



NEWSLETTER

Dear Band Parents and Students,

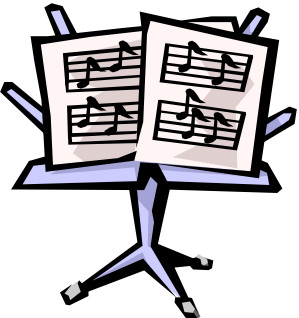
I am very proud of our students for their exemplary performances during this marching season, continuing the Wadsworth Band’s tradition of excellence. Their hard work and commitment toward achieving this top level of performance have made them one of the best bands in the region. Parents from other bands who were in the crowd at the band shows commented to our parents about how wonderfully they performed and how they look forward to seeing the Wadsworth Band each year. Special thanks to our senior band members who have lead the way toward achieving our goals.

GRADES – PROGRESS BOOK – MUSIC MEMORIZATION CHECK-OFFS

Even though the great majority of band students are doing well in Band, some students are not getting a good grade in Band because they have neglected to check off music for memorization. Parents, please look in Progress Book to see your child’s grade in band. The last day of the grading period and for make-up work is 10/29.

Also, there is more music that must be memorized: James Bond Theme, Bond ’81, For Your Eyes Only, and Live and Let Die. This music is much easier than the previous music. However, if students do not practice on a regular basis AT HOME, then there is no way to “cram” in memorizing music; it simply cannot be done because it is not the same as cramming for a test. Technique skills and muscle memory are also involved, which requires repetition. In marching season, memorizing music is each student’s homework for this academic class.

**Next Meeting of the
Band Boosters:**



**Monday, Nov. 8, 2010
7:30 PM
WHS Band Room**

AUDITIONS FOR CONCERT BAND/SYMPHONIC BAND

In November, all students must audition for Concert Band/Symphonic Band. Music was passed out during the week of 10/12 for students to practice. Some auditions are after school and some are during the band period. Students will sign up for time slots posted in the band room. The audition dates are:

- Nov. 1 – Clarinet/Bass Clarinet
- Nov. 2 – Flutes & Percussion
- Nov. 3 – All Saxes
- Nov. 4 – Oboe/Bassoon
- Nov. 5 – Tuba
- Nov. 8 – Trumpets
- Nov. 9 – Euphonium, Horn, & Trombone

All students are required to audition for a grade.





THANK YOU!

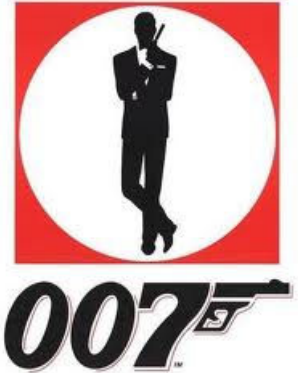
I want to personally thank all parents who have contributed their time working concessions, chaperoning, organizing all events and details, and doing all the other necessary tasks needed to run such a big organization. Without your efforts, we could not function with as much success as we have seen in the past several years. Please continue to volunteer your time for concessions by contacting Jan Croyle at 330-334-3283 or email at jraecroyle@neo.rr.com . To chaperone, contact Diane Steinkerchner at 330-336-7568 or email at gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com .

LAST HOME GAME – OCT. 29 – JAMES BOND SHOW

Our last home game (Senior Night) will be an awesome, fun event. We will be learning four new songs and scenes for our “James Bond Show.” Come see this enjoyable show to end our marching season.

James Bond is trying to penetrate the evil S.P.E.C.T.R.E headquarters compound. He sneaks in and encounters many obstacles like the evil S.P.E.C.T.R.E. Ninja Ladies (Color Guard) and the S.P.E.C.T.R.E. Dwarf Ninjas (2nd & 3rd graders dressed as ninjas). James also needs to find a way out of the compound. Will he blow it up?! Find out by coming to the show on Oct. 29.

JAMES BOND



CHRISTMAS BAND/HOLIDAY PARADE

There are two events in November that band students will participate: the Christmas Band and the Jingle Bell Jaunt Parade. On **Friday, Nov. 19, 5:45 p.m.**, I am asking at least 40 students to volunteer their time to perform at the Wadsworth Candlelight Walk Festival by performing Christmas carols outside for all of the citizens in Wadsworth who will be enjoying this beautiful evening of good cheer. Band students will only be playing for about 20 minutes. Then, they may enjoy the rest of the evening on their own.

On **Saturday, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.**, the Jingle Bell Jaunt Holiday Parade will step off with the Wadsworth High School Marching Band leading the way. This event is **REQUIRED** for all band students.

Thank you, again, for your help and concern for all of the band students throughout marching season. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 330-336-4011 or at shadgis@wadsworth.k12.oh.us .—**Mr. Hadgis**

Our “Hat’s Off” to All Our Band Parents



As we are nearing November, we wanted to give a big shout out to all our band parents. As of October 16, we have had our parents volunteer 863 times. We have had 74 percent of our parents volunteer at least one time, and we still have two home football games and a few other events to tally. That is fantastic! With that, we have had 24 percent of the band work at least seven events, but there are many more opportunities for you to lend a hand!

Let’s keep the ball rolling with basketball season just around the corner. Our kids look fabulous and sound fabulous because of the incredible support from our band parents. As James Bond would say, Our band is “shocking—positively shocking!” To find out how you can help, attend our next Band Parent meeting on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the WHS band room.



A BIG CONCERN

As you are probably all aware, and as I have said before, running an organization this large is a daunting task. So much work is done by the Band Boosters, the parent organization of the Wadsworth Bands. You, as parents are automatic members of this organization. And ALL band students are beneficiaries of the Boosters' hard work.

This year, due to budget cuts by the Board of Education, the Band Boosters paid approximately \$3,000 for transporting the band to the two band shows we attended. We canceled our participation in a third show because the cost was too great. I know this is disappointing, as students look forward to strutting their stuff at these shows where all eyes are on the band.

Further expenses that our band parents association needs to raise money for are:

- 1) **Uniform Cleanings** – every time we clean the marching uniforms, we pay more than \$800
- 2) **Uniforms** – we paid close to \$90,000 for the marching uniforms that we presently own (the Bd. of Ed. helped to pay half). The Bd. of Ed. informed me that they cannot pay their annual contribution of \$5,000 into the fund this year for the next set of uniforms that we will order.
- 3) **Raincoats**—The Band Parents Organization bought all the raincoats – approximately \$18,000 – for the marching band.
- 4) **Concert Uniforms**—They bought the concert uniforms - \$25,000.
- 5) **Band Trailer** - \$4,200.
- 6) **Miscellaneous**—The Boosters also paid for uncalculated amounts (six figures) for repairs, new instruments, music, contest fees, guest artists, clinicians, and much, much more.

During the mandatory Parent Meeting, I asked parents to work at least 7 events. Although we have had 74 percent of our parents work one event, we have had much less work 3 or 4 events. **To date, 24 percent of the parents still have not worked one event.** This puts a huge strain on the few parents who have worked numerous events to make up for the parents who haven't been able to work. I want you to know that all children in the band program benefit from these parents who work concessions (or work in other areas like chaperoning, fundraising, newsletter, etc) to raise money for the band program, whether the child's parent can work any events or not.

My concern is that the parent leaders who have worked numerous events are starting to get burned out and are contemplating not working as much next year. I really need other parents to step up and help take this big burden of work off the shoulders of parents who have worked a ton of events. If we don't get the help, we will not be able to continue to raise the money needed to help our band (our kids) look as good, sound as good, and attend educationally beneficial programs to improve and motivate them. Please help work at the various band parents functions so that we may continue to raise money for our children to experience these wonderful, life-changing events.

I am asking all of you to make a renewed commitment to volunteering, and by doing so, helping ensure that the Wadsworth Band Program continues at the level of success they have come to know, and that the students continue to be afforded the opportunities they have enjoyed in the past.

—Steven Hadgis



A Note from the Concessions Committee

WOW!!! What a wonderful fall season for concessions! Thanks so very much for everyone who is helping out this year. It really takes 3 things to make a great concessions season: a good team, good weather, and good workers. We have them all! Here are some fantastic statistics so far this season. *Please note that we still have two football games and 2 other events yet to tally.

Our gross sales are currently \$4,553 more than last year.

We only need \$6,375 more sales to break our 2008 sales record.

So far, we have MADE \$20,460 (net income) with an estimated \$6,000 yet to come.

With all those wonderful numbers, it is easy to see that the band just could not function without concessions. This is why we work so hard and need so many volunteers. There are so many people who worked extra hard this season and though I can't name you all, I would like to especially thank the following people:

Dianne Duckworth--co-chair of concessions, *Sheryl Dudley*--purchasing agent, *Susan Neff*--treasurer
Volunteer coordinators: *Lisa and Jerry McLean*, *Shelli Reed*, *Sue Petrak*, and *Jenny Newcomer-Haas*

Please note that if you have volunteered to work an event and you have received an email or phone call confirming your help, it is imperative that you come to work. Please, please, please if you cannot work at your assigned time, either call with a couple days notice or find a replacement for yourself. It is very frustrating for those who do come to work and have to cover for the "no show." This is especially necessary for Senior Night. On the other hand, if you think you have volunteered and have not received an email or phone call, please call or email me and I will check it out for you. (jraecroyle@neo.rr.com)

Looking ahead to the winter season: boys and girls basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, and the Carousel of Crafts. The following are the concession coordinators. Please call or email these people if you are available to work.

Boys basketball: Kathryn Stark 330-858-0484 kathrynstark@wadsworthband.com

Girls basketball: until we find someone Jan Croyle 330-334-3283 jraecroyle@neo.rr.com

Wrestling: Teri Nicholas 330-622-0804 nicholas4@neo.rr.com

Gymnastics: Teri Nicholas 330-622-0804 nicholas4@neo.rr.com

Carousel of Crafts: Teresa Katsaros 330-335-5300 tkatsaros@msn.com



These are our general needs for our next 27 events:

Basketball: (boys and girls): 2 prep 4:00-6:30; 6 game workers (5 for weekday games) 6:00-close

Gymnastics: 2 prep 4:30-6:30 or 5:00-7:00 (different meet times); 3 game workers 6:00 or 6:30-close

Wrestling and Carousel of Crafts: There will be multiple 3-hour shifts throughout the day. We do not have times yet.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR WINTER CONCESSIONS!

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

*Winter Concessions Schedule*

Event	Date	Day	Time	School
Boys Basketball (JV + Varsity)	12/3/2010	Fri	6:00	Cuyahoga Falls
	12/14/2010	Tues	6:00	Barberton
	12/21/2010	Tues	6:00	Green
	12/28/2010	Tues	6:00	Hudson
	1/18/2011	Tues	6:00	Canfield
	1/21/2010	Fri	6:00	Highland
	1/28/2010	Fri	6:00	Tallmadge
	2/4/2010	Fri	6:00	Copley
	2/15/2010	Tues	6:00	Cloverleaf
	2/18/2010	Fri	6:00	Revere
	2/19/2010	Sat	6:00	Orrville
Girls Basketball (JV + Varsity)	11/26/2010	Fri	6:00	Strongsville
	12/1/2010	Wed	6:00	Hudson
	12/4/2010	Sat	6:00	Twinsburg
	12/8/2010	Wed	6:00	Tallmadge
	12/18/2010	Sat	6:00	Copley
	1/5/2010	Wed	6:00	Cloverleaf
	1/8/2010	Sat	6:00	Revere
	1/26/2010	Wed	6:00	Barberton
	2/2/2011	Wed	6:00	Green
2/16/2010	Wed	6:00	Highland	
Wrestling	1/9/2011	Sun	12:00	Ohio State Duals
	1/20/2011	Thurs	6:00	Green + Copley
Gymnastics	12/8/2010	Wed	6:30	Sandy Valley + Timken
	12/20/2010	Mon	6:00	Cloverleaf
	1/24/2011	Mon	6:00	Wooster
Craft Show	12/5/2010	Sun	TBD	all day event



Show Your Band Pride!

Band signs are now available in the band room for anyone who needs one! In addition, band decals will be available at the next Band Booster meeting, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the band room. In addition, band polos are available for \$12. Why not buy one to wear while working concessions?

Has your phone number or email address changed?

If any of your contact information has changed, including your address, email address or phone number, please contact Band Booster Recorder, Diane Steinkerchner at:

gsteinkerchner@neo.rr.com.

If you know someone who didn't receive the newsletter via email, email Diane and she will be sure to get a copy to them.



Mark Your Calendars!

“A Night at the Races”

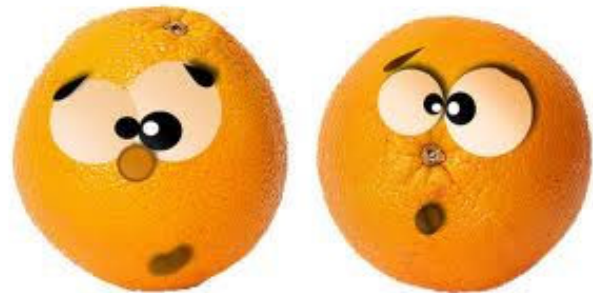
Saturday, March 12, 2011

More details to follow!

Interested in helping plan this annual event? Email Marilyn DiBernardo at: marilyn.dibernardo@comunale.com

Gearing up for the Fruit Sale!

Students will receive their fruit sale packets from PeeJays and will meet with a representative from Century Sales on November 3 to kick off our annual fruit sale! The sale runs November 3-16. Students will receive 40 percent of the profits, which will be deposited into their student band accounts.



**Wadsworth Band Parent Association Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 4, 2010

7:30 pm WHS Band Room

Attendance – 16

1) General Band Parent Association Meeting – Scott Taunt

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Scott Taunt in Ken's absence.

2) Director's Report – Steve Hadgis

* Mr. Hadgis reported that he gets approached by numerous people indicating how spectacular the band is. He can't be happier with the students' performance so far this year. He is sorry we could not participate in a third band show this year due to financial concerns.

* The "James Bond" half-time show will be spectacular with a lot of special effects.

* Concert and Symphonic Band try-outs are coming up at the end of the month. Look for music to be passed out.

* There will be a change in practice nights due to Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, 10/28. Further information will be sent out for the specific date/time. He would like to use that rehearsal to practice on the field at the stadium.

* Memorization check-off dates: "Everything I Do, I Do For You" 10/5; "James Bond Theme" 10/6; "Runaway" 10/12; "For Your Eyes Only"/"Live and Let Die" 10/14.

* The band will be performing at the Veteran's Assembly on 11/11.

* Holiday Parade is Sat. Nov 20th. Since there is no bussing, students will need to get downtown on their own. There was discussion about just wearing the raincoats, black pants, and Santa hats rather than band uniforms.

3) School Budget Cuts – Mr. Moore

* The discussion continued about budget cuts and the impact on the band. Diane Steinkerchner indicated that she and Greg are very supportive of the BOE. She stated her concerns for "balanced" cuts among all areas, not just the band. Diane did reiterate that the administration has been very supportive when answering any of our questions. She wanted to stress how important it is to keep a positive dialogue with the BOE.

* Bill Bauer thanked Diane for representing the band. He indicated that we need to form a committee to develop strategies to support the band and the Fine Arts programs. We need to be advocates for this wonderful music program.

* Steve Moore indicated that there have already been cuts made across the board. He reported that the district is experiencing a significant financial shortfall. He mentioned that revenue is not coming in due to lowered property taxes.

4) Financials – Susan Neff

* Susan reported that we have \$59,806 available to use. Of that total, \$42,250 was contributed by students for camp for which the bill has not been paid yet. (\$250 times 181 students = \$42,250). As such, we only have \$17,556 available for expenditures.

* Scarlett Semprini motioned to approve financials. 2nd by Dianne Duckworth.

**5) Ways and Means** – Scott Taunt

* Scott reported that the fall fruit fundraiser will begin November 3rd through the 16th. The delivery date will be on December 8th at the WHS band room. He reported that 40% of the mark up goes directly into the student's account.

* There will be other fundraising opportunities throughout year (i.e., Dining to Donate).

* There was discussion about adding another fundraiser this year, but Mr. Moore indicated that we cannot add anything else this school year.

6) Concessions – Jan Croyle

* Jan provided information on five years of concession documentation. As of last weekend, concessions has taken in \$29,714.70. Our total from last year was \$36,367.28. Please keep in mind that we still need to be pay for the cost of goods out of that money.

* It is VITAL that we keep all concessions. As such, we need to encourage more people to volunteer. It was suggested that we have a “bring a buddy” with you when you sign up for concessions.

* Teresa Katsaros and Diane Duckworth volunteered to co-chair the Carousel of Crafts concessions on 12/5.

* We still need a chairperson to co-ordinate concessions for girls basketball.

7) Chaperones – Greg Steinkerchner

* Greg reported that they too are getting increased cancellations. It is hard to get people to fill in at the last minute.

8) Membership – Diane Steinkerchner

* Diane reported that we currently have had 735 slots in which we have had parent volunteers. So far, 69% of parents have volunteered for one event and only 19% have met their “seven event quota.” We need to encourage people to volunteer for more than the required amount of events.

9) Uniforms – Laurie White

* Laurie was not present, but Steve reported that the uniforms were recently dry cleaned.

Old Business:**NATR** – Diane Steinkerchner

* Diane reported that the committee just met. They secured March 12 as the date but they are looking at a different hall.

Senior Night – Scarlett Semprini

* Teresa Katsaros volunteered to be the committee chair for senior night (10/29). Scarlett thanked Teresa for coordinating this event.

Minutes – Erin McPherson

- Dianne Duckworth motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by Lynn Sommer.

New Business:

Homecoming – Mr. Hadgis would like to have plumes/capes for the Homecoming.



Floor Items:

- * Thank you to Glen Rutherford for the recent band photo!
- * Jan Croyle needs an aerial photo of the band to submit to the paper.
- * We have a CD of the band show. If anyone is interested please email Mr. Hadgis and he will give you a copy.
- * We appreciate Mr. Moore for coming and being willing to discuss the financial concerns. Mr. Moore indicated that the administrative team is very thankful for Band Boosters.

Next meeting will be **Monday, November 8th** at 7:30 in the WHS band room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lynn Sommer, 2nd by Cindi Romanoff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.



2010-2011 Band Booster Executive Board

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