at home every day to check off music before school starts – a reference was made to sports that an athlete cannot just show up to practice and expect to have the endurance needed and the skills needed
  - Remember, each song memorized is worth 100 points towards their grade
  - 3 band shows – parents are really encouraged to go because it is amazing to see all the half time shows that several bands perform. They start at 7:00pm.
  - For Marching Season, the students will always change into their uniforms at school and will be bused to the event – home or away. After the game, they will be bused back to the school to change out of their uniforms and parents can pick up their students at the high school at that time. A handout will be coming out soon of all the games/shows showing what time your student needs to be there. All uniforms will stay at the high school as the boosters will pay to get them dry cleaned throughout the season.
  - \*\* A Spring Trip to Disney was just approved for Wed, April 22 through Sun, April 26. More details to follow. The estimated cost as it stands right now is \$650. The boosters are hoping to pay some of it. We will definitely be looking into fundraisers the parents can have to raise money (for example, reverse raffle or night at the races) but we are going to need parent help.
  
- 3) Financial – Kathryn Stark
  - Proposed budget handed out
  - Income/expenses – summer uniforms, Drum Major camp, publicity, misc bills from previous months.
  - Most of financials were more or less spent balancing statements with the bank for the new treasurer.
  - Spirit wear is not finalized due to some outstanding orders



#### 4) Ways and Means – Ken Luna

- 1290 cards sold individually – some packets/cards still outstanding though
- 380 cards sold on blitz day with 99 student participation and 27 drivers
- Budget was met with a total of \$16,810 in sales.
- More band cards available but sales will go into general booster fund as opposed to individual student accounts – potential earnings sit at \$25,000 so we can still make \$8190 if we sell the remaining cards.
- If you want more cards, you must pay up front. Contact Ken Luna
- Thank you to all team leaders and all blitz day drivers
- Cards will be available at the concession stands during hours of operation
- Any parent experienced in major fundraising (reverse raffle or night at the races), please contact Ken Luna. We are hoping to raise a lot of money because our hope is that every student goes to Disney. Any parent with any ideas, please contact Ken or any booster board member as we want to get started on this as soon as possible.

#### 5) Concessions – Jan Croyle

- Raising money is our goal.
- Have fun, sign up for dates you are available. Even if there is already a long list of names on your date, we may still need you. General call lists are great, but specific events work as well.
- Thank you, thank you, thank you

#### 6) Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner

- Thank you to all band camp volunteers. Major dedication was needed of these parents and it was truly appreciated
- Camp was very successful – many stories to be told
- Sign ups – volunteers are crucial to the success of our band. Please sign up.
- Even though volunteers for chaperones are needed, concessions are our bank roll to the success. Please volunteer for concessions if available.
- Trailer inside is complete and works well.

#### 7) Membership, Secretary News – Diane Steinkerchner

- Minutes from June were available in the newsletter as well as hard copies at the meeting. June minutes approved by Debbie Liddy, seconded by Bob Engler
- Attendance sheets were passed around. Every booster meeting must have record of who was there. Only fill out address, phone, and email if it has changed since last meeting.



- Band notes are sent out to keep parents informed. Sorry if they are redundant for some but most parents appreciate them. Newsletters are sent out to the same emails as band notes. Please let us know if you are not receiving them. If a parent does not have an email but the student does, check with your student – chances are they are getting all the notes and they agreed to pass the info on to Mom or Dad. All notes and announcements are passed out or told to the kids during band practice. If email band notes do not work for your family, be sure to stress to your student that they need to bring home the handouts.
- Membership forms have been passed out to the students and were available at the meeting. In previous years, we charged \$5 and the form needed to be filled out in order to actually be a “booster member”. We have decided to drop the \$5 charge and the fact that your student is in band, that means the parents are automatically members of the band boosters. Instead, the membership form is being used as a general call list for a variety of volunteer events. Please fill one out if you have not already so we know where your specialty and enthusiasm lies.

#### 8) Newsletter – Polly LaHue

- We try hard to email all newsletters to save as many trees as possible and to save postage. If you still want a hard copy mailed to you, contact Polly LaHue and we would be happy to send it to you. As of now, we only mail out 4 newsletters. Everyone else gets the newsletter via email.

#### 9) New Business – Mary Heltzel

- Yard Signs still available. Sign up sheet was available if you still needed one or you can contact Susan Howard or Sandy Meyer.
- Senior night volunteers needed for Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mary Heltzel.
- Red polo shirts (same as your students) – sign up sheet was available or contact Sara Steinkerchner. They will be \$14 and a nice idea for working concessions or chaperoning.
- Concert uniforms – Beth Guenther and Lisa Jones have been working on them. A sheet was passed out concerning returning students as well as freshman. Fittings will start this week and continue next week. Please get appropriate shoes as soon as possible so hemming is correct. Appropriate shoes for girls include closed toe black shoes. Boys are basic black dress shoes. Please have all your returning students try them on at home before bringing them into school for fittings. More info to follow.

#### 10) Steve Hadgis final thought

- Remember for spring trip, students must be eligible 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in order to participate
- First football game will probably have a report time of 4:20pm – little earlier than usual so kids can get into a routine of changing into uniforms.
- Concert uniforms’ cost (\$20,000) was paid by band boosters. It’s amazing what we can do as a group. Please continue to volunteer to keep the success of our program going.

Meeting adjourned 8:34pm – motioned by Beth Guenther, seconded by Susan Feller

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, Wadsworth Band Booster Secretary 8/11/08



## 2008-2009 Band Booster Executive Board

### Officers:

President: *Mary Heltzel*

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Vice-President: *Ken Luna*

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Treasurer: *Kathryn Stark*

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Secretary: *Diane Steinkerchner*

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### Committee Chairs:

Concessions Coordinator: *Jan Croyle*

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Chaperones: *Greg Steinkerchner*

Ways and Means: *Ken Luna*

Newsletter: *Polly LaHue*

Web Site: *Bill Bauer*

Transportation: *Rob Heltzel & Gary Liddy*

Publicity/PR: *Susan Feller*

Uniforms: *Sara Steinkerchner*

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Yard Signs: *Sandy Meyer*

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