



NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of Mr. Hadgis...

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Congratulations to all the students for a very successful Band Camp and parent preview show on July 31! They kept a rigorous schedule, worked at memorizing their difficult music, and learned a great deal about teamwork, commitment, and perseverance. Our senior class did a fantastic job of welcoming and incorporating the freshmen into the high school band program. We accomplished so much in just one week. Now, all students need to keep the momentum going by practicing at home, on their own, daily. This will help to ensure that every band member gets a positive experience in the WHS Band and develops a life-long love of music performance.

Please put the rehearsal and performance schedule on your personal and family calendars. The highlights of our marching performances are when we attend Band Shows – Lake-Sep. 12, Massillon – Sep. 26, Hudson – Oct. 3. It is an evening that the public can enjoy 8 to 10 bands performing their best songs and routines of the season.. All three shows start at 7:00 p.m. More details will follow as we get into September. You may always visit our web site at www.wadsworthband.com to get schedules and the latest news about the WHS Bands.

PRIVATE LESSONS

I encourage all students to take private lessons on their instruments in order to improve their performance abilities and to appreciate music more. We have several top teachers in the region who come to Wadsworth High School to give lessons each week. Teachers set their own prices. Contact Mr. Hadgis at 330-336-4011 or email him at shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us for more information.

YEARLY MANDATORY MEETING – AUG. 10 – A GREAT TIME!

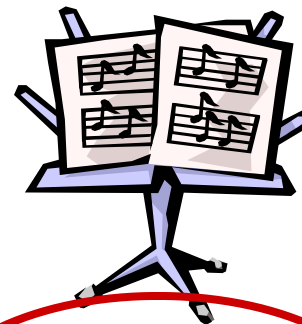
I would like at least one parent of each child in band, 9-12, to attend the “Welcome Meeting” on Aug. 10. That evening is the only opportunity I have to address all parents together to discuss the entire year’s schedule, procedures, and goals for the year. The Band Boosters will serve refreshments. This is also a chance to get to know other band parents who have been involved with the band program. You’ll find that the band parents have a very fun time together, no matter what they are doing!

SPECIAL THANKS

On one of the following pages, you will find a wrap-up of Band Camp, which includes thank yous to the many volunteers who helped make Band Camp possible. I would like to offer my special thanks to Greg and Diane Steinkerchner, who spent countless hours preparing for camp. Their work helped make camp run smoothly all week. Thank you!

Please feel free to call me or email me if you have any concerns or questions.—**Mr. Hadgis**

Next Meeting of the Band Boosters:



Monday, Aug. 10, 2009

7:30 PM

WHS Cafeteria

***Mandatory Meeting
for one parent per
each band student!***



Fundraiser Update & Blitz Day Details

Many students have requested an additional opportunity to sell Discount Cards for their individual student accounts. Now they are going to get that chance!

On Monday, August 3, immediately after band practice, Mrs. Stark will distribute cards to any student who would like to sell them. **Money and unsold cards ABSOLUTELY MUST be turned in on Friday, August 7!** No excuses will be accepted for not turning in cards and/or money on that day. Any student who fails to turn their money and cards in to Mrs. Stark will be asked to either return home to get those items, or to call a parent to bring everything up to the school at that time.

Saturday, August 8th is Discount Card Blitz Day! Students who are interested in participating will meet at the High School at 9:15 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure. Sign up sheets will be posted in the band room the week after band camp for all those interested. *All students who participate in Blitz Day will share equally in the total sales for the day, and those proceeds will be deposited into their student accounts.*

Parents willing to act as team leaders/drivers for Blitz Day should contact Kathryn Stark at kathrynstark@wadsworthband.com. If you are volunteering to drive, please let her know how many your vehicle will seat.

Donate-a-Dish Towel Campaign

Every good kitchen needs plenty of good towels for washing and drying. Well the Band Concessions Stands are in need of some new towels - both washing & drying, any color - any style - any season.

To allow the Band Boosters to use the funds raised on the band members and their instruments, we are asking for some assistance from our parents. If you are able to donate a towel or two, please send it to the band room with your student. There will be a drop box available for the donations.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Beth Gilleland, concession coordinator, at bethgilleland@yahoo.com



*Thank you for your continued support.
Our program couldn't be a success without you.*





Concessions Schedule

Below is a list of the events for which Wadsworth Band Boosters is responsible for providing concessions. Many volunteers are needed to fully and effectively staff these events. **Please review the schedule and let Concessions Volunteer Coordinators, Jerry and Lisa McLean know when you are available to help.** You can email them at: ljm@wadsnet.com. Thank you in advance for supporting the Wadsworth Band Boosters!

Football: *Preparation Shift—3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

Game Shifts—6:30 p.m. to close

Friday, August 28	Home vs. Stow
Friday, September 4	Home vs. Nordonia
Friday, September 18	Home vs. Revere (8th Grade Night)
Friday, October 9	Home vs. Tallmadge (Homecoming)
Friday, October 23	Home vs. Cloverleaf (Senior Night)

Boys Soccer: *Preparation Shift & Game Shift times vary*

Tuesday, August 25	Home vs. Firestone
Tuesday, September 1	Home vs. Revere
Saturday, September 5	Home vs. Berea
Saturday, September 12	Home vs. Medina
Saturday, September 19	Home vs. Hudson
Tuesday, September 22	Home vs. Tallmadge
Tuesday, October 6	Home vs. Cloverleaf
Tuesday, October 13	Home vs. Copley

Girls Soccer: *Preparation Shift & Game Shift times vary*

Saturday, September 5	Home vs. Jackson
Wednesday, September 9	Home vs. Green
Saturday, September 12	Home vs. Northwest
Wednesday, September 16	Home vs. Barberton
Monday, September 21	Home vs. Cuyahoga Falls
Saturday, September 26	Home vs. Stow-Monroe Falls
Wednesday, September 30	Home vs. Highland



Band Camp 2009

It was a very exciting week at band camp and the kids worked extremely hard. They accomplished so much and we can't wait to see the final result at the first game. We have several thank yous to send out.

First, we want to thank the kids. We were very proud of them. Even with a few rainy days, the students stepped up and did what they had to do to get the job done. Kudos to each and every 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:

- * Greg Steinkerchner, Ken Luna, Craig Dietrich, Jeff Wetshtein, Andrew Wetshtein, and Brian Steinkerchner for all the prep work done on the field and getting the much needed scaffolding up for our directors.
- * Lisa McLean, Katie McCourt, Patty Bauer, Scarlett Semprini, and Diane Steinkerchner for med check in as well as lanyards and forms. In addition, thanks goes to Audrey Hose, Denise George and Gary Liddy for help on Friday with check out.
- * Tucker Supply for donating the scaffolding for the week and Jim and Beth Lance for donating their golf cart for the week.
- * Our parents who stayed for a partial week - They are Jerry McLean, Tim White, Bill Bauer, Tom Mathis, Mike Lewis, Kim Long, Barb Papas, Sue Petrak, Teresa Katsaros, and Lisa McLean.
- * A big shout out goes to our parents who took a whole week's vacation to ensure stability to our kids with a week full of activities. They are Kathryn Stark, Scarlett Semprini, Jan Croyle, Dianne Duckworth, Shelli Reed, and Greg Steinkerchner, Ken Luna, and Joe Petrak. Thank you – it was truly appreciated.
- * Mrs. Hire, Mr. Blasko, and Mr. Tompko as well as all of our sectional instructors and color guard instructors. Their input was priceless.
- * A huge thanks goes out to Mr. Hadgis who spent hours and hours preparing for camp. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated teacher. 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. Be sure to check out the band website at www.wadsworthband.com to see all the pictures from band camp. We are looking forward to a great year.

Thanks for your support!—*Greg & Diane Steinkerchner*



A Letter from the President...

Band Camp is complete, and I hope most of you were able to see, upon their return Friday, how hard your child and the directors worked to prepare for the fall marching season. This was my first year staying the whole week of camp and the time seemed to fly (especially when getting up at 5:30 and going to bed after midnight). But this is an experience that I'll never forget. There is a lot of hard work that goes into organizing that week.

It takes a team effort for band camp and for the whole Band Booster organization to be able to run effectively. We are a quarter of a million dollar organization that needs the help of all the parents to be as successful as possible. There are plenty of opportunities for you, as a band parent, to become involved if you haven't already. There are numerous tasks and time commitments of all sizes, and every committee can ALWAYS use more help!

Every year the Booster organization takes on a new look and attitude, we say goodbye to band parents of the graduates and hello to parents of the incoming freshmen. I look forward to meeting all the new freshmen parents at Monday's Booster meeting. During the meeting we hope to answer all the questions you may still have about band and to suggest ways that you can help. See you then!—*Ken Luna*

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.





2008-2009 Band Booster Executive Board

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President: *Ken Luna*

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