



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Congratulations to our Concert & Symphonic Bands for receiving a Superior Rating of a "1" at District Band Contest held at Copley High School on March 14. This is the sixth year in a row that the Symphonic Band has received a "1" rating in Class A. Special recognition is given to the Concert Band for moving up a class, to Class B, and earning the "1" rating. This is the first time in Wadsworth's history that the Concert Band received a "1" rating in Class B.

I also want to congratulate our 27 band students who participated in the high school musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." It is a pleasure to see the many talents that our band kids possess. On stage, singing, dancing, and acting were: Nate Ott, Jonathan Hill, Jason Pappas, Andrew Slota, Jackie Meyer, Adam Roser, Amanda Stoner, and Nate Haas. Performers in the Pit Band were: Lauren Harbaugh, Rochelle Rodrigo, Ashley Martinez, Caitlin Guenther, Ali Heltzel, Alessandra Tawney, Elliott Thacker, Nicole Vance, Taylor Gilger, Allen Mathis, Scott McLean, Evan Steinkerchner, Rachel Crislip, Jon West, Liz Josifov, Ryan Croyle, Ben Carpinello, Mike Petrak, and Anthony Gilleland. It was truly a professional presentation and a pleasure to watch.

## Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



**Monday, April 13, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**WHS Library**

## ***GETTING READY FOR DISNEY***

**Musically:** Students need to possess a serious attitude about practicing their instrument at home. I have seen a lack preparation for class each day by the majority of students after our successful performances at District Band Contest, held on March 14. Perhaps some are looking forward to Spring Break. This lackadaisical attitude **MUST CHANGE** in order for us to be successful on the band trip to Florida. Our Board of Education was most generous in allowing us two school days off to participate in a special recording session. The whole intent of going to Disney World is to get an educational experience by "preparing" and performing at a high level of achievement. There are several students who do prepare properly each day to play their part in band, but the majority cannot play the music that was passed out a couple of weeks ago. We are now "getting down to the wire" with only 1 ½ weeks of practice left after Spring Break, before we leave for Florida. If students don't practice over their Spring Break, then our chances of true success diminish greatly.

So parents, please help me to motivate, stimulate.... get your children to practice on their Spring Break so that we will be able to succeed and bring back a studio recording that our community can be proud of. There will be graded music testing after spring break from Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17 in class by the band directors. Students will be called on at any time to play their music for one of the directors. The music selections students will be tested on include:

Summon the Heroes

Chronicles of Narnia

Irish Tune from County Derry

Gershwin

His Honor

Thank you for helping me to keep your children on task. It is imperative that our Wadsworth Band students are prepared and represent our school and community well.



### ***CONCERT UNIFORM***

Please make sure that your concert uniform is cleaned and that you purchase a garment bag to hold it with your name, address, phone, and school information on it. **PURCHASING A GARMENT BAG FOR YOUR UNIFORM IS A REQUIREMENT.** If you cannot afford to purchase one, call me, Mr. Hadgis immediately at 330-336-4011 or email me at [shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us) . Also please check that buttons, zippers, cummerbunds and hems are all secure and intact. The trip is coming soon and you don't want to get caught at the last minute running around to get everything you need.

### ***MONEY FOR MEALS***

Please send \$60 or more with your child to pay for meals throughout the trip. Some students may need more depending on how much they eat.

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

***Mr. Hadgis***

**Disney Bound!**  
**Have a wonderful time—from the**  
**Wadsworth Band Boosters**





## *Dining to Donate!*

We will be holding a Bob Evans Community Fun Night Fundraiser on Monday, April 20th 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Anyone who eats dinner that evening and brings in a flier will help the band earn 15% of their bill. Even if it's only a cup of coffee and dessert we still get 15%. Fliers will be handed out at the next Booster meeting, and will be emailed as soon as they become available. Give them to grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, family friends, church friends... the more we push this the more money we will make- ----and besides----who doesn't like to fill up their belly???



*The last fundraiser, Dining to Donate with Applebee's netted \$373.62!  
Lets see if we can earn even more this time!*

## *Save the Date*

*Please mark your calendars ~  
The Band Banquet will be held on  
Friday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the  
Wadsworth Middle School Cafetorium.  
Invitations will be going out soon.  
Please RSVP by April 28th.*



**Reminder . . .**



Parents—please make sure you have read the Disney World trip packet so you can plan ahead for your student's clothing needs. Also make sure all necessary forms have been completed and turned in!

**A little planning and preparation goes a long way!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Congratulations to both the Concert and Symphonic Bands on their performance and Superior "1" ratings at District Band Contest at Copley High School on Saturday, March 14th.

**GREAT JOB!**



**END OF THE YEAR VIDEO**



Please submit pictures of band students at band events,

in CD, email or photograph form, to:



**Susan Feller at [sfeller1@neo.rr.com](mailto:sfeller1@neo.rr.com)**



## Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, March 2, 2009

6:15pm WHS Cafeteria

Attendance – 136

1.) **Mary Heltzel** called to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Reminder was made to sign attendance sheets and take Disney packets.

2.) **Financials – Kathryn Stark**

Updated reports were available.

You must sign a “Student Account Request” form for money to be taken out of student accounts.

Concessions are finished for the year

Financials approved by Bob Engler and Susan Howard

3.) **Steve Moore—Disney Trip – Expectations of Behavior**

o This was approved as an “Academic Trip” while also being lots of fun.

o It is a school function and all school rules apply from Wednesday leaving the school parking lot and continue through Sunday as we arrive back to Wadsworth.

If there is “Trouble”, a phone call will be placed to the parents and they will have to come get their child or make arrangements for a plane trip home – at parent’s expense.

***Suspension offenses***

- Theft – period. (Includes candy)
- Public Display of Affection (PDA) – any shape or form at hotel or park.
- Don’t do anything stupid or student will be sent home at parent’s expense.
- Respect – “To Be Determined” by Mr Moore. Respect is a must to chaperones, hotel employees, and so on. Mr Moore will determine whether the offense is severe enough to send student home or to have them sit on the bus for 2 days (or sit with Mr Hadgis for 2 days).
- Drugs, alcohol, fire arms – will be expulsion from Wadsworth City Schools.
- Part of the reason Mr Moore was convinced that this was a good trip was because the last few trips, there have been no problems. Mr Moore then convinced Mr Magnacca who then convinced Mr Fortner and the school board. If behavior on this trip is not good, don’t even consider another trip for the next 10 years.
- This is not a typical family vacation. It is a school function with 148 family members.
- All band members **must report** to school on Monday, April 27 at 7:37AM. This was very important for school board approval.
- Homework – get it done prior to the trip. Ask your teachers early – do not wait until Wednesday of the trip.

4.) **Steve Hadgis report**

Please make sure you sign the attendance sheets so you don’t get a phone call.

***Disney Trip information:***

- It will be lots of fun for the students. We have had to reprimand at football games but never on a trip. Please understand that one person can ruin trips for the whole band.

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- Great experience – both musically and culturally
- Not a vacation – this is why we have guidelines and expect the students to follow them. Parents, discuss this with your student's to make sure they understand the severity of consequences.
- Phone numbers will be available if you need to contact Mr Hadgis at any point during the trip.

***Trip Itinerary:***

- Wednesday/Thursday – sleep in mandatory on the bus.
  - Deodorant is mandatory in student's carry-on
  - No sharing of blankets or pillows
  - Please bring \$50-\$60 minimum for meals not provided.
- Friday – band will be at Epcot
  - Color guard will have workshop in the morning
  - Band will have workshop in the evening
  - Workshop for band includes 2 hours to learn the music and match it to the movie. They critique and pressure as if it were a professional band.
- Saturday – perform in the park in concert attire
  - They will have several microphones, etc., as it is professionally done
  - All band members are referred to as “symphonic band”
  - We will get 1 recording and make copies for everyone.
- Baggage – kids are in charge of their own luggage. They must listen for directions as to not waste time.
- No DVD players or Xbox as this is not band camp.
- Movies to play while on buses must be at least PG-13 and need approval prior to the trip.
- Sleep will be required the 1<sup>st</sup> night on the buses as we have to spend the next day at the park without checking into the hotel. They need their sleep to perform as this is an academic trip.
- Garment bags are required – Saturday's clothes need to be put in a garment bag prior to leaving hotel Saturday morning and concert attire will go into bag after their performance.
- Forms – permission slip, Rx form, OTC form, and (new this year) an OTC for certain medications form. They are all available online on [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com).
- Permission slips must be filled out as soon as possible.
- Rx and OTC med forms must be filled out and turned in with appropriate meds Wed AM, April 22.
- OTC for certain meds form may be turned in any time. The meds will be provided by the Band Boosters.

***Luggage check in:***

- Bring luggage to band room Wed morning before school. Luggage will be tagged with colored stickers to designate which bus (make sure all luggage has name tags on provided by the tour company).
- All luggage will be placed in certain areas separated boys verses girls. Men chaperones will check boys' luggage; Women chaperones will check girls' luggage.
- If parents want luggage checked in their presence, find a chaperone. If not, luggage will be checked once the students go to class.
- Every nook and cranny of the luggage will be checked. Carry-ons will be checked prior to students getting on the buses.

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- Water, Pop, and Gatorade will be provided by the boosters. No students will be allowed to bring drinks onto the bus at the start of the trip. Once we stop, students will be permitted to buy drinks at rest areas and bring onto bus. The tour company frowns on taking cans or drinks without screw lids onto the bus (including coffee cups). They strongly encourage all drinks be in plastic bottles with screw lids.
  - Snacks are allowed as long as they are unopened while boarding the buses initially.
  - Meclizine (Dramamine) is highly encouraged if your student gets car sick at all as we will be traveling through mountains during our bus trip. Please fill out the OTC form and provide the medicine so we don't have to call you at 3AM to get your permission.
  - Guys and Girls will not be allowed to sit coed on the buses or room together. PDA rules will strictly be enforced with immediate suspension as a consequence as well as arrangements made to pick up your student at parent's expense. Please discuss with student. This also means no visiting in opposite sex's room. If one foot enters the opposite sex's room, it violates our PDA rules and consequences will follow.
  - No flash photography allowed on the buses.
  - Please make sure all students clean trash as we go.
  - No aerosol sprays or spritzers on the bus. It is also recommended that students do not spray right before entering the buses as some kids are highly allergic and we do not want them to have to sit on the bus with high levels of perfumes.
  - Disney will check purses, etc. upon entering the park – remember, less is better.
  - Once we enter the park, buses will be locked up and no one will be able to go back to the buses at any time.
  - Hotel – please be relatively quiet through the halls and in rooms as we are not the only patrons staying there. Sprinklers in the rooms are not there to hang things on – do not touch them. Any alarm that goes off, the front desk will get a report as to where it was set off and severe consequences will follow if alarm was set off by our students “by accident”.
  - Cell phone usage – They must be turned off during clinics and performances. They will get taken away until the following Monday if rules are not followed – period. No phone calls/texting from midnight to 6AM every night unless it is an emergency.
  - Swimming—PDA is not allowed. Modest swim suits only and cover ups are required when walking to and from the pool. We will only have time to swim if the hotel will keep it open late. Please respect all hotel employees.
  - Promptness on any occasion is crucial – whether it be in the morning to load buses or meeting your chaps during the day while at the park.
  - Dress code will be enforced. That includes rules dealing with spaghetti straps and tank tops to holes in pants and t-shirts. Please don't make this an issue.
  - ***Permission forms state that “you will pay the cost” if consequences include picking up your student in Florida due to disciplinary actions.***
- 5.) **Flower Fund**—Since our students spend so much time together, most of them refer to band as their second family. With the death of one of our students, a flower fund will be set up to send flowers to the family to show that we do care. Thank you for your generosity.
- 6.) **Fund Raisers – Ken Luna**  
“Dining to Donate” at Applebee's will be March 10<sup>th</sup>. 15% of all sales, including carry out, will be donated to the band. A form is necessary but we cannot pass them out on their property. A copy is available via a band note as well as the website. Bob Evans will hopefully follow in April.

*Minutes, continued*

- Band Card Committee needed: We are looking to form a committee to work on this project – preferably parents with sales experience. Please contact Ken Luna as soon as possible.
- We are hoping to have card sales in June verses August so that money earned will be available for band camp.
- We are looking for lots of worthwhile vendors
- Century link online is still active for friends and family for catalog sales.

**7.) Concessions – Jan Croyle**

- We had 648 spots to fill for concessions. Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping out.
- Remember to help next year as well.

**8.) Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner**

- Contest chaperones are needed for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Copley. Concert Band plays in the morning and Symphonic Band plays at 1 pm. Please attend to lend support to our kids.
- Concert help in moving equipment would be appreciated.

**9.) Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner**

- A volunteer is needed to head the Night at the Races fundraiser if we are going to do this annually. A binder has been put together with all the notes taken and Diane will be available for any questions.
- Motion to approve last months minutes by Ray Howard and Barb Papas.
- Band Banquet – volunteers will be contacted soon for banquet preparations

**Next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the WHS library.**

Meeting was adjourned. Motioned by Ray Howard and Barb Papas.

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, secretary of Wadsworth Band Boosters



## 2008-2009 Band Booster Executive Board

### Officers:

President: *Mary Heltzel*

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Treasurer: *Kathryn Stark*

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### Committee Chairs:

Concessions Coordinator: *Jan Croyle*

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Chaperones: *Greg Steinkerchner*

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