

## The Pursuit Of Excellence!

I am extremely excited and energized about the direction our band program is moving. The staff has met on numerous occasions throughout the summer making sure that all three campuses are in alignment in respects to curriculum, organization, expectations, objectives, goals, and music fundamentals. It is awesome to watch our team with diverse ideas, experiences, and talents come together to design the future of the program. The staff is in agreement that the "development of the individual student" is the foundation for success in any great band program. We will set high standards and make sure that we provide the time necessary to help the students accomplish these standards.

Our staff is also committed to helping students attain excellence in their lives by helping them develop life long skills in the areas of accountability, responsibility, and work ethic. The events, activities, and musical objectives that our students will experience this year will truly enable them to become the great thinkers and leaders of tomorrow.

The team feels that anything worth doing is worth doing well. Aristotle put it best when he said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

We want to thank everyone for supporting the band program. Working together we will achieve more in the pursuit of excellence.

-Rich Armstrong

## TMEA All State Music Etude Selection is Posted Online



[www.tmea.org](http://www.tmea.org)

All high school students wishing to try out for the All Region and All State band can find the etude selections posted at the TMEA website. Students can also find important information regarding the performance of these etudes at this same site.

All WHS students desiring to play with the Wind Ensemble and/or Symphonic band will need to become familiar with these etudes to adequately prepare for the fall auditions which will occur starting at the end of August.

## Booster Officers 2006-2007

President.....	Chris Buse
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Turner Rep.....	VACANT

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 **first Monday** of each month, 7:00 P.M. in the WHS band hall.

[www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

## Music T's Fundraiser

The Boosters are continuing to recycle award plaques for Music T's. Students will receive one *work credit* for each hour worked. These *work credits* may be applied to a WHS band student's band fees, instrument rental fees, winter guard fees, and band spring trip fees.

### Current Work dates scheduled

Aug. 13, Aug. 20, Aug. 27

Shift 1: 8:00 A.M. - 12 Noon

Shift 2: 12 Noon - 4:00 P.M.



\*Note: not working on Aug 5th (Car Wash Date)

### Current results

Total plaques recycled: 13,577

Total donation earned: \$2,715.40

Current work credit value: \$3.27

Signup sheets located in the band hall or contact Lisa Popp at 972.938.0469, [lispopp@texasairnet.com](mailto:lispopp@texasairnet.com).

## Mr. Phillips Is Engaged!



It's official. Mr. Phillips is engaged to be married. Mr. Phillips proposed to Erika Kendrick this summer while they were vacationing in Hawaii. The two plan to be married sometime next summer. Exact dates, times, and places have yet to be determined. Congratulations Mr. Phillips!

## Booster Meeting

Monday, August 7, 7:00 P.M.

## Annual High School Band Car Wash



Saturday, Aug. 5 8:00-4:00 PM

The Annual Band Car Wash will be held at multiple locations this year. The WHS parking lot is the only confirmed location, other locations TBA.

High School band students will be washing cars from 8-4 pm. **We will be accepting donations and receiving pledges** starting July 26th.

We will need hoses, buckets, sponges, soap, and all the necessary items to make this car wash successful and enjoyable. If you can donate any of these items please let the band office know (972-923-4627). Plan to have all of your friend's and neighbor's cars washed on Saturday, August 5th. We expect to wash your cars.



## Annual Band Ice Cream Social

The Waxahachie Band Boosters would like to invite all of our band students in grades 6-12 and their families to attend the Annual Ice Cream Social. This event will take place on **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 P.M. in Lumpkins Stadium. **Admission is FREE.**

Come experience the thrill, the excitement, and the absolute energy of this year's marching band.

Enjoy the entertainment, the free ice cream, and the great time being with our extended band family. We look forward to your presence at this fun-filled event.

Tradition is that each Freshman band student bring a 1/2 gallon of ice cream to the event and drop it off at the concession stand as you arrive.

If you have any questions about the Ice Cream Social, please contact the band office at 972-923-4627 or [rlarm@wisd.org](mailto:rlarm@wisd.org).

## WHS Band DVDs

DVDs for the 2005-2006 Band year are still available from Video Station for \$30.00. Contact Rick Orr @972-937-7150 or use the enclosed order form to get your keepsake while supplies last.

## URGENT NEED!



The Boosters have an urgent need to fill the vacant position of Assistant VP of Concessions. Our current concession experts have graduating Seniors and will no longer be with us after this upcoming school year. It is imperative that some new people step forward to start learning this process while our veterans are still around to train. If you are interested in assisting with concession management then please contact Chris Buse at [cbbuse@hotmail.com](mailto:cbbuse@hotmail.com), 972-938-1329 (evenings).

## Thank You!

### July 4th Concessions & Band Picnic

Thank you to those parents that worked the July 4th tail gate party at Lumpkins stadium as well as those parents that assisted with the band picnic. We couldn't do it without you.

### Southwest Specialties/Music T's

For all of the parents and students that have joined in this effort to support the band by recycling plaques on their personal time we say a HUGE THANK YOU! .

### Help us Keep You Connected!

*Please visit the band website ([www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)) to update your contact information. We need current e-mail addresses to keep all of our families connected. Thanks!*

### August Adult Volunteers

Belinda Ashley	Richard Howard	Gerald Needham
Robert Ashley	Kathy Hunt	Woody Perry
Michelle Berning	BJ Ishmael	Lisa Popp
Chris Buse	Diana Lund	David Speer
Karan Byrd	Ronnie McMahan	Marty Reese
Jennifer Dacy	Wade McMurray	Dian Tuohy
Karen Howard	Linda Needham	

## WJHS Band News



### Dan Francis Joins our band family as the new Head Junior High Band director.

Dan Francis is a native of Oklahoma and grew up in Oklahoma City. He received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. Upon graduation Mr. Francis accepted a position with the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra and was a member of the orchestra for the next seven years. Mr. Francis taught applied trumpet at Oklahoma Baptist University and the University of Central Oklahoma while playing with the orchestra.

Mr. Francis obtained his Master of Music degree in trumpet performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, while continuing his playing career in Oklahoma City. He was privileged to study trumpet with one of the premier trumpet teachers in the nation, Vincent Cichowicz of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He also studied band performance techniques with John Paynter.

In 1991 Mr. Francis came to Texas and taught at Graham Middle School for the next seven years. His bands at Graham were consistent winners of the U.I.L. "Sweepstakes" award during his tenure. The Graham High School Band was runner-up in the 3A Honor Band competition and advanced to the finals of the State Marching Contest twice during his time in Graham.

Mr. Francis was the high school band director in Gainesville, Texas, from 1998-2000. During that time the high school band received the second U.I.L. "Sweepstakes" in the history of the school.

From 2000-2006 Mr. Francis has been the band director at Marsh Middle School in Castleberry I.S.D. in Ft. Worth, Texas. His band progressed from a IV/III at U.I.L. competition the year before he came to a U.I.L. "Sweepstakes" in three years. The band also won the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series Concert Selection category in 2003. The high school band at Castleberry has advanced to the State Marching Contest twice and finished fourth in the 3A Honor Band competition during his tenure.

### Drum Majors Refine Technique and Style!

Caleb Gilbreath and Matt Neal represented Waxahachie with immense PRIDE at the UTA Drum Major and Leadership Camp the week of June 18-22. These guys spent a busy week learning new conducting tips and tricks, leadership methods, band management ideas, and effective rehearsal strategies. Both young men came back from camp excited about the new marching season and ready to get to work. With their leadership the band will succeed.



## TMS Band News

Turner Middle School is very pleased to welcome 110 new band students this year. Our staff looks forward to working with these budding musicians while experiencing the excitement of learning to play a musical instrument. It is an awesome experience to see children become the entertainers as opposed to being entertained. Our calendar is chucked with the great activities of band trips, concerts, contests and the amusement parks. 2006-2007 will truly be an exciting year for our Turner Middle School band students. The Turner Middle School Band has a history of excellence and is recognized as one of the premiere beginning band programs.

The band has an unblemished record of Division One ratings in Concert and Sight Reading events. In 2003-2004 the TMS band was chosen as the "Outstanding Concert Band" at the Sandy Lake Music Festival in Dallas. In 2004-2005 the TMS Band was chosen as the "Outstanding Band" at the Maypearl Contest.

In 2005-2006 the band attended the **Beach Within Reach Festival** in Fort Worth for the first time. The band received **Division One ratings** and out of 12 entries, the band was selected as "**Best In Class.**" At the end of the three day event, the judges awarded the **Grand Champion trophy** to Turner Middle School. With the quality of our new crop of musicians and a near perfect instrumentation, the band is destined for success.

Start the 2006-2007 school year by attending the ice cream social at Lumpkins Stadium on Thursday, August 24, 7:00-8:30P.M. Admission is free.

We look forward to seeing all of you.

*-Donnie & Margie Owens*



## Percussion News

**2006-2007**

### THE DRUM LINE IS PUMPED!

We are extremely proud of all of the many percussionists that attended the summer sectionals. Their technique, practice habits, and overall musicianship has improved due to the extra practice time. We want say a special thank you to the 6th grade and Junior High students that came to the band hall to practice. WOW! What dedication.

## WHS Band Alumni Represents Waxahachie on ABC

Congratulations to former drum major, Jeremiah Richey! Jeremiah, a 1998 WHS graduate, was chosen to be a contestant on ABC's "The One: Making a Music Star." Similar to "American Idol" the contestants compete weekly for a recording contract. You can watch "The One" each Tuesday evening for 10 weeks. We wish Jeremiah much success!





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# Marching Band Registration Reminder

WHS Band Hall

July 29 (Main fitting day)

8-9:30 am	Seniors
9:30-11	Juniors
11-1:30 pm	Sophomores
1:30-4 pm	Freshman

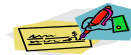
**August 5 (Make-up Fitting Day, times TBA)**

Please allow time to complete all of the activities within the registration process. Parents will need to help complete forms and payments sections of the Band Registration to-do list.



**Band Fees Due**

All WHS band fees will be due by August 5. A list of the fees is posted on the band website. If you have questions please call Rich Armstrong at the band hall.



## Fall Auditions & All Region Band Sectionals

This year we will utilize the All Region music in conjunction with a series of auditions to set new standards of performance excellence for our concert band program. Each band will have a series of performance objectives that must be met prior to earning a position in any given ensemble.

All high school students desiring a position in the Wind Ensemble and/or Symphonic band will be required to attend 4 auditions prior to the spring semester. The auditions will be held during sectional times. (dates listed below)

We will offer sectionals to all students. One hour sectionals will be held before and after school starting the week of August 8. Students are not required to attend the sectionals but it is in their best interest to come and get the extra instruction. Sectionals will focus on fundamentals and detailing the etudes.

It is our intention of providing advancement opportunities for our students in the concert program. We also want to make sure that similar work ethics and skills are placed together. The standard for playing in the top varsity ensemble is one that will be challenging and quite rewarding. *Participation in a private lesson program will greatly increase one's chances of earning a position in the top ensemble.*

Auditions will occur during the Weeks of:

August 28

September 25

October 30

November 27

## HELP WANTED

July 29, Uniform Fitting Day

August 5, Make Up Day

Several positions available with no skills needed.

Many, many positions available for people who can sew (mainly hand hemming pants).

Great hours! You pick your hours (1 hour, 2 hours, half a day, or all day, etc).

Benefits: Get to know your Booster Family, see how the kids have grown, have fun, and get uniforms ready so your kids will have a current picture in uniform in the football program.

Here's what happens on uniform fitting day. All band students try on their uniform, shoes, hat, get individual picture made (bring your horn) and turn in required papers and pay yearly fees. Those out of town will have another chance to do this the following week Aug 5.

Please come and bring friends and family to help us sew.

Contact Woody @ 972-938-8329 or [wood-yann1974@yahoo.com](mailto:wood-yann1974@yahoo.com)



## Wind Ensemble Spring Trip

This year the Wind Ensemble will be planning on taking an overnight trip in the Spring. The tentative dates are set for the weekend of April 26-29 however this could change to the last weekend in March. The destination is not 100% finalized but we are planning on traveling and participating in the Blues City Classic held in Memphis, Tennessee. We would perform in the new Cannon Center of Performing Arts, visit Graceland, enjoy a riverboat dinner cruise, eat some great barbeque, and take in the rich cultural heritage of Memphis. Final details and a more comprehensive itinerary will be available soon.

## Notice...Use Music T's Work Credits for Your Fees

All high school students can earn work credits that can be applied to the following fees:

Band activity fee, instrument rental fee, Winter guard fee, and band spring trip fee.

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To the Parents of:

**August/Sept.**  
**Executive Meeting**  
 Monday, July 31, 7:00 P.M.  
 Monday, August 28, 7:00 P.M.  
 WHS Band Hall  
**Booster Meeting**  
 Monday, August 7, 7:00 P.M.  
 Monday, September 11, 7:00 P.M.  
 WHS Band Hall

# August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July 31 Executive Meeting 7pm	1	2	3 WHS Band Luau 6-10pm	4	5 Band Car Wash Marching Band Registration (Make-up Day)
----- <b>Marching Band Camp</b> -----						
6	7 Booster Meeting 7pm	8 First Day of School 	9	10 TMS Band Parent Meeting 7pm at Turner Middle School	11	12
13	14 JHS Band Parent Meeting 7pm at JHS Band Hall	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Annual Band Ice Cream Social 7:00-8:30pm Lumpkins Stadium	25 WHS Football Scrimmage	26
27	28 Executive Meeting 7pm	29	30	31	Sept 1	Sept 2 WHS vs Highland Park @ SMU