



Waxahachie Band Students earn All State Honors

Lyndi Ashley-2nd All State Appearance

Jeremy Brown-1st All State Appearance

Two WHS band students qualified for the All State Band after the Area B Texas Music Educators Association competition Saturday, Jan. 7, at Duncanville High School. Junior Lyndi Ashley, clarinet, qualified for her second straight All-State Band selection, while senior Jeremy Brown on trombone, earned his first selection to this prestigious band ensemble.

Lyndi is the daughter of Robert and Belinda Ashley and the late Lisa Ashley. Jeremy is the son of Linda Brown Beasley.

They will attend the TMEA annual convention in San Antonio Feb. 15-18 to participate in an intensive music clinic and perform in concert during the convention.

Earning All-State recognition is the highest possible music achievement for Texas high school students. Less than 1% of all high school musicians in Texas accomplish this feat.

Nine WHS band students advanced to the Area B competition as a result of their placement during All-Region competition in December. Other students participating in the Area competition were: Will Davis, Trombone, Alex Bowling, French horn; Dylan Dacy, French horn; Amber Grant, French horn, and Neetu Mathew, flute. Also qualifying to attend the Area competition were Caleb Gilbreath, percussion, and Shelby Richie, oboe.

All of these students deserve congratulations for their excellent showings at both All-Region and Area competitions. WHS is fortunate to have so many musicians of this caliber and commitment in our program.

WAXAHACHIE JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Waxahachie Civic Center
 Saturday,
 February 25th,
 7:00 P.M.

guest artists
Keith Davis, saxophonist
James Davis, jazz trumpeter,
 formerly with the Glenn Miller Orchestra

Dancing Continental Cuisine **Big Band Music**

Advance tickets only: \$25
 Tickets available at the following locations:

Bealls Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic
 Waxahachie Daily Light

Sponsored by the Waxahachie High School Jazz Club and the Waxahachie Band Boosters



Mid-Winter Concerts Series

WHS Band - Thursday, Feb. 2 - 7PM

WJHS Band - Thursday, Feb. 9 - 7PM

Jazz Band - Monday, Feb 13 - 7:30PM
 (immediately following band booster meeting)



"To write great music, the musician must make his life a great song. ... Ceaseless work, analysis, reflection, writing much, endless self-correction, that is my secret."

Johann Sebastian Bach

Turner Middle School Band

After a series of successful performances prior to the Holiday Season, the Turner Band is busily preparing for a number of competitions. Presently, the band is learning seven major scales, the chromatic, and the first eight measures of the "Bach 12 Chorale," which will improve the ensemble's tone quality, intonation and musicianship. Each week, the band does a written theory assignment (mostly counting exercises), which will help tremendously in the Sight Reading portion of the UIL Contest. The band will attend the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest on Wednesday, April 12, the Sandy Lake Music Festival on Friday, April 28 and the Beach Within Reach Contest on Friday, May 12. On Thursday, January 19, we begin our annual fund raiser to help defray competition expenses. The project will earn 40% profit, but 30% of everything a bandsman sells will go toward that individual's expenses to Sandy Lake and to Beach Within Reach. The band will keep 10% to supplement our needs for supplies, equipment and repairs. Every day is looked upon as an opportunity to earn respect by wowing our listeners, whether it is the judges or the spectators. We are pleased to announce that we have a new percussionist--Adrian Salvador who comes to us from Irving. Adrian is fitting in well and is an asset to the TMS Band. We would also like to mention that Daron Spence, saxophone player, won the Spelling Bee Contest at Turner Middle School. Congratulations to Daron! We are excited and expect great things of ourselves.

-Donnie & Margie Owens

Waxahachie Junior High Bands

The Junior High band program has tackled the new year with great gusto and excitement. All of the bands are hard at work preparing their music literature for the Mid-winter Concert which will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM. The bands will continue to develop their programs for the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest which will be held on April 4th and 5th and the Beach Within Reach Festival held later in May.

Many of the students will be attending a special "Star Wars" performance by the Dallas Symphony on Tuesday, February 7. This field trip has been designed to offer our students a night with one of the country's best symphonies. If you are going please contact Ms. Ray for departure times.

We would like to welcome the following new students that have moved into our program. We are really excited about having them work and play with us.

Connor Sullivan – Euphonium, Paige Hill – Trumpet, Eric Farris – Trumpet

-Ken Hurst & Kendra Ray

High School Band

New Students in the Program

We are excited to announce the following new students that have joined the band at the mid-semester mark. Our doors are always open to any student that wants to further their music education.

Monica Hartis-Saxophone; Jonathon Polonca-Saxophone; Forrest Brown-Trombone; Jesse Alford-Tuba

Percussion Ensemble

All percussionists interested in being apart of this semester's percussion ensemble will need to meet at the band hall on Monday, January 30th at 6:15 p.m. (Please do not be late) Rehearsals will be every Monday at 6:15 for one hour. Bring all your mallets and sticks so we have a good assortment the first day. For any questions contact Mr. Phillips at dphillips@wisd.org

Footloose-The Musical

Several of our very talented band students just completed a very successful run of performances with the school musical "Footloose". I am impressed when young musicians accept the added responsibility of a musical and achieve excellence in conjunction with their already demanding schedule. Hats off to the following musicians. Caleb Gilbreath-Drums; James Hollingsworth-Bass; William Zimmerman-Guitar; Alejandro Medina-Guitar; Parker Thompson-Percussion; Lyndi Ashley-Clarinet; Sarah Marshall-Clarinet; Corbin Edgington-Tenor Sax; Valencia Banks-Baritone Sax.

Practicing

"When you are not practicing, remember, someone somewhere is practicing, and when you meet them they will win"

We expect all of the students to be able to play their individual part each time they come to rehearsal and in an effort to hold the students accountable we are grading some of their music playing assignments with a PASS/FAIL consequence. Please encourage your students to devote enough time to their instrument to be accountable for their parts.

Theory

Music theory has become one of our weekly priorities. The students are doing extremely well however there is always room for improvement. Please visit the following website if you and your students want more elaboration into the world of music theory. There is a link from our website.

<http://www.musictheory.net/index.html>

Jazz Band

The jazz band is working fast and furious to prepare for Coronation on Feb. 11, a Jazz concert on Feb. 13, the Jazz Café, and the TCU jazz festival in late March. You do not want to miss this year's band. *They are extremely HOT!* The band is excited to announce the addition of the following jazz musicians to their roster. Jeremy Brown-Trombone; Brittany Reid-Trombone; Jonathon Polonco-Alto Sax. These students will add a great amount of expertise to our program.

-Rich Armstrong & Derek Phillips

Thank You

Refreshments

A special thank you to **Margie Owens** for providing the refreshments at the January booster meeting.

Jazz Posters

A special thank you to **BJ Ishmael** for delivering the Jazz Poster advertisements to area businesses around town. You did a fabulous job!

Patron of the Bands

A special thank you to our corporate patrons! Your generosity to the WISD band program is greatly appreciated! For information on how to become a *Patron of the Bands* contact Gary Wyatt - 972/923-0738 or wyatt.gary@sbcglobal.net



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Winter Guard

Winter guard is off to a terrific start. We are all very excited about this season and everyone is working hard to achieve excellence. This year's production includes a version of "Birdland" recorded by the awesome vocal group Manhattan Transfer.

We have not received 100% of the winter guard fees. These fees are \$100 per student. If you have chosen the extended plan you must have \$75 turned in by Monday, Jan 30. Also, if you are a new member and have not paid your costume fees, \$100 for the costume and \$30 for the shoes must also be paid by Jan. 30. If these fees are not paid you will not march on Feb. 4.

We need some students to participate on the crew. The crew will be responsible for setting any props and equipment that the guard will use. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Armstrong at darm710@sbcglobal.net. This is important for the success of the winter guard. Crew members will only need to come to one rehearsal and the 4 shows.

The first show is Feb. 4th at the Garland Special Events Center at 3:56 in the afternoon. We invite all family and friends to join us at this show.

There has been a change in the performance schedule. We are deleting the Feb 11th show and adding March 25th. Please make a note of this change in your calendars.

Thank you for your support for this fine organization. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Armstrong at darm710@sbcglobal.net.

Band Banquet Committee

Meets every month for ~30 minutes after the band booster meeting. Anyone interested in helping plan this years WHS Band Banquet is invited to attend.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 13th**, immediately following the 7:00 P.M. booster meeting in the WHS Band Hall.

January Adult Volunteers

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| Belinda Ashley | Margie Owens |
| Robert Ashley | Lisa Popp |
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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.band.wisd.org

Basketball Pep Band



Jeremy Brown and Michael Prohaska, seniors in the band program, have done an outstanding job of organizing, managing, and rehearsing the basketball pep band. This band will play at several district home games to help offer support and encouragement to our awesome basketball program. Come out and support the pep band and the basketball teams next Tuesday, January 31.







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To the Parents of:

February
Execute Meeting
Monday, Feb. 6, 7:00 P.M.
Booster Meeting
Monday, Feb. 13, 7:00 P.M.
WHS Band Hall

February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 HS Midwinter Concert 7pm FAC 	3	4 Winter Guard - Garland 
5	6 Executive Meeting 7pm	7 WJHS - DSO Star Wars Field Trip	8	9 JHS Midwinter Concert 7pm FAC 	10 Spring Trip Payment Due	11 WHS Band Party
12	13 Band Booster  Meeting 7pm Jazz Concert 7:30pm FAC	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Jr High Band Party	25 Jazz Café 7pm Waxahachie Civic Center Winter Guard -  Thomas Coliseum
26	27	28				