



NEWSLETTER

Notes from the desk of Mr. Hadgis...

Dear Band Parents and Students,

We have several upcoming **Pep Band** performances during the month of **February**. It is my goal to have all band students come and play in at least two Pep Band events. This is a way to support our school and the students who are involved in sports activities while promoting instrumental music. But basically, your child should participate simply because it's a lot of fun. So, please encourage your child to get involved. Band students who perform get in for free, may leave after halftime, and get free food & drinks from the concession stands. Please see the schedule below and put the dates on your family calendars:

Feb. 2 – Girls B-Ball Game, 6:30-8:30p.m.

Feb. 6 – Boys B-Ball, 6:00-8:30p.m.

Feb. 13- Boys B-Ball, 6:00-8:30p.m.

Feb. 20- Boys B-Ball, 6:00-8:30p.m.

Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



Monday, Feb. 2, 2009

7:30 PM

WHS Library

Monday, March 2, 2009

7:30 PM

WHS Cafeteria

Attendance required for all Disney-bound students and one parent representative at this meeting!!



SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

On Saturday, **Feb. 7**, Solo & Ensemble Contest will be held at Springfield High School throughout the morning and afternoon. Times TBA. Participants are reminded to: 1) show up about 1 hour before you perform, 2) bring music- your copy & judges copy, 3) bring money to pay your accompanist, 4) know and practice all your scales, 5) and bring your instrument – I know this one seems like a “no-brainer”, but you would be surprised.

Good luck to all of our students who chose to participate in this event. They are the leaders of our band who are working hard to improve themselves and, in turn, help out the whole band with their improved skills.



EXTRA MANDATORY BAND REHEARSALS

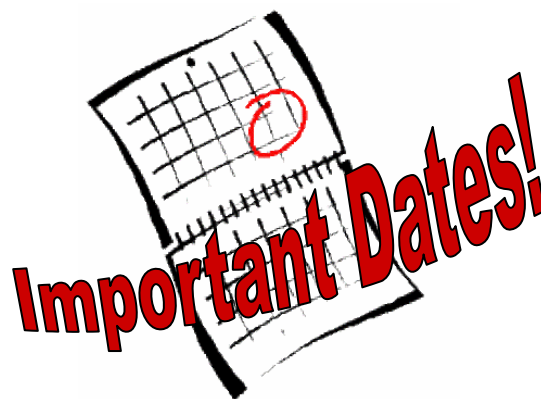
In order to properly prepare for District Contest, Concert & Symphonic Band members will have extra rehearsals after school. I will invite guest conductors (college band directors) to work with the students so that they will get additional advice and training from these respected adjudicator/conductors. We are fortunate to have a Boosters group that will pay for these esteemed professionals to work with your kids. I believe that band students need to experience the talented expertise of these college directors so that they grow as a musician and student. They need to realize that there is much more to learn in the "real world" than *only* what they get from Wadsworth High School. These sessions will challenge and motivate our students to perform up to their potential. Please mark these dates on your family calendar:

Feb. 9 – Concert Band, 5:00-6:30pm.,
Symphonic Band, 6:30-8:00pm.

Feb. 18- Symphonic Band, 5:00-6:30pm.,
Concert Band, 6:30-8:00pm.

Feb. 23- Concert Band, 5:00-6:30pm.,
Symphonic Band, 6:30-8:00pm.

Also... **Mar. 9**- Symphonic Band, 5:00-6:30pm.,
Concert Band, 6:30-8:00pm.



MEDINA COUNTY HONOR BAND

Eleven students have been selected to perform in the Medina Co. Honor Band held on **Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at Brunswick High School. There will be two more rehearsals for these students: Feb. 17, 6:00-8:30pm. at Highland H.S. and Feb. 19, 1:00-4:30pm. at Brunswick H.S. with the concert in the evening on that same day. The guest conductors are: William Bauer, Professor of Music Education at case Western University (a Wadsworthian Band Parent!) and Howard Meeker, Director of Bands at Cleveland State University. Anyone is welcome to attend the concert and admission is free.

DISNEYWORLD PERMISSION FORM & ITINERARY

You will receive a permission form and updated itinerary in February. *Please note that all school rules apply on the trip and that there is a mandatory meeting for all students and at least one of their parents on March 2nd, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the H.S. Cafeteria (Band Boosters meeting).* We will give specific details of the band's performances and other planned events.



If you have any questions or concerns,
please call me at 330-336-4011
or email me at: shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us.

Mr. Hadgis



Fruit Sales Wrap-Up

I would like to say that all the fruit sales are complete and all monies have been paid, but sadly I can't. There are still a half dozen students who have not paid their money for the fruit sales as of this last week. For any students who have not yet paid, the fruit sale amount will be added to their final Disney payment.

On a lighter note, there are students who are still getting money added to their student account from Web Sales of Century Products. We had one student collect almost \$50 for the month of December. Each month, Century sends a check for all the online sales. So be sure to take advantage throughout the year!

The online shopping is available for the rest of the year with Century Resources. Just log on to <http://www.centuryresources.com/shop/index.asp> and enter the school code / ID #17450). Or select the State and City in the drop down boxes and select Wadsworth Band Boosters in the listing. Be sure to enter your student name so credit can be given to your account.—*Ken Luna*

Night at the Races

What an exciting time we had! Amidst the several inches of snow, we managed to keep the show on the road and raised over \$7000 for our kids' trip to Disney. The exact figures will be discussed at our booster meeting on Feb 2nd. I want to thank everybody who helped with the preparation, especially our committee chairs: Donna Beheydt (ads, horses, sponsors), Lynn Sommer (ticket sales), Heather Surratt (silent auction), Polly LaHue,/Barb Crookes (menu), and Ken Luna/Beth Gilleland (tickets, programs, flyers). There were **several** other people who worked very hard on these committees, whether it was selling of ads or helping with desserts or the silent auction items – we really appreciate your active role in this fundraiser because without your help, this night would never have happened. Thank you, thank you.

I also need to thank the overwhelming number of volunteers that helped that night. There was a lot of hustle and bustle by many of you to make this a great night for all. I think it was a great night for those attending as well as those volunteering and all of our kids won in the end.

Any thoughts you would like to share on this fundraiser are always welcome. There have been a lot of discussions as to whether we should do this every year. If you are interested in coordinating future "Night at the Races," please let us know.

Thanks again,
Diane Steinkerchner





Many thanks go to Diane Steinkerchner for the immense amount of time and planning she put into the Night at the Races. This event raised more than \$7,000, and, as a result, every student going on the Disney trip will receive an additional \$50 off their final payment. Diane came up with the idea for the Night at the Races, and everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks again, Diane!



Disney World Awaits!

*Attention all Disney-bound students! The final payment must be made **IN FULL** by **February 27**. Thanks to a successful Night at the Races fundraiser, the Wadsworth Band Boosters are able to pay \$50 for each student! Therefore, each student will owe \$100 (instead of \$150!) by February 27. **Any outstanding amounts from previous payment dates must be paid at that time as well.***



Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, January 5, 2009

6:30pm WHS Library

Attendance – 27

- 1) Mary Heltzel called to order and thanked for attending and adjusting to time change.
- 2) Steve Hadgis report
 - Solo and Ensemble – up to 30 solos/ensembles.
 - Money due and paid for by students
 - Accompanists will be found but students are responsible for paying them as well.
 - We had to change payment protocol for several reasons: boosters were paying for students who didn't show up; it will make the students invest more time if money was out of their pocket; and as the band gets bigger, the cost for the boosters gets higher.
 - At Springfield High School on Feb 7th – students need to let Mr Hadgis know if they would prefer morning or afternoon time slots
 - CDs for marching season are available for \$1
 - Students raised \$500 for families at Christmas
 - Pep Band – we need to encourage freshmen participation. We play at some boy's as well as girl's basketball games. It is fun for everyone involved.
 - Jazz Band will perform Wed at the Galaxy for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party.
 - We have a new student teacher – Ryan Bonnets. He is a sax player and will be a great asset to our program.
- 3) Financials - Kathryn Stark
 - Obvious decrease in money coming in from basketball as compared to football.
 - Jan 12th – 3rd payment for Disney is due. Please make arrangements with Kathryn if payment will be late. Boosters still pay the full payment to Disney even if the student has not.
 - Financials approved by Bob Engler and seconded by Ken Stout
- 4) Fund Raisers – Ken Luna
 - Thanks for all your help unloading. We had 7 pallets of fruit which is the most to date.
 - Still a few students that need to pay for fruit.
 - All fruit and catalog funds are now posted into student accounts (provided all is paid up).
 - Night at the Races
 - Finishing up final touches tonight

Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes—*continued*

- Donna Beheydt said we had over \$2000 accounted for through sponsors, ads, and horse sales.
 - Lynn Sommer said we had about 150 tickets sold. Any unsold tickets need to be returned.
 - Barb Crookes said snacks, cups, and ice will be purchased soon. Band families to donate desserts to decrease cost
 - Door sales will start at 7:30pm for \$25
- 5) Minutes from November and December were approved by Ken Stout and Ray Howard.
- 6) Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner
- Big thank you to parent volunteers that helped unload equipment at the high school after the concert.
 - The list of Disney chaperone volunteers has been given to Mr Hadgis. The final list of names will be available as soon as Mr Hadgis has a chance to review.
- 7) Concessions – Jan Croyle
- Fall concessions show a 14% increase from 2006 to now.
 - Basketball games – we are finding less people eating; girl's games are showing an increase of drinks consumed.
 - Still need volunteers for concessions for Sat, Jan 10 (same night as Night at the Races) as well as Sunday's wrestling meet.
- 8) Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner
- The master volunteer list has been updated. Please continue to volunteer.
- 9) Concert Uniforms
- Betsy Dyer offered to run the concert uniform committee. Please let her know if you are interested in helping her.
- 10) May Banquet is slated for Friday, May 8 in the WMS cafeteria.
- Need a volunteer(s) for the end of the year video.

Final thoughts from Mr Hadgis:

1. Summer Calendar is available
2. Please read emails and reply to the corresponding person noted in the email. Not everything needs to go through Diane. She is the messenger but is not always the writer of the emails.
3. We wanted to thank Mike and Lynn Sommer, again, for donating the vinyls for the trailer and Ken Luna for the design.

Next meeting will be February 2nd in the library at 7:30pm



2008-2009 Band Booster Executive Board

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