



NEWSLETTER

A Note from Mr. Hadgis...

Dear Band Parents and Students,

It has been a great marching season and our band students have given the Wadsworth community many spectacular shows. During this holiday season we had many concerts and activities in which band students were involved – the candlelight Walk, Jingle Bell Jaunt Parade, Holiday Band Concert, Jazz Band performances, Kettle Band activities, and Basketball Pep Band performances during this month. I hope to see all of our students participate in the Kettle Bands this month and in the Pep band in Dec., Jan., and Feb. These are volunteer groups that support our teams and help raise money for charity.

**Next Meeting of the
Band Boosters:**



Monday, Jan. 4, 2010

7:30 PM

WHS Library

CHARITY AND VOLUNTEERISM

Our students have also donated their own money (\$524) plus extra gifts, such as toys, gas cards, and clothing for the children, to sponsor two families for Christmas. This has become a holiday tradition for the past four years and is a credit to the generosity of the band students. Additionally, many of our parents have given much of their time, energy, and money to help the band program achieve its goals. Without their help, we could not operate efficiently at a high level of success. Helpful band parents are also a very special gift! This is a time to reflect on the good things that we have and on the special people in our lives.

If any of you would like to donate items to our adopted families for Christmas, you may bring it to the high school band room by this Wednesday, Dec. 16th. The ages of the children are:

Family #1:

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Pant Size</u>	<u>Shirt size</u>	<u>Shoe size</u>	<u>Gift Ideas</u>
Girl	13	16	S or M Jr.	7 1/2	Gift cards, DS games, movies, earrings
Girl	2 1/2	2-3 T	2-3 T	6-7 children	Dora, My Little Pony, early learning, music

Family #2:

Girl	8	10	10-12	4	Pet Shop, My Little Pony, board games
Boy	5 mo.	9-12 mo.	9-12 mo.	N/A	Baby boy things





KETTLE BANDS

Every year, band students have formed small ensembles with their friends to perform at Salvation Army kettles. Captain Tom Grace of the Wadsworth Salvation Army has reported that whenever band students show up to perform at the kettles, much more money is collected. Community folks appreciate the efforts of our band kids to help those who are less fortunate. Parents, please encourage your sons/daughters to sign up and play at the kettles in December. Locations are: Buehlers, Walmart, Giant Eagle, or wherever there is a kettle. Students must sign up in the band room before showing up at kettle locations.



PEP BAND

December is also the month that starts the basketball season and the need to get the Pep Band together to perform at some of the games. Last year, we had a lot of students participate. The Pep band is a wonderful addition to the atmosphere of the Basketball games. Students will get together at 6:00 p.m. to rehearse music and perform at 7:00 p.m. and at halftime for the varsity games. Students do not have to show up for every game, but are encouraged to come to as many games as possible. They will also get free treats at the concession stands afterwards. Students may leave after halftime at approximately 8:30 p.m. Here are the dates of home games:



December 11	January 2	February 2
December 18	January 15	February 12
December 23	January 22	February 17

SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

All students in the band are encouraged to participate in Solo & Ensemble Contest on Feb. 13 at Springfield High School. Now is the time to sign up! It is imperative that numerous band students participate in this event. It is the BEST way for students to improve their individual skills, which in turn, help the entire band to improve. This is where true leaders are developed. If a student is not ready to try performing a solo, then he/she should join an ensemble. The Band Boosters will pay the \$14 entry fee for soloists and the \$19 entry fee for any ensemble of students who wish to go! If students need an accompanist, they need to indicate that they need one on the sign-up sheet in the band room. Mr. Hadgis will find an accompanist for these students. Students must pay a fee to the pianist which is determined by the difficulty of the piano part. If a student chooses to play a solo, he/she should take private lessons in order to properly prepare for a successful performance. There are several private teachers who come to Wadsworth High School to teach lessons. Call Mr. Hadgis if you are interested in your son/daughter taking private lessons. **Deadline to enter is Jan. 5, 2010.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 330-336-4011.

Mr. Hadgis





Concession Time!

With the winter sports season upon us, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that came out to work our football and soccer games. It has been great to meet so many Band parents. I look forward to meeting many more as the winter sports kick into gear.

Basketball season is officially underway this week for both the boys' and the girls' teams. Band boosters handle the concessions for both sports as well and gymnastics and a couple wrestling meets. With the rainy football season we are below our anticipated income and with concession being the main source of funds for the band we need a successful winter season. And that means we need your help.

We have two schedulers working this season to arrange our concession volunteers. We have split our phone list but if by chance you get two calls, I apologize for any inconvenience. We will do our best to avoid this situation.



The schedule is posted on the band website at www.wadsworthband.com. If you are available and can help out on any of those dates, please contact Dianne Duckworth at dmduck81@yahoo.com (girls' bb & wrestling) and/or LuAnn Gresh lahill@wadsnet.com (boys' bb & gymnastics) for their respective events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 330-336-5625. Thank you again for your time and effort to help out our kids.

Happy Holidays to all.
Beth Gilleland
Concessions coordinator

A Note About "A Night at the Races"

In light of the fairly dismal weather during football season our concession stand was not able to bring in the abundant funding that we typically see. This year our Night at the Races event will be a VERY important budget meeting necessity. I am still looking for volunteers to head the various committees. This does not mean you will be the one doing all the work, but I need someone to take the lead as there are too many details for one person to watch over effectively. The committees still open include: ticket sales and horse sales, advertising and donations for the basket raffle, decorations and organizing the volunteers for the windows and boards the night of the event.



If you are willing to help out, please send me an email (KathrynStark@westfieldgrp.com) or, if possible, be willing to stay a few minutes after our January Band Booster meeting. Your ideas and abilities are very needed and much appreciated!! —Kathryn Stark



Senior Night Appreciation

What a fantastic night! The weather didn't cooperate too well but it didn't put a damper on the excitement from the band as well as the bigger than expected crowd. Our kids did amazing and the fans absolutely loved it. A big thank you goes out to all our teachers who helped put on a great show.

We need to recognize some parent volunteers for their help. Teresa Katsaros did a wonderful job organizing senior night. We want to thank Sheryl Dudley for the all the corsages and boutonnieres. Even though the rain didn't allow the kids to show them off, they were beautiful. Thanks go out to Janine Roser and Amy Uhase for the help with flowers and balloons.



The props were a big part of the senior night production. We need to thank Sam DiBernardo for the designs of the bat mobile and tie fighter. We need to thank Brian Beheydt and Ken Luna, along with Brian and Jon Steinkerchner, for their help in the construction of the bat mobile, tie fighter, podium with the diamond, and the super ray gun. We need to thank parents Carol Howard and Brian Beheydt along with students Rochelle Rodrigo, Katey Mooney, Anthony Gilleland, Melissa Petit, Daniel Dietrich, Rachel Dietrich, Jasmine Starcher, Tommy Duckworth, and Ben Beheydt for their generous help in making our trees for Indiana Jones to hide behind. We thank you to Kim and David Long for allowing us to use their 4 wheeler for our show.

When Steve Hadgis came to us with his idea of this show, we thought it would never work. Even though it was not his typical show, with his creativity, we were able to put out a show the Wadsworth fans will remember for a long time. Kudos to Mr. Hadgis.



We wanted to thank all the chaperones who helped that night. Mr. Hadgis couldn't have done this show without your help. We wanted to thank all the concession workers as well. We know the anticipation of this show made everyone want to watch, but we truly appreciate your efforts in the concession stands.

On behalf of the Band Booster Board, thanks for all your help and your support this season—*Greg and Diane Steinkerchner*



Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2009

7:30pm WHS Band Room

Attendance – 19

Ken Luna opened the meeting with a thank you for attending. Copies of the minutes are available at the door as well as the last newsletter.

Director's report – Steve Hadgis

- Thanks to all the parents for helping with all the concessions and chaperoning. A special thank you goes out to those who helped with the late night building of all the props.
- Jazz Band tryouts – music to be handed out Tuesday with auditions next Monday, first practice to be Tuesday as they will perform in 2 weeks.
- Dec 8th – winter concert @7:30pm at OJ.
- Veteran's Day assembly is this Wednesday.
- Kettle Band sign ups will be posted soon. Please emphasize the importance for your students to volunteer as the Salvation Army makes more money when our students perform.

Students will also adopt a family for Christmas where they raise money for food, toys for a family – sponsored through FISH.

- Jazz Band will probably perform on Dec 12 at Summit Mall (date and/or time not confirmed).
- Middle school concert Dec 10th at 7pm as well as CIS concert in December.
- Pep Band will also be playing at the boys' and/or girls' basketball games. Volunteer basis for the kids. Rich Berlin is working on the schedule.

Financials – Jan Croyle

- Dry cleaning – we actually spent less this year than last year as Laurie White spent a lot of time brushing off the mud many times instead of sending the uniforms out to the cleaners. We also sent the pants to Sunway Cleaners verses sending them out to Manhattan cleaners.
- Some of the bills include the props for the last game.
- Overall, concessions made \$16,000 less this year due to rain and the scheduling of soccer games.
- Big thank you goes out to Sunway Cleaners. When they dry-cleaned the pants, they found 8 kids had left money in their pockets. Sunway kept track of which jacket it came from so we can return to the kids. Much appreciation goes out to them.
- Concessions still made a profit of 53%.
- Motion to Approve financials by Ken Stout, 2nd by Susan Howard

Fund Raisers - Kathryn Stark (presented by Ken Luna)

- PJs fruit clarification – on the white flyer, 1st column designates where in the brochure it can be found. "Cost" refers to the amount that PJs charge. "Suggested minimum price" refers to the actual price we are charging. If you want to see what would be deposited in your student account, take the "suggested minimum price" minus the "cost". None of that money goes into the general band fund. A band note will be sent to clarify. We are not selling the cheesecake.
- We will have the catalog/fruit sale from Nov 6 through Nov 16. Delivery will be during the week of Dec 9th. Watch for band note asking for volunteers.
- Parent Fundraiser – Night at the Races: March 13. Committees will be forming soon.



Concessions – Beth Gilleland

- We have 25 events for winter.
- Big thank you to all the parents who volunteered. Food Prep was a huge help this year.
- Very successful year as far as people showing up when they signed up and everyone working together.
- Craft show this year will be at the Wadsworth Middle School. We are working on using their kitchen. We are thinking about different possibilities for food (other than the traditional “hot dog” or “pizza”). Band notes will be sent out for volunteers or check out the website for dates.

Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner

- Thank you for a wonderful season. Those who signed up to help really stepped up during the game.
- Help will be needed to for December’s concert at OJ to move equipment to and from the high school. If several people step in, it takes a small amount of time. Typically, it takes about an hour after school but we will try and get kids to help. The hour after the concert will shorten tremendously with more people helping.

Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner

- 82% of the band has volunteered one event. 45% has volunteered 5 events. That is absolutely fantastic. So far this year, we have accumulated 925 events which average about 6 events per student. Obviously, we have yet to begin basketball season. Mr Hadgis, as well as the booster board, requested 5 events per family but realize it simply is not possible for some families. With that said, we ask everyone to continue volunteering, even if you have your 5 events, as we still have many events to go this year. Thank you again for your support.

Motion to approve minutes by Susan Howard, 2nd by Ken Stout.

Floor items

More things to do:

- Jingle Bell Jaunt – Saturday, Nov 21 (a little different parade route this year). Candy and Balloons will be passed out.
- Friday, Nov 20 will be the “Christmas tree lighting” at the Johnson house (Wadsworth Historical Society). Greg will look into lighting so the kids can see their music.
- Greg Steinkerchner has pulled the trailer back and forth to all the events using his personal vehicle. A vote was taken and passed to reimburse Greg at the going rate for mileage.
- We received a \$500 check from the Blue Tip Festival Committee for parking cars at the festival.
- Huge thank you goes out to Beth Gilleland for overseeing concessions. It was a huge undertaking and she did a fantastic job. Beth has been taking notes in hoping to break it up to smaller committees for future years.
- Huge thank you goes out to Teresa Katsaros for Senior night. Corsages and boutonnieres were wonderful.
- Steve Hadgis said that Mike Foster and other band directors have complimented on what a great job our kids have been doing. GlenOak parents even stated that they were impressed.
- Community Band Concert is on Dec 6th, at 4pm.
- Newsletter will now be sent out after the booster meeting (with minutes from the meeting a few days before) instead of prior to the meeting (in which minutes are almost a month old).

Next meeting will be Monday, Dec 7, at 7:30pm in the WHS Band Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Motioned by Jerry McLean, 2nd by Ken Stout

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, secretary of Wadsworth Band Boosters



Wadsworth Band Booster Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2009

7:30pm WHS Band Room

Attendance – 12

Ken Luna opened the meeting with a grateful thanks to those who attended.

Director's report – Steve Hadgis

- Students had a great rehearsal on Monday getting ready for the concert on Tuesday.
- Newsletter didn't quite make it out before the meeting. It will be out in the next couple of days with lots of information.
- Dec 8th – winter concert @7:30pm at OJ. WMS concert is Thursday. Basketball game is on Friday. Jazz band plays on Saturday at Summit Mall from 1-2:30pm.
- Kettle band music is being passed out as they kettle bands start on Saturday.
- WHS Band is adopting 2 families. Goal is to raise \$500.
- Tuba Christmas is Saturday, Dec 19 at EJ Thomas. It is at noon and 2:30pm and is a lot of fun.
- Pep band also plays next Friday as well as girls' game Jan 2 (and maybe Dec 23rd as that game is designated as "white out" for the Highland football player that was injured).
- Medina County Honors Band is in January.
- 8th grade party is scheduled for Jan 8th from 6-9pm in the WHS band room. Encourage your students to attend. Parent volunteers will be needed.
- A "40s swing dance" is in the works where the WHS jazz band will start the night out as and a professional jazz band will finish the night. Date and time to be announced. If there is enough interest, we will have dance classes to teach students (and adults) how to swing dance to all the big band tunes.

Financials – Jan Croyle

No games this month but \$1 was found in concessions while being cleaned.

- We received \$500 from the Blue Tip Festival Committee.
- Night at the Races down payment has been made.
- Carousal of Crafts pulled in \$1553. Many compliments on the menu. Big thanks go out to Beth Gilleland and Dianne Duckworth.
- Total available cash stands at \$53,567.
- Motion to Approve financials by Jerry McLean, 2nd by Scarlett Semprini

Fund Raisers - Kathryn Stark

- Volunteers are needed for Wednesday, Dec 9 for fruit and catalog delivery. Time slots needed are 10-1 for organizing and 2:30-5pm and 5-7:30pm for passing it out. All orders must be picked up Wednesday.
- Night at the Races committees will be forming. Contact Kathryn if interested in chairing or working on a committee. We need to start selling ads to businesses by the first of January. NATR will be Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Barberton Moose.



Concessions – Beth Gilleland (presented by Ken Luna)

- Sign ups are still available. Check the website for schedule and contact Dianne Duckworth or LuAnn Gresh. Many spots are still vacant so don't hesitate to email or call to help out.

Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner

- Concert Tuesday – parent help would be appreciated after the concert to unload instruments at the high school. Loading crew was contacted to help prior to concert.

Secretary – Diane Steinkerchner

Nothing to report.

- Motion to approve minutes by Ray Howard, 2nd by Scarlett Semprini.

Floor items

No new items

Next meeting will be Monday, Jan 4th, at 7:30pm in the WHS Band Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. Motioned by Susan Howard, 2nd by Jerry McLean

Minutes submitted by Diane Steinkerchner, secretary of Wadsworth Band Boosters





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