



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Band Parents and Students,

March is, according to the Music Educators national Conference, "Music in Our Schools Month," and we certainly have a busy schedule. Our Winter Concert on March 3<sup>rd</sup> was very successful. We performed to a standing-room-only crowd and our OMEA Judges, Mr. Ken Holzworth (one of our band parents) and Mr. Scott Curfman, Kent State University Assistant Band Director, gave favorable comments as well as ways to improve before we perform at Districts.

## ***DISTRICT BAND CONTEST***

District Band Contest will be held at Copley High School Sat., March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Concert Band Performs at 10:30 am. and the Symphonic Band performs at 1:00 p.m. Parents must show up early in order to get in their seats before the doors close precisely at the indicated times. Once the doors close,

parents will not be able to enter the performance area until the performance is over (not even at applause between selections). Doors open at WHS Band room: 7:30 a.m. Attendance taken 8:00 a.m. Bus leaves at: 8:10 a.m. Return to WHS 3:00 p.m.

## ***HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS***

Many band students are performing in the high school musical, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, this year, either on stage or in the Pit Orchestra. The performance dates are March 26, 27, & 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at O.J. Work Auditorium. I hope everyone comes out to support this enjoyable event that puts the Band, Drama, and Choir students together in the same production.



## ***APPLEBEE'S DINING TO DONATE***

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Applebee's Dining to Donate event. The Band Boosters earned \$373.62 for the evening. An additional thank you to Applebee's!

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



**Monday, April 13, 2009**

**7:30 PM**

**WHS Library**



*DISNEY WORLD TRIP*

In this newsletter, you will find information and permission slips regarding the Disney World, Florida trip on April 22-26. Permission forms should have already been turned in, but if you didn't turn it in yet, please fill out the form immediately and turn it in tomorrow! If you have any questions or concerns, please call me (Mr. Hadgis) at 330-336-4011 or email me at: [shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us).

In addition to the Disney permission slip, an itinerary is included in this newsletter. The itinerary is subject to change, and has been revised from the one you may have received at the March Band Booster meeting. You will also find information regarding luggage check-in for Wednesday morning and after school. **If you did not attend the meeting and/or did not receive the handouts, it is imperative that you visit the Band Booster website ([www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com)) and review additional information regarding this trip. This information includes:** Bus Rules, Hotel Rules, Cell Phones, General Rules, Promptness, Dress Code, Unlawful Acts, Code of Conduct and Miscellaneous Details. Please review these items with your student prior to the trip.

*SOUP & JAZZ*

The Jazz Band will perform at the charity fundraiser "Soup & Jazz" at the Trinity Lutheran Church social hall in downtown Wadsworth on March 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Restaurants in Wadsworth will compete for the "Best Soup" award and the patrons will get other entrees, as well. All proceeds go the Faith in Action Medina County Caregivers. Tickets are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors & Students, and FREE to children under 6. There will be a silent auction and one of the items is a basketball signed by all the members of the Cleveland Cavaliers! This is a great night out with great food and music. Come vote for your favorite soup and restaurant and help raise money for a good cause.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.—*Mr. Hadgis*

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## News from Century Products



We had another student receive \$18 in their student account for web sales check from Century Resources. Just a reminder that web sales are still available until next October! Tell all your friends and relatives! You can always find the link to the Century Website from the Band Boosters website.

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## Band Card Committee to form

We would like to form a committee to help out with the 2009-10 Band Card. In addition to the committee chair, additional people are needed for soliciting vendors. This year we would like to entertain news ideas for increasing either the amount of cards sold or the profit per card. New ideas are needed for the type of cards, ie restaurant only vs. current type, or package deals.

The Band Card is the ideal way of earning the most money possible for your students account since the majority of the proceeds benefit the student. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Ken Luna via email [kenluna@wadsworthband.com](mailto:kenluna@wadsworthband.com) or by phone 330-475-7091.





**Wadsworth High School Band  
Trip to Disney World – Orlando, Florida - April 22 – 26, 2009**

**PERMISSION FORM**

**Return to Mr. Hadgis by Friday, March 6, 2009**

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Wadsworth High School Band Trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on April 22 – 26, 2009. I have read all the material published regarding the Disney World trip and agree to all the rules and guidelines set by the directors, the Wadsworth Administration, and Board of Education.

I understand the procedures, policies on hotel guidelines, student behavior, proper uniform dress code and school dress code, loading and unloading equipment, etc. I expect my child to be respectable and polite throughout this trip, to pay attention to chaperones and directors, and to listen and follow directions.

If my child is responsible for any theft or vandalism during this trip, I, the parent, will pay the cost.

If my child disobeys any school policy, the Wadsworth Administration will follow due process that will result in issuing proper punishment. If the infraction warrants a suspension, I understand that my child may be sent home on the first available flight at my expense, and will face further disciplinary action from the school administration.

I understand that my child’s suitcase will be searched on Wednesday morning (4/22/2009) while he/she is in class by the chaperones and that I may be present if I choose to be present during the search.

It is recommended that each student take at least \$50 - \$60 for food and an additional amount for souvenirs.

SIGNATURE OF LEGAL

PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

***PERMISSION TO SWIM***

I give permission for my child to swim at the Radisson Worldgate Hotel at 3011 Maingate Lane in Kissimmee, Florida 34747. I understand that the chaperones will supervise this activity. I do not hold the Directors, The Wadsworth Board of Education, or the Wadsworth Administration responsible for any injuries resulting from swimming.

SIGNATURE OF LEGAL

PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



Wadsworth High School Band

At Disneyworld – Orlando, Florida

April 22 – 26, 2009

Steve Hadgis, Band Director

Dana Hire, Assistant Director

Ryan Bonitz, Student Teacher

Steve Moore, Associate Principal



All students and parents are expected to read every sentence in this packet so that all rules and procedures are understood. The reputation of the Wadsworth High School Band members is stellar. We expect that our students will be respectful, courteous, and follow all rules and guidelines set by the Wadsworth High School administration, the directors, and the chaperones. The Rules & Guidelines are established to help protect the students from harm and prevent the any unacceptable behavior. All school rules apply to this trip. Parents and students also should review the Student Code of Conduct that was given to all students on the first day of school in their planner book.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Hotel: Radisson Worldgate
3011 Maingate Lane
Kissimmee, FL 34747
Front Desk: (407) 396-1400

Tour Co.: New Horizons Tour & Travel, Inc.
1-800-327-4695

Head Chaperones:

Greg Steinkerchner cell phone (330) 958-1504
Diane Steinkerchner cell phone (330) 814-1239

Our Chaperones: Listed Alphabetically

- Carla Auffenburg, Jan Croyle, Warren Croyle, Dianne Duckworth, Kim Long, Ken Luna, Katie McCourt, Lisa McLean, Jerry McLean, Phil Scozzaro, Scarlett Semprini, Lynn Sommer, Greg Steinkerchner, Diane Steinkerchner, Ken Stout, Laurie White



Student Tours 1-800-327-4695

**GROUP NAME:** WADSWORTH H.S. BAND Professional Tour Director—TBA  
**DESTINATION:** ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
**DATES OF TOUR:** APRIL 22-26, 2009  
 Todd Wessel - Sales Manager Emily Wagner – Tour Manager

### ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

1:45 p.m. Chartered motor coaches arrive at Wadsworth HS to begin loading (Included)

3:00 p.m. Depart for Orlando

*Please note: Estimated drive time to Orlando, Florida is 16 ¼ hours without stops. Adding 4 ¼ hours for driver change, meal and rest stops, estimated drive time is 20 ½ hours. (Dinner & Breakfast on own)*

**STUDENTS are expected to sleep through the night. This will be the only rest they get before they tour Disney's Hollywood Studios the next day. We also expect students to have a change of clothes – socks & underwear too - in their carry-on along with antiperspirant.**

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

11:30 a.m. Arrive at Orlando, FL

**\*\*\*Meet your Professional Tour Director at the Disney Park\*\*\***

11:45 a.m. Disney's Hollywood Studios (Included)

Lunch: on own

**Dinner: Disney Meal Voucher (Included)**

10:00 p.m. Depart for hotel (time – TBA)

10:30 p.m. Hotel Check In: **Radisson Worldgate (407) 396-1400 (Included)**

**3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34747**

11:00 p.m. **(2) Security Guards on Duty from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:15 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet at the hotel (Included)**

8:15 a.m. Board coaches for departure

8:30 a.m. Depart for **Auxiliary Educational Workshop – Color Guard ONLY** (All other Band members will be dropped off at Epcot after this drop off.)

8:45 a.m. Color Guard arrive at the "Hippo" rehearsal rooms 4 & 5 in the Wardrobe Building for Disney's Animal Kingdom



**ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24 (Continued)**

- 9:00 a.m. **Disney Educational Workshop for the Wadsworth HS Color Guard: "Auxilaration!" (Included)**
- 12:30 p.m. **Visit Epcot for the day (Included)**  
Lunch (on own)  
**Dinner: Disney Meal Voucher (Included)**
- 5:00 p.m. Band Students report to coaches and depart for Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at rehearsal facility at the Disney Event Group Building
- 6:00 p.m. **Disney Educational Workshop for the Wadsworth HS Band: "You're Instrumental!" (Included) NO Color Guard**
- 10:30 p.m. Depart for hotel after the Illuminations Show (time – TBA)
- 11:00 p.m. **(2) Security Guards on Duty from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

- Students will dress in formal uniforms before breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet at the hotel (Included)**
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for Magic Kingdom
- 9:15 a.m. **Disney's Magic Kingdom (Included)**  
Lunch (on own)
- Time -TBA Wadsworth HS Symphonic Band performance at the Future World West Stage at Epcot (near the Imagination Pavillion at Innoventions West)**  
**Dinner: Disney Meal Voucher (Included)**
- 11:00 p.m. Depart for Ohio after evening show (depending on scheduling)  
*Please note: Estimated drive time to Wadsworth, Ohio 16 ¼ hours without stops. Adding 4 ¼ hours for meal and rest stops, estimated drive time is 20 ½ hours. Breakfast and lunch en route to Ohio – on own.*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

- 7:45 p.m. Arrive at Wadsworth High School

**ALL STUDENTS WILL GO TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 27  
AND TURN IN HOMEWORK EARLY OR ON TIME  
NO EXCEPTIONS  
NO EXCUSES  
WE ARE A NO EXCUSE TEAM**

**Baggage**

Wadsworth Board of Education and staff, Wadsworth Band Booster, Directors and Chaperones are not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced items. Baggage and equipment handling is the responsibility of each student. The Chaperones are there to guide the process of loading and unloading, but not to do the work for the student. ALL students must unload their own instrument.

All luggage, carry-on bags, instruments must be tagged with the nametags supplied by New Horizons with students' name, address, phone number, AND Wadsworth Band. Never leave your belongings unattended and do not leave purses or wallets in your hotel room when you are not there. You must take a PHOTO I.D. with you.

Personal game boys, mp3 players, or similar "small" items are permitted BUT remember, we are not responsible for anything lost or stolen while on the trip. Play station, x-box, or similar "larger" items are not allowed. NO DVD Players allowed.

**Suggested/\*Required items to take:****Luggage:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*1 garment bag for TUX or DRESS (Name tag required)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*1 small suitcase (Name Tag required)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 carry on for bus (Name Tag required) - no drinks, no opened snacks -Band Boosters supply drinks
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Instrument (Name Tag required) – concert & symphonic
- \_\_\_\_\_ Small pillow/small blanket will be allowed but 1 blanket for 1 person at any time

**Performance clothes needed:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Men – TUX: That also means all Black shoes, black socks, tux shirt, bow tie, cummerbund, coat, pants and studs
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*Women – CONCERT DRESS: That also means all black closed-toe shoes, black/nude nylons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attire for WORKSHOP: You may wear your regular casual clothes from this session. HOWEVER, Students MUST follow the \*WHS school dress code (i.e., no holes, proper tops, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other clothes - comfortable shoes, 1 or 2 jeans (no holes) or cargo type pants (no sweats), or shorts, 2 shirts, socks and undergarments as needed, Pjs, jacket or sweat shirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR GUARD: Performance clothes TBA after meeting with directors. Meeting TBA.

**Also needed:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hygiene materials including deodorant, toothbrush/paste, contact case/solution or glasses, face cleansers, shavers, feminine products, hair care products (minimal please), shampoo, soap - remember, hotel has shampoo and soap. All articles should be in smallest bottles available - no larger than 4 oz and clearly marked what's in it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Money** - \$50 - \$60 person (enough for 5 meals - lunches) plus souvenir money
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camera - disposable with your name on it is suggested

**Medical:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Forms filled out prior to trip (meds/form to be given to chaperone in charge Wed. 7AM)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prescription meds need to be in original bottles properly labeled. **Prescription form needed!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Over-The Counter items (i.e., Dramamine, etc.) - smallest available in original unopened bottles - each bottle labeled with student's name - please try to purchase smallest available as we have 167 people going – all buses full!) **OTC Form Needed!**

*IF YOU SIGN THE "For Certain Medications Listed OVER-THE-COUNTER-MEDICATION" form, (THIS FORM DIFFERS FROM THE ABOVE OTC FORM!) this gives chaperones permission to give proper dosages of Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprofen (Motrin), Diphenhydramine (Benadryl), and Calcium Carbonate tablets (TUMS) that will be provided by the Band Boosters.*



### Luggage check-in on Wednesday (4/22) 7AM

As students arrive Wednesday morning, chaperones will place colored stickers (based on bus number) on name tags of all luggage/cases. Boys' and girls' luggage will be separated at that time so Female Chaperones can thoroughly search girls' bags and Male Chaperones can thoroughly search boys' bags. After the students' place their bags in the designated areas and turn in any medicine needed for the trip, they are excused from the band room and are to report to their first period.

**\*\*Any medicine (prescription or over-the-counter) will be checked in (with appropriate med form signed by parent) to the assigned chaperone as No student will be allowed to have ANY medicine on their person at ANY time throughout the trip unless specifically authorized by such chaperone in charge.**

By law, Mr. Hadgis must take preventative measures regarding illegal drugs/alcohol and weapons to protect the students involved on this trip. We certainly hope and expect that no band student would attempt to take illegal drugs/alcohol or weapons. However, we, as school employees and parent helpers, must legally insure that we have done our best to eliminate any chance of this happening. Therefore, we will search every piece of luggage/bag/case **thoroughly** Wednesday morning after the students report to their first period class. Our administrators will handle any problems if they come up. We assume that all parents are pleased to know that we are doing our best to enforce school policy in order to keep their child safe on this trip.

Once luggage is checked, absolutely no student will be allowed in their luggage/garment bag/instrument case until arrival at the hotel. Carry on bags will be checked as the student loads the bus.

### Wednesday 2:40 p.m. check-in:

As the students report to the band room, any further inspection of luggage will take place if need be. The chaperones are responsible for checking the students onto their designated bus and for inspecting any bags the student is carrying onto the bus. NO student is permitted onto the bus UNLESS their carry on bags have been inspected - NO EXCEPTIONS. All pockets must be emptied and inspected before boarding the bus.

There will be 5-6 chaperones assigned to each bus (at least 2 sitting in the back, 2 in the middle, and 2 in the front of the bus). While on the bus, those 5-6 chaperones are responsible for the kids on that particular bus. Once all the students are seated in their assigned seats on the bus, the chaperones will physically go up and down the aisle, checking off names to faces. We will do this each and every time we load the buses. When and only when, all students are physically accounted for, will the chaperones give the OK and the buses will pull out.





## *Night at the Races Wrap-Up*

We have had great positive feedback on our fundraiser "Night at the Races." We raised over \$7,000 for our first time which is fantastic. We are interested in doing this fundraiser every year to help pay for band camp but we are in need of a chairperson to organize the event as well as volunteers for subcommittees. If you can help us out, please contact Diane Steinkerchner and she will give you more details.

Email at [gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com](mailto:gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com) or call (330) 336-7568.

### **Band Establishes Flower Fund**

*Our band spends so much time together that we all have become family. When a death in the family occurs, we are all affected. With this, we are establishing a "flower fund" to be used to send flowers for students in our band when a death in the immediate family occurs. Because of everyone's generosity, we are able to show how much we care.*



#### Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2009

7:30pm WHS Library

Attendance – 25

- 1) Mary Heltzel called to order and thanked everyone for attending wishing everyone "Happy Groundhog's Day."
- 2) Steve Hadgis report
  - Disney – performance schedule is still being finalized with the tour company.
    - Major problem with parents paying outstanding bills. We have \$17,000 outstanding for Disney alone. Wadsworth Band Boosters is not a bank. We have to pay Disney even if a parent has not paid, so we are in a big financial hole because Kent State Band Camp 2008 now has to be paid. Please pay ASAP.
    - Please check with Kathryn Stark if you have any questions regarding payments or if fund raising checks have cleared.
  - Volunteers needed for districts as well as moving concert equipment back to the high school after March 3<sup>rd</sup> concert.
  - Steve Hadgis will be contacting parents soon for Disney chaperones.



Minutes, continued

- Pep Band – so many cancelled games – only have 4 games left.
- Night Rehearsals – necessary as we invite college band directors to help
- Medina County Honors Band will perform on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at Brunswick High School
- Concert coming up in March with Middle School and High School bands
- Again, final Disney trip payment is due by Feb 27. Any outstanding bill (Disney or otherwise) must be paid in order to go on the trip.
- Jazz Band – Green High School on Feb 28
  - All day long, jazz bands play – free and all are invited.
  - Evening performance required a ticket – I believe they are available at the door.
- Solo and Ensemble – Sat Feb 7th

3) Financials - Kathryn Stark

- Income – so much of our income comes from concessions so please continue to volunteer.
- Expenses – we paid for shoes from 2007, tympani heads, repairs to many school instruments, helium for balloons, and music enrichment from Ryan Louie for WMS and WHS.
- We have only been able to “loan” money to students/parents because Kent State Band Camp 2008 bill has not been paid. The bill is now due and the \$17,000 of unpaid bills is needed to cover the cost of this bill. Updated amounts for student accounts are available in the band room along with the transfer slips needed if you are using your student’s account.
- Financials approved by Susan Howard and seconded by Bob Engler

4) Fund Raisers – Ken Luna

- Still a few students that need to pay for fruit. Any money owed will be deducted from student accounts or added to their Disney charge. It must be paid before going on the trip.
- Band Card Committee needed:
  - We are looking to form a committee to work on this project – preferably parents with sales experience.
  - We are hoping to have card sales in June verses August so that money earned will be available for band camp.
  - We did sell more this year than last year but we want to change it up.
  - We are also looking into setting up a booth at the Blue Tip Festival.
  - Last year, we printed 2,500 cards and we have about 600 left that we can still sell for \$5 if anybody wants one.



Minutes, continued

5) Concessions – Jan Croyle

- We have 5 games left in February and 13 open slots to fill. We called 23 parents who have not volunteered and were unable to fill those spots. Please help us out.

6) Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner

- Volunteers needed for districts as well as moving concert equipment back to the high school after March 3<sup>rd</sup> concert.
- Steve Hadgis will be contacting parents soon for Disney chaperones.

7) Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner

- Volunteer events are still part of our discussions. Although we have 79% of the band that volunteered for 1 event, only 49% of the band has volunteered their 5 events. Along with that, only 2% of the band (not counting booster board members or committee chairs) has volunteered over 15 events. Although the 79% of the band volunteering for 1 event is far better than previous years, we still expect every student's family to work 5 events. Our band program requires parent help on so many levels, and everyone's help is needed to keep this program a success. Board members and committee chairs, along with 2% of the band simply cannot get the job done. We need each of you to talk to fellow band parents and encourage everyone to help out. If everybody helps out, it only takes a little time from everyone. When only 2% of the band is doing that much work, it is overwhelming. Unfortunately, 2% of the band cannot continue to carry the weight of the whole band. We honestly don't want to have to cut down on band activities as these contribute to making our band special. We need you to continue to help and get involved in getting others to help.
    - Google Group will now be used as the format for band notes. You will not be able to reply to the band note. Instead, band notes requiring a response will have an email link to the appropriate person in the body of the band note.
    - Night at the Races made more than \$7,000. Specifics on money out/money in are available if you would like to see them. Several requests have been made to make this an annual event or at least a biannual event. Detailed notes have been taken as well as suggestions for improvement and all of this is in a binder for future reference. Anybody interested in chairing this event in the future, please contact me and I will be happy to go over everything with you.
- 8) Minutes – approved by Lynn Sommer and Susan Howard
- 9) Next booster meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is a required meeting for parents and students going to Disney.
- Because of the choir concert, we are moving the meeting up to 6:15pm in the cafeteria.
  - One parent along with your student is required to attend.

Next meeting will be March 2nd in the cafeteria at 6:15pm

Meeting was adjourned. Motioned by Ray Howard, seconded by Ken Stout.

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, secretary of Wadsworth Band Boosters



## 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*

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