

Thank You!

Newsletter

I would like to thank all of the people that help pull this newsletter together each month so that we can deliver timely up-to-date information to all of our band parents. Thanks to those that contribute information and articles, and a very special thanks to Mr. Armstrong and his students that manually fold, label, and attach white tabs to each and every newsletter. If I had to do all of that myself I would never get this baby out the door.

- Lisa Popp—Newsletter Coordinator

Refreshments

A special thank you to Phyllis Collier for providing the refreshments at the September booster meeting.

Also, a special thanks to Cheryl Stephens for making arrangements for refreshments to be served at the WJHS Parent Meeting on Aug. 29th. We would also like to thank all of those volunteers that helped setup and serve those refreshments and Robert Woodhouse for providing access to the school on a Sunday afternoon.

Southwest Specialties/Music T's

For all of the parents and students that joined in this effort to support the band by recycling plaques we say a HUGE THANK YOU!
www.music-ts.com



Total plaques recycled: **83,093**

Total donation earned: **\$16,618.60**

Marble Slab

The boosters would like to thank Marble Slab for generously donating coupons for free cones that were given away as door prizes at the September booster meeting. The boosters are selling Marble Slab Ice Cream at the concession stand this year!



Chaperones

For all of the chaperones that assisted with the DeSoto and Corsicana games we say a BIG thank you!



Concessions

Thank you to all the volunteers that have come out to work concessions at the Jr. High, JV, and Varsity football games. This is the largest source of income for the boosters and we could not do this without all of our volunteers that give countless hours in making this happen. A very special thank you to our Concession Manager, Marty Reese, and his wife Jennie for giving tirelessly to make the Waxahachie Football Concessions heads above all the rest in quality and service.



We would also like to thank Kathy Hunt and Jimmie Ray for volunteering on the spot to help in the Jr. High concession stand when they saw that we only had two people working and we were in desperate need of help.

WHS Band Party

A special thank you to Gene and Karen Summers for hosting the September WHS Band Party as well as all of the parents that stayed to chaperone.



Away Game Food & Drinks

Thank you to those that helped prepare the away game food by donating items and making sandwiches for the DeSoto and Corsicana games. Also a special thank you to Ira Pinkston and Robert & Belinda Ashley for hauling the drink coolers and food containers to the games. Our students thank you!



Uniform Alternations

Thanks to all of the parents that helped in getting the marching uniforms altered in time to wear at the Corsicana game. A very special thank you to Annette Grumbles for sewing the color guard flags and making last minute alterations on the color guard uniforms!



September Adult Volunteers

A special thanks goes to all of our volunteers. There are countless volunteer opportunities and I'm sure there are some we will fail to thank. Please know that we value ALL of our volunteers. We could not do this without you!

Malissa Armstrong	bles	Gerald Needham
Robert Ashley	Lucy Guajardo	Linda Needham
Belinda Ashley	Estella Hernandez	Tom Perry
Chris Aulbaugh	Mackie Hesse	Woody Perry
Jackie Bailey	Denise Hinson	Nancy Petty
Scott Bailey	Sharon Hobbs	Kevin Phillips
Stephanie Baze	Stacy Hopkins	Valli Phillips
Rose Beard	Karen Howard	Ira Pinkston
Pete Beard	Richard Howard	Lisa Popp
Andy Berning	Susan Howard	Perry Popp
Michelle Berning	Alicia Huff	Amelia Power
DeAnn Bowen	Tommy Huff	Edward Quintana
Chris Buse	Kathy Hunt	Lori Recksiek
Karan Byrd	BJ Ishmael	Jennie Reese
Jose Cadena	Carrie Jackson	Marty Reese
Alan Cleaver	David Jackson	Wendy Ragon
Sharla Cleaver	Joan Johnson	Jimmie Ray
Phyllis Collier	Bill Kelley	Helen Sellers
Chrissy Colwell	Karen Lawton	David Smith
Paige Cooke	Bill Lockridge	Cheryl Stephens
Jennifer Dacy	Diana Lund	Stu Stephenson
Theresa Davis	Renee Martin	Doreen Strickland
Maria Dishman	Miguel Martinez	Gene Summers
Kirby Erickson	Rafael Martinez	Karen Summers
Bobby Featherstone	Karen Maxwell	George Susat
Cindy Featherstone	Ron Maxwell	Paula Susat
LaNiece Foster	Jody McGlothen	Gale Tobias
Dell Ray George	Sheila McGlothen	Carolyn Wallis
JoAnn George	Ronnie McMahan	Hal Wallis
Paige Gordon	Sam Meade	Kathy White
Larry Green	Sandy Meredith	Tammy Wright
Annette Grimes	Pam Moon	Gary Wyatt
Annette Grum-	Cindy Murray	Lisa Wyatt

Booster Officers 2005-2006

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Turner Rep.....	Billie Stephenson

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.



Turner Middle School Band

The Turner Middle School Band is on Theory lesson #5, have learned the basics of producing characteristic sounds and have mastered five new notes. Learning to play an instrument is similar to building a house. Houses are built one brick at the time; musical instruments are learned one note at the time. We strongly believe that "Repetition is the Mother of Success," so we are repeating a lot to retain what we have learned. We hope that the first brick/note doesn't fall, otherwise, we are in deep trouble. Our goal is to be far enough along by November 1 to begin preparation for the Holiday Season Concert. "Jingle Bells" will be the first song that we will learn.

We are proud to boast that the Turner Band is mixing the fun with the work. On Saturday, October 8, the 115 member band and many of its parents/guardians will meet in the Turner Middle School cafeteria to fold boxes for the packaging of cell phones. The project is sponsored by the Waxahachie Band Boosters and has been approved by our Principal Mrs. Ruth Sutton. Our goal is for each student to fold 413 boxes between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. The band's total goal is 50,000 boxes. With the help of band parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owens will provide lunch for the participants. Proceeds from the project will finance the band's first social of the year by attending Celebration Station Amusement Park in Mesquite. The entry fee will cover transportation, lunch, a four-hour period of unlimited rides and 10 extra tokens for the arcade. We are looking forward to the outing. We wish to thank the Band Boosters and the School Administration for providing us with this opportunity of working and playing together. We look forward to performing for you in December.

-Donnie & Margie Owens



Waxahachie Junior High Bands

The Waxahachie Junior High School Symphonic 7 and Symphonic 8 had a fantastic debut performance for their first football game on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Wilemon Field. The combined bands performed the "Fight Song", "On the Warpath", and "Land of a Thousand Dances" together. The percussion section performed a new version of the jig while the enthusiastic wind players jumped and spun around to the usual choreography that accompanies the jig. The students had a good time and played well.

The fundraiser went well with 91 of the students participating and an increase in profit from last year's fundraiser. The product is predicted to be in on Thursday, Sept. 29; however, that date could change at late notice if the delivery company has to reschedule. Otherwise, please plan to pick up the delivery on the scheduled day so that the product can be promptly refrigerated.

We are currently in the process of electing band officers. Results should be complete by the next newsletter. The Symphonic 7 and Symphonic 8 Bands will be performing again at the football game on Tuesday, September 27 at Wilemon Field from 5:15 to 7:15 PM. We will also be performing again on Oct. 4 and Oct. 18

- Ken Hurst



WJHS Band Directors

Ken Hurst

Ken Hurst began his interest in band as a student in Little Cypress-Mauriceville Independent School District in Orange, Texas with his band director Richard Keyton.

After studying trombone with Andrew Russell and earning a Bachelor of Music Education from Baylor University in Waco, Texas in 1978, Mr. Hurst taught band in Frisco ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, Keller ISD, Kilgore ISD, Kennedale ISD, and most recently in New Mexico at Shiprock High School.

Mr. Hurst continues to be an avid performer on trombone and he has performed with the Dallas Wind Symphony, Arlington Community Band, Irving Symphonic Band, North East Concert Band, and the San Juan Symphony. Mr. Hurst has a son, Jameson, who is a student at the University of North Texas, a daughter, Emily, who is in the fifth grade at Green Valley Elementary in Birdville ISD, and a step son, Jonah Nolen, who is in the tenth grade at MacArthur High School in Irving ISD.

Mr. Hurst is married to Sandy Hurst, who is also a musician and professional signer. In addition to music, Mr. Hurst also enjoys photography, travel, snow skiing, and motor sports.

Kendra Ray

Kendra Ray is in her second year with the Waxahachie Independent School District. In her first year of teaching, she taught TAKS Math at Turner Middle School. Ms. Ray earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Stephen F. Austin University in May of 2004 where she graduated in the top of her class. Ms. Ray is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association and Texas Bandmasters Association. At WJHS her duties include teaching the beginning woodwind ensemble, conducting the Symphonic 7 Band, assisting with Symphonic 8 and beginning brass class, and assisting with the High School Marching Band.

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Waxahachie High School Band

Let's Celebrate! The marching band has finished learning the drill and music to "One More Night in Tunisia". We are now entering a stage of show development where we clean and detail. Keep a close eye on the show as we continue to add more things to create stronger effect musically and visually. We are extremely proud of all of our students and their work ethic to this point. However, to go to the next level as a marching band we must all realize that "There Are No Short Cuts". The students must begin to really buckle down and make sure that they can march and play their own music to help improve the overall band. We will hold the kids accountable by listening to them play their music in band classes.

All Region Band auditions are in December. Please remind your students that and they must continue to practice daily to excel in these auditions. Taking private lessons can really help students do well at All Region.

Do not forget to come out and support the marching band at the following marching contests. Times, Directions and all important information can be found on the web site.

HEB Marching Contest, Saturday, October 1

UIL Marching Contest, Saturday, October 15

Area Marching Contest, Saturday, October 29



Jazz Band

The Waxahachie Jazz band members auditioned for the TMEA All Region jazz band on Saturday, September 24th. Once again we performed well and placed quite a few folks in the bands. Michael Prohaska, Will Davis, and Caleb Gilbreath earned the top position in their section and taped for the All State Jazz Band. We are proud of all of our jazz students for their excellent contributions to our music program.

1st Region Jazz Band (Area Members that taped for All State)

Michael Prohaska-1st Chair Trumpet

Will Davis-1st Chair Trombone

Caleb Gilbreath-1st Chair Drum Set

2nd Region Jazz Band

Joseph Urias-1st Chair Trumpet

Alejandro Medina-3rd Chair Trombone

Sam Lipman-1st Chair Drum Set

Andrew McGlothen-Piano

Alternates

John Meade-Alto Saxophone

Valencia Banks-Bari Saxophone

Jeremy Brown-Trombone

Luciano Lopez-Bass Trombone

William Zimmerman-Guitar

Brian Stephens-Trumpet

A Note From Our Booster President

Thanks to everyone who has been working so hard to help make our band program such a great success! Thanks for the many volunteers who have prepared meals, provided special treats, chaperoned, altered uniforms, created posters, staffed the concession stands, helped move equipment, and volunteered in so many other ways.

A special word of thanks goes to Robert Ashley and Gary Wyatt for their dedication and leadership with the Music T's fund raiser. This project was a huge success!

During the month of October, there will be many opportunities to show your support for all of our band students. The junior high band will be performing at the junior high football games. Our high school band is hard at work preparing for their competitions.

Once again this fall, we will be hosting the UIL Marching Contest at Lumpkins Stadium. There will be many volunteer opportunities associated with hosting this event.

The Boosters are also busy planning and creating special treats for our students during the week leading up to the UIL Marching Contest. We want our students to know how very proud we are of each of them!!

Great reports are coming from Turner Middle School. Our beginning band students are working very hard and making great progress! We look forward to hearing them perform later this semester.

We also want to express our appreciation to our wonderful band staff! Our students are blessed to have such dedicated and talented directors. Please take a moment to tell our directors how much you appreciate the long hours they are spending helping our students be a great success.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Booster meeting, October 10.

-Chris Buse, WBB President

Information

Band Truck

The boosters have agreed to purchase a new "used" band truck to replace the current truck. The new truck is a 26 ft. 1999 International 4700 Series that will need to be outfitted with custom shelving designed for storing percussion equipment and large instruments for travel. Outfitting the truck with shelving will protect the equipment during travel and will allow better utilization of space. Anyone that specializes in custom cabinetry that would like to volunteer their services to the boosters to help design and/or build this cabinetry please contact Rich Armstrong at 972-923-4627—rlarm@wisd.org, or Gary Wyatt at 972-923-0738—wyatt.gary@sbcglobal.net.

Band Trip—April 27-30

Mark your calendars. The WHS Band is planning a spring trip to Corpus Christi. Work credit options will be available so that students can earn their way. For more information contact Rich Armstrong.

Jazz Café—February 25

The boosters have approved plans for the Jazz Café. This will be a jazz venue featuring the WHS Jazz Band, dinner and dancing at the Waxahachie Civic Center. Come here the jazz band as they play dance band music from the Glenn Miller era. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Ticket sales dates TBA.

October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 HEB Marching Festival -Pennington Field—Bedford 1:15 Perform
2	3 Executive Com- mittee Mtg 7pm	4 WJHS Band Sym. 7th & 8th— Wilemon Stadium CiCi's Pizza Night	5	6 Fall Drama Production— "Rumors" 7pm	7 Game at Midlothian Report at 4:45 Fall Drama Production	8 SAT Exams Turner Band Fund- raiser 10am —2pm Fall Drama Production
9	10 Booster Meeting 7:00 pm WHS Band Hall	11 CiCi's Pizza Night	12	13	14 Homecoming Parade—3:00 PM Game-Report at 5:45 9 wks eligibility ck	15 UIL Marching Contest Lumpkins Stadium 7 am—7 pm
16	17 Fair Day	18 WJHS Band Sym. 7th & 8th— Wilemon Stadium CiCi's Pizza Night	19	20	21 Game at Alvarado Report at 4:45	22 WHS Band Party
23	24	25 CiCi's Pizza Night	26	27	28 Everman at Home Report at 5:30 Senior Night Sym 8 Night	29 UIL Area Marching Contest Pennington Field— Bedford
30	31					