



Waxahachie Band Booster News

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June 2005

High School Band Summer Schedule

Drum Line Camp (daily).....	June 6-10 (8:00-12:00 & 1:30-5:00)
UTA Drum Major/Leadership Camp.....	June 19-23
UTA Color Guard/Percussion Camp.....	June 26-30
Lake Highlands Drum Corps Show.....	July 21
Drum line/Color Guard Camp.....	July 25-29 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-4:00)
Band Leaders/Section Leaders/DM's.....	July 28 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-5:00)
Freshman Marching Camp (includes ALL Band Leadership).....	July 29 (8:00-12:00, 1:30-5:00)
Full Band Camp (all day).....	August 1-5 (8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00)
Full Band Camp (Evenings).....	August 8-9, 11 (5:00-9:00)
Full Band Camp (all day).....	August 12 (8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00)
Ice Cream Social.....	August 26 (7:00 PM)

Booster Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Chris Buse
VP Concessions.....	Marty Reese
VP Fundraising.....	Nick Jordan
Secretary.....	Jennifer Dacy
Treasurer.....	Robert Ashley
WJHS Rep.....	Cheryl Stephens

The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization provides support for all students in the Waxahachie Band Program. Every band parent and friend of the band is invited to join the Waxahachie Band Booster Organization. The Waxahachie Band Booster Organization meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M. in the WHS band hall.

www.waxahachieband.org

Benny Davis

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the entire WISD Band Program, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Benny Davis. Mr. Davis will be leaving our district at the end of the school year, having accepted a position at the new Heath High School in Rockwall where he will oversee the school's first band program.

Without question, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Davis. His dedication, his passion and his commitment to WHS has enabled our program to reach new levels of success. Under his leadership, our bands have advanced to the Texas UIL State Marching competition while also earning national recognition at competitions and nationally televised appearances around the country. More important than the awards and accolades, one of his greatest accomplishments at WHS has been his passion for the students as he continuously inspired them to achieve their goals in music, in academics, and in life.

Without question, Mr. Davis helped elevate the WHS Band Program. On behalf of the entire WISD Band Program, we thank him and wish him great success in Rockwall.

As the new Director of Bands at WISD, my challenge is to build on the great pro-

gram already in place. For the past three years, I've learned a great deal by having had the opportunity to work alongside Mr. Davis. I know that the greatest tribute we could pay him is to keep moving the program forward.

Our job as directors, students, and parents is to pick up the baton and continue raising the level of expectations for our students in music, in academics, and in life.

Thank you again, Mr. Davis. We won't let you down.

Always, WITH PRIDE!

*Rich Armstrong
Incoming Director
WISD Band Program*

TMS Band News

After having earned Division One ratings in concert and sight reading at the UIL, the Maypearl Contest and the Sandy Lake Festival, the TMS band performed a wide variety of music for their Spring Concert to hundreds of listeners on Thursday evening, May 19. The band finished off their program of music with a rousing rendition of the "1812 Overture," with cannon shots and the works. For an encore, the band featured

the trombone section in "Slip and Slide." Within the past two weeks, the band has performed three orientation concerts to three visiting elementary schools. While it is sad to see our sixth graders leave us, we are looking forward to working with the new crop of young and budding musicians. We have many great things in store for next year's TMS Band. We will continue our quest in providing a rewarding and educational experience for all of next year's band members. In behalf of the TMS band staff, we want to express our appreciation for the parental support of our children and the band program. Have a great summer!

- Donnie & Margie Owens

WJHS Band News

The Junior High Symphonic 1 Band made Division One ratings from all judges at the UIL contest in April and received the sweepstakes trophy. Both of the Junior High Bands received Division One ratings at the Beach Within Reach Band Festival. This has been a very productive year for the Junior High Bands. - Terry Maxwell

Summer Fundraisers!

The Band Boosters have decided **NOT** to participate in the annual Fireworks fundraiser at the TNT Super Center this year. However, students and parents are **still needed** to work the stadium concession stand on **July 3rd** for the **City of Waxahachie Fireworks** show. For more information or to sign up to work please contact either *Marty Reese* at 214-937-5529 or *Chris Buse* at 972-938-1329 (*evenings*).

The Boosters are considering a new fundraiser involving Mr. T's Music. The details on this have not yet been worked out. Stay tuned for future updates as more information becomes available.

Booster News

The Boosters are proud to welcome **Rich Armstrong** as the **NEW Director of Bands** at WISD. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.

The Band Boosters meet the second Monday of every month in the **WHS Band Hall** at **7:00 P.M.** We invite ALL band parents to attend the next booster meetings on **June 13th** and **July 11th**.

Executive Committee meeting - Thursday, **June 2, 7:00 P.M.** for all Band Booster Officers and Committee members in the WHS Band Hall. Please contact *Chris Buse* if you are unable to attend at 972-938-1329 (*evenings*) or cbbuse@hotmail.com - *Chris Buse*

Thank You

A special "Thank You" to the **2004-2005 Booster Officers** for ALL you have done for the band program: **Neal White**—President, **Jennifer Dacy**—VP Fundraising, **Chris Buse**—Treasurer, **Theresa Davis**—Secretary, **Marty Reese**—VP Concessions, **Nancy Petty** — WNGA Rep and **Cheryl Stephens**—WJHS Rep.

We would also like to thank **ALL** of the band parents for your continuing support and the countless volunteer hours that you have given to the band program.

Color Guard Reminders

All color guard members who will be attending the UTA **Color Guard camp** need to make sure that they get their **registration forms and fees** into UTA by Friday, **June 10th**. Also, if you did not check a flag out for the summer please contact the band hall to make arrangements. More application packets are available at the following website. <http://www.uta.edu/music/band/sumcamps.htm>

Drum Line Reminders

All drum line members are expected to attend the **June 6-June 10th drum camp**. The camp will be held at the high school from **8-12 and 1:30-5 pm daily**. If you have a conflict with any of these dates please communicate with the band office ASAP. Bring your sticks/mallets and a great work ethic. We will learn fundamental routines, cadences, and some new charts

Drum Major Reminders

First, let's congratulate **Elizabeth Buchanan** and **Jaci Wyatt** for being selected as the **2005-2006 Waxahachie Drum Majors**. Ladies, remember you are going to the UTA **Drum Major camp, June 19-23**. We look forward to watching you lead and conduct our marching band next season.

Practice, Practice, Practice

At this time of the year the horn can sometimes stay in the case in the corner of the room for many weeks. Students, please find some time daily to play, maintain, and develop your chops. Create a daily routine that will allow you to practice and continue to move forward with your musical skills. You **ALL STATE HOPEFULS** need to remember that your competition is going to practice everyday this summer for at least an hour. You must match this amount of practice time just to be in the game.

So, enjoy the summer months and have a great time. But, don't forget to improve your skills. - *Mr. Armstrong*

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