



# NEWSLETTER

## 2009 SUMMER BAND / BAND CAMP NEWSLETTER

Hello Parents & WHS 2009 Band Members! By now, everyone should have a calendar of rehearsals and performances and should have already given any conflicts written down to Mr. Hadgis for approval. If there is ANY other conflict that you neglected to ask to be excused from practice, you must email Mr. Hadgis as soon as possible at: [shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us) or call at: 330-336-2390.

**Please plan to attend the next Band Booster Meeting on Monday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wadsworth High School Cafeteria. This meeting is mandatory for at least one parent per student, as it is the only time I have to address all families at one time throughout the year.**

### GET PREPARED!

We are in for another exciting year filled with some great music! I hope that all students have kept their lip (embouchure) in shape by practicing every day this summer. If you haven't practiced very much yet, then I **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE AND EXPECT** you to **START PRACTICING NOW!** We start rehearsing on July 20<sup>th</sup> and I want you to be properly prepared so that we will be successful this season. Dig out your chops (embouchures, hands) and start practicing some fundamentals—lip slurs, scales, long tones, tonguing technique – everything that is in the “Ultimate Warm-ups” for marching band in your music packet. Then start working on the songs. They can be difficult for freshmen, but freshmen need to persevere and practice daily, even if they don't understand all of the rhythms. If you don't have the music packet, contact Mr. Hadgis immediately.



**IT TAKES DAILY HARD WORK, DETERMINATION, AND PRACTICE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.**

Read when the check-off dates for specific pieces of music should be memorized. All members should have Pre-Game music (Grizzlies, SSB, Alma Mater) memorized by the first rehearsal on July 20 and will be tested during our first two rehearsal days.

There are several things that every band member needs to take care of before going to band camp. You will find important information on the following pages of this newsletter and in the folder given to students before the end of the school year that is essential in achieving success. In addition, there are some rules and guidelines that every parent and student needs to read carefully. Please take the time to prepare yourself so that you will gain all the benefits that the WHS Band has to offer!

### Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



**Monday, Aug. 10, 2009**

**7:30 PM**

**WHS Cafeteria**

**Mark your calendars!**



## *The Importance of DAILY Dedicated Practice*

If a student was on a winning basketball or football or soccer team, all parents, and really everyone, would expect each member of that team to practice daily on their fundamentals, technique, and strengthening exercises. And that's exactly what those students on those teams do; they **work hard to achieve success**. But what some people don't realize is that the members of those "winning" teams work daily during the off-season to get in shape to perform when the season actually starts. Band requires the same thing!

It is expected that all Band students practice daily at home during the summer; first, on their fundamentals – long tones, lip slurs, tonguing, and technique – then, on the actual marching music. Our band has an outstanding reputation that took years to build and will be performing in some of the best band shows in the region. I expect all students will be able to check off the entire pre-game music on the first day of full band practice on July 20 and expect that lip muscles (embouchures) will be strengthened to be able to handle the difficult music that is in everyone's folder. I believe that we will be a great band this year and I am looking forward to seeing you all in July. ◆ *Mr. Hadgis* ◆

### *2009 Marching Band Music—as of 6/22/09*

#### **MEMORIZATION:**

**PRE-GAME:** (All students will be tested for memorization of these songs on July 20.)

*Grizzlies (fight song)*

*Star Spangled Banner*

*Alma Mater*

**BAND SHOW MUSIC:** (Also used for Football Games)

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) <i>Crazy On You</i>        | Memorized by July 21 |
| 2) <i>Attitude Dance</i>      | Memorized by July 22 |
| 3) <i>Malaguena</i>           | Memorized by July 23 |
| 4) <i>Swing, Swing, Swing</i> | Memorized by July 27 |
| 5)                            |                      |

**BLUE TIP/8TH GRADE NIGHT: 5)** "Carry on My Wayward Son"

**PARENTS:** Please review these requirements with your child, and emphasize the importance of practicing and memorizing their music early, so they will not fall behind. With our large volume of music, it would be difficult to try and catch up. Our goal is to help them enjoy the process of learning music.

*A CD of the Band Show songs is available NOW for all students. They can pick them up in the WHS Main Office Monday through Friday 7:30*

**HOMECOMING:** 6) "Everything I do, I do for You" Memorized by October 5

**OTHER TUNES:** For possible Blues Brothers and/or Super Heroes Show (music provided after camp)

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7) "Gimme Some Lovin"      | Memorized by September date TBA |
| 8) "Soul Man"              | Memorized by October date TBA   |
| 9) "Think" or another tune | Memorized by October date TBA   |



**FLIP FOLIOS** will be **given to all freshmen** to use for the four years that they are in band. If it is lost, stolen, or breaks, then the student must purchase one. **All students (including upperclassmen) must have a flip folio!**

**STAND TUNES** *do not need to be memorized. However, ALL students must have them in a flip folio during every football game. Remember: Be prepared to receive additional stand tunes as the year progresses.*

## 2009 – 2010 BAND COUNCIL

### SENIORS

Ben Foreman (Pres.)

Miranda Boland (V. P.)

Liz Josifov (Rep)

Brandon Orr (Rep)

Jason Papas (Rep)

Tori Scozzarro (Rep)

### JUNIOR REPS

Phil LaHue

Andrew Whitman

### SOPHOMORE REPS

Aaron Crookes

Erika Fortner

### DRUM MAJORS

Rochelle Rodrigo

Emily Stout

Jonathan Hill

### FRESMAN REPS (2)

TO BE APPOINTED

## Wadsworth Marching Band 2009 Performance Schedule

### FOOTBALL GAMES:

<b>AUG. 28</b>	<b>STOW</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>SEP. 4</b>	<b>NORDONIA</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>SEP. 11 ?</b>	<b>MEDINA</b>	<b>AWAY (may change to Thurs, 9/10)</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>SEP. 18</b>	<b>REVERE</b>	<b>HOME --- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night ---</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>SEP. 25</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>OCT. 2</b>	<b>COPLY</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>OCT. 9</b>	<b>TALLMADGE</b>	<b>HOME --- Homecoming ---</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>OCT. 16</b>	<b>HIGHLAND</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>OCT. 23</b>	<b>CLOVERLEAF</b>	<b>HOME --- Senior Night ---</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>OCT. 30</b>	<b>BARBERTON</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>7:00</b>

*All Home Games take place at Art Wright Stadium in Wadsworth. Students meet at the High School Band Room, change into the uniform there, and will be bused to Art Wright Stadium. After the game, students will be bused back to the high school, then, change out of their uniforms.*



**BAND SHOWS:**

Saturday, September 12	Lake Band Show	7 p.m.
Saturday, September 26	Massillon Band Show	7 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	Hudson Band Show	7 p.m.

***All Band Shows on Saturdays are mandatory, and attendance at these show s will be counted as part of the students' grades. Any conflicts should have already been discussed with Mr. Hadgis.***

*(An additional Band Show may be added to this list at a later date. Mr. Hadgis will notify the band as soon as any schedule changes are made.)*

**NIGHT REHEARSALS:**

**THE WADSWORTH MARCHING BAND REHEARSES EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6:00 - 8:30 P.M. IN SEPTEMBER. STARTING IN OCTOBER, SOME REHEARSALS MAY BE SHORTER OR CANCELLED DEPENDING ON THE BAND'S PROGRESS.**

**SECTIONALS ARE ALSO ADDED ONCE A WEEK, ONE HOUR BEFORE REHEARSAL**

## Band Camp is Fast Approaching!

Parents and students are asked to please refer to the band information folder that was distributed the last week of school. The folder contains all the information needed to pack and prepare for band camp.

Additional forms can be found on the Wadsworth Band Boosters website. Should you have any questions, you can reach Steve Hadgis at 330-336-4011. Or, you can email him at [shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us](mailto:shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us).





## BAND PICTURES

AUG. 5, 7:45 A.M. – HIGH SCHOOL WEST GYM

On Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, students will dress in the formal marching uniform in order to take a group picture. **Students must arrive** at school at **7:30 a.m.** in order to be ready for the shooting. When the group photo is finished, individual shots will be taken immediately afterwards. At 9:00 a.m. band rehearsal will begin as originally scheduled. If a band student does not show up at 7:45 a.m. he/she will not be in the group photo. Photo packages with prices and forms will be handed out before Band Camp.



## UNIFORM RE-FITTING

Since we are taking band pictures right after band camp and there isn't much time during rehearsals before band camp to fit students into uniforms, we must start fitting students on July. 15. The schedule will be: SENIORS: July 15, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. / JUNIORS: July 16, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. / SOPHOMORES: July 17, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. / FRESHMEN: The week of July 20-24 during band rehearsals. If you have any conflict with these dates, please phone Mrs. Laurie White to re-schedule your time at: 330-334-4299 or email at [akalerb@aol.com](mailto:akalerb@aol.com).

## ***Band Card Sales***

Band Card sales for the individual students have been closed. If you still have unsold cards or money to turn in, please contact me at [kathrynstark@wadsworthband.com](mailto:kathrynstark@wadsworthband.com). In response to the many concerns about the short time frame for sales, please understand that we could not begin the sales until school was out. We distributed cards on the first night of summer practice. They were collected on the last night of practice before the summer band break. We recognize that we were limiting the sales time but felt we needed to do this to allow those students who had depleted their student accounts to pay for Disney to have an opportunity to build their account back up to help pay for band camp. We hope you understand.

For those who participated in the Blue Tip tent sales, we finished with 77 cards sold and \$8 in donations. At \$9 per card sold that is a total of \$701 to split. It turns out that perhaps the tent is not the best venue for our sales, but we would never have known that without giving it a try! Since the sales in the tent were less than we had hoped, we are planning to hold a Blitz Day in August. Please mark your calendars for August 8th. If you are willing to be a Parent Driver, please contact me at the email above. Students who want to participate will have an opportunity to sign up after we return from Band Camp.

A great big thanks to our Team Leaders and the parents who spent time with us in the tent. You Guys are the BEST!!



## ***A Letter from the President...***

It was just two short years ago this month, my wife and I attended our first Band Booster meeting. Little did I know that two years from that meeting I would be sworn in as President of the Boosters.

I've lived in Wadsworth since 1982, and until that Booster meeting, I didn't know more than just a handful of people. My wife, Scarlett, and I married in 2003, and for the first time in my life I finally had a family to lovingly care for. We decided to buy a home in Wadsworth; close to work for both of us and in a town with a great school system.

Since that meeting I have come to know and work with so many fantastic other band parent volunteers. In these last two years I have had the privilege of spending time with my daughter during her high school years, to be part of her life, to get to know her friends, and, hopefully, to not embarrass her (parental privilege) in the process. We are a family—my wife, my daughter, and the 165 other kids; a band family who spend time together to make this worth all the volunteer efforts needed to make this whole band program a success.

Each and every child in this band deserves the same amount of attention and Support, whether he or she is mine or yours. To support these kids, we, the Band Board or a committee chairperson, will be asking you to volunteer your time. And we will keep asking until everything gets done. I hope everyone will volunteer with great enthusiasm! Volunteering is not meant to be a chore, but to have fun and to get to know other parents. We look forward to Friday nights, whether it's "slinging hotdogs in concessions" or chaperoning. And numerous other parents contribute their time and talents to several other necessary tasks and activities.

It is you, the Band Boosters, who make up this organization and make it successful. Yes, you are a Band Booster. The only qualification needed is to have or have had a student in the band. Alumni are always welcome.

I look forward to the next two years getting to know each and every student and volunteering with you. Volunteers aren't paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!—*Ken Luna*



Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2009

7:30pm WHS Library

Attendance – 15

### **Steve Hadgis report**

Working on Band Camp

Finished folders which include all forms that need to be filled out as well as some general information that hopefully will serve as a reference. These folders will be passed out to the students. Discussion as to how to translate this folder into an official “handbook” for next year.

All forms needed for marching season are also available on the website [www.wadsworthband.com](http://www.wadsworthband.com)

Blue Tip parade

Students will receive all marching music on June 15

### **Financials – Kathryn Stark**

All bills are paid in full. Money still needs to be transferred to “new uniform” account as stated in the by-laws.

Banquet came in under budget.

Possibility of getting the Drum Majors different uniforms. Money will be adjusted in the proposed budget for 2009-2010 year.

Discussion was raised as to if boosters could provide rain coats for chaperones. It would be financially difficult as things get borrowed and never returned. It would also be difficult to track as chaperones change every game. It was suggested that some sort of rain gear be included in spirit wear.

Band Camp payments due: \$100 by June 15; \$100 by July 20

Summer uniform payment is due upon pick up: shirts \$12, shorts \$10, shoes \$25

Make checks payable to “Wadsworth Band Boosters”

Financials from April and May were approved by Jan Croyle, Scarlett Semprini

### **Fund Raisers – Ken Luna/Kathryn Stark**

Band Card sales – earlier this year so students can sell and use that money to help pay for band camp.

We will sell cards June 15 through June 22 as well as in a booth at the Blue Tip festival Tues through Saturday. Depending on sales, we may sell again in July as well as a Blitz Day.

For the festival, we will have sign up sheets for the students – 2 hour shifts (6-8pm and 8-10pm). We will also need a couple of parent volunteers to monitor the booth and sales. Ken is working on a DVD video that will be playing at the booth as well as a banner to hang.

We have never tried to sell at the blue tip festival. If it works, we will do this every year.

If we get an abundance of students, we may change to 1 hour shifts.

All money made at the festival will be divided among those students who participated and credit will be put in their account. Students will need to sign up ahead of time as no credit will be given for those who just show up.

Kathryn offered to put an article in the Trading Post that we will be at the Blue Tip Festival.

Ken Stout mentioned that Enger Tire would like to host a car wash for our benefit. Discussion was raised as to what time frame and dates available. More details to follow.

**Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner**

Total number of events for 2008-2009 added up to 1178. Thank you to all that helped.

**Yard Sign chair – Donna and Brian Beheydt** (see volunteer flyer in folder)

**Spirit Wear chair – Linda Bosley** (see spirit wear flyer in folder)

**Concessions chair – Beth Gilleland**

**Blue Tip Parking – Debbie Liddy** - if you can help, we park cars for the festival Tues through Saturday, 5:30-8:30pm (remember it is a great way to earn Senior Hours)

**Summer/Marching uniforms chair – Laurie White** (summer uniforms will be passed out starting the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Concert uniforms chair – Betsy Dyer**

Roster updates with incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen will be coming soon.

Please keep emails updated over the summer as that is necessary if we need to send out information via band notes.

Minutes from April and May were approved by Ken Stout, Beth Gilleland

**Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner**

Blue Tip parade volunteers needed both at the high school for uniforms as well as a group to meet downtown with water for our kids. The pop trays worked out well last year to aid in distribution of water quickly.

**Concessions – Jan Croyle**

Nothing to report

**Band Banquet – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Thank you to everyone who helped. The left over food was sent to Post Prom which was greatly appreciated.

**Other business**

Spirit Wear – 2 designs for silk screen; 3 designs for embroidered. There was a discussion about whether to sell again in the fall. Freshmen parents are encouraged to buy to help show our pride when working concessions or chaperoning.

Many compliments as to how great the band looked and sounded at the Memorial Day Parade. A video is available on the band web site and you-tube.

Many, many thanks to Mary Heltzel for 4 great years of service. You will be missed.

We are working on making a DVD including the Disney clinic, senior video, and banquet which will be given to all the students.



New officers were officially sworn in.

President – Ken Luna

Vice president – Kathryn Stark

Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner

Treasurer – Jan Croyle

Next meeting will be Monday, Aug 10 at 7:30pm in the WHS cafeteria.

Meeting was adjourned. Motioned by Bill Bauer,Scarlett Semprini.

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, secretary of Wadsworth Band Boosters

## 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. Donations of \$1 will be collected at the August 10 Band Booster Meeting.*

*Because of everyone's generosity, we are able to show how much we care.*



**Attention Parents**  
**THERE WILL BE A \$30 SERVICE**  
**CHARGE ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS**



## 2008-2009 Band Booster Executive Board

### Officers:

President: *Ken Luna*

*kenluna@wadsworthband.com*

Vice-President: *Kathryn Stark*

*kathrynstark@wadsworthband.com*

Treasurer: *Jan Croyle*

*jaecroyle@neo.rr.com*

Secretary: *Diane Steinkerchner*

*gstinkerchner@neo.rr.com*

### Committee Chairs:

Concessions Coordinator: *Beth Gilleland*

*bethgilleland@yahoo.com*

Chaperones: *Greg Steinkerchner*

Fundraisers: *Kathryn Stark*

Newsletter: *Polly LaHue*

Web Site: *Bill Bauer*

Publicity/PR: *TBD*

Marching Uniforms: *Laurie White*

Concert Uniforms: *Betsy Dyer*

Yard Signs: *Brian and Donna Beheydt*

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