

chie Band Booster News

Working Together, Achieving More

May 2006

UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest Congrats to our WISD Concert Bands!

Wind Ensemble—Sweepstakes Symphonic Band—Sweepstakes 7th Grade Symphonic—Sweepstakes

8th Grade Symphonic—Straight Division One's on stage

Band Booster Scholarship News

The Band Boosters are proud of our Senior band students! We have received 15 incredible applications for the three scholarships awarded annually by the Boosters. Each essay received is a moving tribute to the power of the band program and music to positively influence the lives of young people. The depth of feeling in each essay proves that any of these students would make worthy recipients of a Booster scholarship, but only three can be awarded. These will be announced May 19th at the annual Band Banquet.

Congratulations and our sincerest thanks to all seniors for your dedication and commitment to band through your high school years!

Jennifer Dacv



Marching Band Orientation Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 P.M. - Band Hall

Parents and students (grades 8 - 11) are invited to attend.

Come get the answers to your questions about our band program.

Booster Officers 2005-2006

President	Chris Buse
VP Concessions	Marty Reese
VP Fundraising	VACANT
Assistant VP Concessions	sRobert Ashley
Secretary	Jennifer Dacy
Treasurer	Gary Wyatt
WJHS Rep	Cheryl Stephens
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.

www.band.wisd.org

2006-2007 Booster Officer Elections

Voting and new officer installation will occur at the May Band Booster meeting on May 8th, WHS Band Hall, 7:00 P.M.

Current Nominations:

President - Chris Buse **VP Concessions** - Robert Ashley Assistant VP Concessions - Open VP Fundraising - BJ Ishmael Secretary - Jennifer Dacy Treasurer - Woody Perry WJHS Rep - Renee Martin Turner Rep - Deferred until Fall '06

2006 Spring Concert Series

Thursday, May 11 7:00 PM Tuesday, May 16 7:00 PM Thursday, May 18 7:00 PM

WJHS Concert Bands, Percussion Ensembles WHS Concert Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra

Turner Middle School Band, Percussion Ensemble

Free Admission and refreshments will be served!

2006 Marching Band Show "The Creative Process"

Al Thomas, the music arranger of last year's show, is nearing completion on our 2006 marching show produc-

tion. The music will continue to be built around strong grooves that our audiences enjoy. The show, composed in four movements, will progress through the following tempo formats: fast, slow, medium, and fast. The staff is trying some new angles in respects to the over all design process of the show. We are creating impact points in a story board fashion and then creating the drill, music, and visual elements to create and complete the over all effect ideas. It has been a most exciting process to date and we feel that the overall quality of the show will be one of true excellence. You will see more color guard integration with color, staging, and some more equipment choices. This show is going to be one you do not want to miss.

If you would like to listen to a sample of what the opener may eventually sound like please visit Al Thomas's web site for a sample.

http://www.althomasonline.com/whs/



Percussion Ensemble News

The Waxahachie percussion ensembles are developing their repertoire for the May spring concerts. The quality of playing and learning is quite amazing and it is thrilling to see the students inspired and excited about playing. The marching drum line is really taking shape. We have so much great talent that we are in the process of adding several more instruments to increase the number of students that can participate on the marching percussion line. Keep an eye out for this group as they continue to refine their marching chops. All of the percussion ensembles will perform on their home school's spring concerts. -Derek Phillips

WJHS-Thursday, May 11 High School –Tuesday, May 16 Turner-Thursday, May 18



Drum and Bugle Corps Contest

Highland Park High School Thursday, July 20 - 7:30 PM Tickets are \$20.00

Money for tickets will be collected between May 1 and May 19th. After May 19th you are on your own.

For More Info Visit

www.lakehighlandsbands.org www.dci.org



On Wednesday, April 12 the WHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performed at the Region 20 UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest. Both groups received straight one's from all six judges to earn a 4th consecutive sweep-stakes award. The judges called a great contest and only awarded 7 groups in our region with a sweepstakes award. We are extremely proud of our musicians for maintaining a long standing tradition of excellence and we thank you for your continued support with private lessons, transportation to sectionals, and your audience participation. Both groups will fare well at the South Coast Music Festival on April 29th in Corpus Christi, Texas. Please plan on attending our Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM.

Drumline & Color Guard Auditions

May 8 - 11 4:30 - 6:30 Daily

Drumline - is open to all students in the percussion section interested in playing snare, tenor, bass, cymbal & front ensemble. The audition process is a 4 day evaluation. Mandatory attendance for all 4 days of the audition is expected for placement on the battery drum line. Any interested students should contact Derek Philips at dphillips@wisd.org, 972-923-4627.

Color Guard - is open to all students that play woodwind instruments. Mandatory attendance for all 4 days of the audition is expected for placement in the color guard. Any interested students should contact Denise Armstrong at darm710@sbcglobal.net, 214-507-4197.

WHS Leadership Camp

May 8 - 11 4:30 - 6:30 Daily

Leadership - is open to all current students in grades 9-11 interested in one of the following marching band leadership responsibilities.

Drum Major, Section Leaders and Drill Instructors

The above leadership positions will be chosen by the directors based on a student's yearly commitment to band and their over all evaluation from the 4 day camp.

Mandatory attendance for all 4 days of the audition is expected for placement on our leadership team.

Leadership positions will be posted Tuesday, May 16th.

DON'T MISS!

Jazz Alumni Concert
Thursday, May 4 - 7:00 PM
Fine Arts Center

Featuring
Keith Davis, Russ Echols
Ivan Diaz DeLeon, Jonathon Geer

Charts from the Jazz Masters

Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Frank Foster, Herbie Hancock, George Gershwin, Keith Davis, Mark Taylor, Dizzy Gillespie, Dave Barduhn, Bill Hollman, Stan Kenton.

Booster Committee Members Needed!

Concession Committee - Assist VP Concessions as needed.

Car Wash Committee - Plan & Organize Summer Car Wash.

Band Photo Poster Committee - Help create and distribute the band student posters.

Uniform Fitting Committee - Assist with uniform fittings and alterations.

Music T's Committee - Volunteer to head a 4 hour shift at Music T's this summer.

To add your name to a committee, please **contact Lisa Popp** at 972-938-0469 or **lisapopp@texasairnet.com**.

WHS Band Banquet

May 19th, 7:00 P.M., WCC

Special Senior Recognition

Parents are invited \$10/person

Tickets will go on sale May 2. Come celebrate our success.

April Adult Volunteers

Belinda Ashley Robert Ashlev Julia Backus Jackie Bailey LuAnn Bell Chris Buse Phyllis Collier Paige Cook Jennifer Dacy Patti Davis Theresa Davis Bill Doonan Lisa Doonan Cindy Feather-Maria Grant Gene Hayes Estelle Hernan-Denise Hinson Karen Howard

Rose Howard Susan Howard BJ Ishmael Joanie Johnson Bill Kelley LuAnn Kelley Karen Lockridge Wanda Lopez Diana Lund Renee Martin Karen Maxwell Sheila McGlothen Ronnie McMahan Al McVey Gail McVev Annabell Medina Karen Moriarity Jackie Newcome

John Newcome Edward Quintana Woody Perry **Brad Pettit** Lisa Popp Dian Reed Jennie Reese Nefry Sanchez Helen Sellers Cheryl Stephens Tom Stephens Karen Summers **Gail Tobias** Veronica Walker Carolyn Wallis Shelia Wheaton Kathy White Gary Wyatt Lisa Wyatt

2006 Spring Winter Guard

Denise Armstrong-Director



Back Row: Tori Popp, Shelby Richie, Brittany Reid, Xavia Gaston, Ariana Needham, Ramie Waters, Denise Armstrong **Front Row:** Airy Matthews, Amy Roberson, Lyndi Ashley (cocaptain), Lauren Allred (co-captain), Holly Grumbles, Elizabeth Buchanan

Not Pictured: Erika Johnson, Brianna O'Daniel, Jessica McNerny



Winter Guard Places 8th At NTCA Championship

The Winter Guard traveled to Bowie High school in Arlington on March 31st where they placed 8th in their class. Their show started to the energetic Manhattan Transfer arrangement of 'Birdland" and never slowed down a bit. The guard was dazzling as they performed equipment routines while moving and maintaining drill formations. Very few groups were able to perform with the complexity and accuracy of our Waxahachie guard. We are extremely proud of everything that they accomplished this season. We are already looking forward to preparing and planning for next year's show. Please take a moment and congratulate each and everyone of these great girls for their commitment and dedication to excellence.

Turner Middle School Band

On Thursday, April 13, the Turner Band performed in the Fine Arts Center for an evaluation by a panel of seven judges in the areas of: Stage Presence, Warm-up, prepared Concert Music and Sight Reading. The band received a Division One rating on "Stage Presence, Warm-Up, Concert Music (three prepared numbers) and a Division Two in Sight Reading. Division ratings are similar to report card grades; a Division One is like an "A", Division Two like a "B", etc. Each student has received a copy of the compiled criticisms from Thursday's performance to be considered for improvement before attending the Sandy Lake Competition on Friday, April 28, where they will be competing with 29 other beginning band programs for the coveted "Best In Class Award." Winning is not everything, but preparation is. Winning is giving it your all. We played all of the notes; now we must work on the other elements of a performance such as sound, tuning, phrasing, balance, etc. For the first time, Turner students made their own choice of contest participation by performing seven major scales and the contest music. Learning the notes is as basic to a music performance as digits are to the learning of math and the alphabet is to the learning of reading. We have

At **Sandy Lake**, we warm-up at 10:50 and perform in competition at **11:20 A.M.**. At **Beach Within Reach**, we warm-up at 9:00 and perform at **9:30 A.M.**. The **Spring Concert** is scheduled for **Thursday**, **May 18**, **7:00 P.M.**, in the Fine Arts Center. Admission is free.

-Donnie & Margie Owens

progressed to the refinement stage.

Junior High Band Parents! We Need Your HELP!

As the school year comes to an end, we need volunteers for several different functions that will be taking place in the next few weeks.

Jr. High Spring Concert – May 11 – Volunteers to bring food **Beach Within Reach** – May 12th – Volunteers to make Sandwiches and 4 chaperones

Beach Within Reach – May 13th – 5 Chaperones needed to come with us to the park (Hurricane Harbor) for a day of fun! **High School Spring Concert** – May 16th – Volunteers to serve food

Turner Spring Concert – May 18th – Volunteers to serve food **End of Year Band Picnic** – May 20th – Volunteer(s) to plan events for the picnic

We need your help! If you can volunteer for one or more of these events please contact Cheryl Stephens at 972.923.1026 or cstephens@wisd.org.

We have had a fantastic school year. Thank you to all the parents for your support and help in times of need. We sincerely thank you. Have a great summer and remember to practice! See you August 8th.

- Ken Hurst & Kendra Ray - Junior High Band Directors

WJHS Band Event Schedule

May 6	WJHS Solo & Ensemble	WJHS	All Day Event*
May 8	Band Booster Meeting	WHS Band Hall	7:00 P.M.
May 8 - 12	WHS Drum Line & Guard Auditions	WHS Band Hall	4:30 P.M 6:30 P.M. Daily
May 11	WJHS Spring Concert	WHS FAC	7:00 P.M.
May 12	Beach Within Reach Festival	Richland HS	Symphonic 7 - 1:30 P.M.
			Symphonic 8 - 2:30 P.M.
May 13	Beach Within Reach Festival	Hurricane Harbor	All Day Event
May 20	End of the Year Band Picnic	Getzendaner Park	2:-00 - 4:00 P.M.*
May 22	JHS Band Instrument Check Out (A - L)	JHS Band Hall	4:30 - 6:00 P.M. (6th & 7th Graders)
May 23	JHS Band Instrument Check Out (M - Z)	JHS Band Hall	4:30 - 6:00 P.M. (6th & 7th Graders)
August 8	First Day of School		
August 14	Jr. High Band Parent Information Meeting	JHS Band Hall	TBA

^{*~}more information to come soon

May 12 & 13 - Beach Within A Reach Festival

May 12th, Richland High School, Symphonic 7 performs at 1:30 P.M. and Symphonic 8 performs at 2:30 P.M.

May 13th, Students that purchased tickets for \$21.00 or already have a season pass go back to the park for a day of fun!

WHS Band Summer Camp Schedule At-A-Glance

June 5-9 (Full Camp for All band students in grades 9-12)

- 8-12pm & 1:30-5pm Daily
- Lunch: provide on own
- Location; WHS band hall, practice field
- Objectives: marching basics, marching show music, stand music, football game procedures, parade basics
- Other Objectives: fit for marching uniforms, collect fees, complete forms, check out school instruments
- Needed Items: lots of water, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, sunglasses, pencils, reeds, mouthpieces

July 3 (Parade Practice for All band students in town)

- <u>9-12pm</u>
- Objectives: parade formation, parade music
- Location: band hall
- Needed: lots of water, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, sunglasses, pencils, reeds ,mouthpieces

July 4 (4th of July Parade for All band students in town)

- Meet at 9 am at the Old Comet Cleaners (should be over by 11 am)
- Wear: Khaki Shorts, Forrest Green Polo Shirts, Tennis shoes

July 26, 27,28, 31 & August 1,2,3 (Full Camp for All Band Students)

- 8-12 pm & 1:30-5:30 Daily
- Lunch: provide on own
- Location; WHS band hall, practice field
- Objectives: marching drill, marching show music, stand music, football game procedures, take uniform picture
- · Other Objectives: fit for marching uniforms, collect fees, complete forms, check out school instruments if needed
- Needed Items: lots of water, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, sunglasses, pencils, reeds ,mouthpieces

August 4 (Full Band Camp for All Band Students)

- <u>5-9 pm</u>
- Location; practice field
- Objectives: learn marching show drill
- Needed Items: lots of water, tennis shoes, shorts, hats, sunglasses, pencils, reeds, mouthpieces

Options for oboes and bassoons We do not use oboes and bassoons on the marching band field .

- Play in the front percussion ensemble
- Spin a flag in the color guard
- Play a saxophone or another marching instrument

School Owned Instruments (Oboes, Bassoons, French Horns, Tubas, Baritones)

- Will be issued during the June 5-9 camp
- Instrument rental fees for 2006-2007 will be a one time charge of \$100.00.
- New rental contracts and rental fees will be in place by the May 9th parent meeting.

Marching Instruments (Baritones, Sousaphones, Horns)

- Some students will be issued two instruments for the year (a regular concert horn and a marching horn)
- There will be one rental fee assessed for the use of both instruments
- Our rental fee is assessed to help with maintenance and repair costs

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May

Executive Meeting

Monday, May 1, 7:00 P.M. WHS Band Hall

Booster Meeting

Monday, May 8, 7:00 P.M. WHS Band Hall

Marching Band Orientation

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 P.M. WHS Band Hall To the Parents of:

May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm	2 Band Recruiting Drive WHS Cafeteria 6:00- 8:30pm	3 WHS Band Auditions Grade 8-11	4 Jazz Alumni Concert FAC 7pm	5	6 WJHS Solo & Ensemble Contest
7	8 Booster Meeting 7pm Banquet Committee Mtg 7:30pm	9 Marching Band Orientation 7pm Band HallDrum Line a	10 nd Color Guard A	11 WJHS Spring Concert 7pm FAC	12 Beach Within Reach Festival for WJHS & TMS Bands	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 High School Spring Concert 7pm FAC	17	18 TMS Spring Concert 7pm FAC	19 WHS Band Banquet 7pm WCC	20 WJHS Band Party Getzendaner Park 2:00-4:00pm
21	22 JHS Instrument Check-Out (A-L) 4:30-6:00 P.M.	23 JHS Instrument Check-Out (M-Z) 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.	24	25 Early Release WHS Graduation	26 Early Release	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			