

WHS Marching Band Earns Straight I's



The band received straight I's at UIL Marching Contest in Midlothian on October 14th. The band gave another superb UIL performance! This "Superior" rating was earned by our entire WISD band family.

Outstanding Marching Members of the Week.

Each week throughout the marching season the WHS band staff members honor the best by selecting students from the woodwind, brass, color guard, and percussion sections. These student are chosen for their positive and motivating dedication, determination, musicianship, marching abilities, work ethic, and attitudes. Congratulations go out to the following great members of the week.



Brass Section: Luciano Lopez, David Maxwell, Rosemary Susat, Justin Cleaver, Alex Bowling, Kelci Phillips, Timothy Erickson

Woodwind Section: Krista Howard, Christine Piwonka, Valencia Banks, Tiffany Neal, Jonathan Polonco, Taylor Armstrong, Andrew McGlothen

Percussion: Carlos Sanchez, Mary Howard, Sam Lipman, Megan Moriarty, Joy Pinkston, Gloria Hernandez, Nicolle Hiddleston

Color Guard: Tori Popp, Lyndi Ashley, Lauren Allred, Xavia Gaston, Stefani Lund, Abbi Wheeler, Brianna O'Daniel

Waxahachie Band Boosters will be at home football games to request \$5.00 suggested donations in support of their Hometown Scholarship Program. Of that \$5.00 suggested donation, 100 percent of the proceeds will stay with the Waxahachie Band Boosters to help support the WISD band programs.

Individuals who donate to the program may register to win a 2007 Dodge Mega Cab Truck and automatically receive a voucher to redeem a complimentary T-shirt at **Bossier Dodge**. The program will continue through November 13th.

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

www.band.wisd.org

Our Parents are the Best!

The WISD band staff wants to thank each and every parent, supporter, and fan for their awesome participation this year. Without your help and assistance this program would not continue to grow in quality and excellence. Our volunteers really help make it happen.



Waxahachie Holiday Parade

**Saturday, Dec 2nd at
10:00 A.M.**

All WHS band students not participating in All Region Auditions are expected to perform in the Christmas parade. All times are tentative and subject to change.

9am Meet at Old Comet Cleaners
10am Parade Starts

Wear uniform with Santa hats.

WHS Band News

All Region Jazz Auditions

On Saturday, September 30th, ten students from WHS earned a position in one of two all region jazz bands. Five students qualified to record for state. They will find out in November if they earned an All State Jazz position.



David Maxell	Trumpet	Jazz Band 2
Matt Neal	Trumpet	Jazz Band 2
Cody Ground	Trombone	Jazz Band 2
Neil Martin	Trombone	Jazz Band 2
Caleb Gilbreath	Drum Set	Jazz Band 1
Sam Lipman	Drum Set	Jazz Band 1
William Zimmerman	Guitar	Jazz Band 2
Alejandro Medina	Bass Trombone	Jazz Band 1
Corbin Edgington	Tenor Sax	Jazz Band 1
Valencia Banks	Bari Sax	Jazz Band 1
John Meade	Alto Sax	Alternate

Desoto Contest

The WHS marching band earned a 10th place position in the finals at the Desoto marching Classic on Saturday, October 7th. The band performed extremely well among a field of 24 bands. The drums were 6th, guard 7th, and music was 8th. Our program was well received by the judges. Improving our precision is the main key to moving up in the competitive arena. Watch as the WHS marching band continues to refine, tweak, add, and clean their show. We have started to add the dance to "We Live, We Dance".



Duncanville Contest

Come support the WHS Spirit of the Waxahachie band on **Saturday, November 4, at 12:00 PM**. The band will be the first band off the line at the Duncanville Marching Invitational. More information is available at the following website.

www.duncanvilleisd.org



**WHS Winter Park
3rd Trip payment of
\$100.00 is due by
Friday, Nov 3rd**



Winter Guard Audition Information

Auditions

- Mon, Nov. 13 - Mandatory Parent Meeting @ 6:00
Auditions from 7:00-9:00
- Tue, Nov. 14 - Auditions from 6:30-9:00
- Wed, Nov. 15 - Results Posted

Fees (Helps cover instruction, equipment, and entry fees for contests.)

\$100.00 per member fee must be paid by Nov. 13 to audition.

Uniforms

All fall guard members have a uniform.

All new members will be fitted at auditions and are expected to pay an additional \$100-125 to cover the uniform cost. Uniforms must be ordered on Nov. 14.

Music T's credit can be used to pay for Winter guard expenses.

Winter Rehearsal Schedule

Mondays	1 hour sectional
Tuesdays	6:30-9:00pm
Thursdays	6:30-9:00pm
Weekends	Contests (4-6)

Missed rehearsals will not be tolerated. One unexcused rehearsal will be cause for automatic dismissal from the group.

WJHS Band News



The WJHS bands participated in a fall fund raiser with Express Industries. We sold a variety of products including cookie dough and cheese cakes. The fund raiser ran through Tuesday, October 24th. The products should be in around the first of December.

The players in Symphonic 7 and Symphonic 8 are working very hard for their All-Region Tryouts in Midlothian on November 10th and 11th. Most of their objectives for the first nine week grading period were built around the All-Region material. We will be taking approximately sixty-seven kids to tryout in November.

All bands are beginning to prepare for the Holiday concert on December 11th. The students are working hard and we anticipate a good concert.

At this point in October there have been two students in Symphonic Band 8 recognized for outstanding attitudes. Outstanding Attitude of the Week for the week ending 10/6 was Will Porter and for the week ending 10/13 was Melinda Louque.

- Dan Francis and Kendra Ray, Jr High Directors



Percussion News

The WHS percussion line took 6th place overall out of 24 bands at the Desoto Marching Classic on Saturday, October 7th. The progression of the line from the beginning of the year to now is quite outstanding. The students continue to take the little corrections here and there with the greatest of maturity. On October 13th Ken Green, professor of percussion at Northwestern University, visited the band program to listen to students interested in attending Northwestern. He was amazed and quite impressed with our current percussion studio and the direction that it is moving. Congratulations to all of our great players.

-Derek Phillips

All Region Listening Starts in November

Starting November 1, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Phillips will be using the current sectional times before and after school to listen to individuals who are pursuing a position in one of the all region concert bands. The WHS staff wants to help as many students earn an all region chair. Students that practice every day and learn the notes and rhythms stand the best chance of earning one of these coveted positions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

TMS Band News



Each week the Turner Band continues to build the fundamentals of performance through weekly theory lessons, the Remington Warm-up which includes a one-octave chromatic range and a chorale from the First Division Band Method Book. Using the chorale, we work on breath support, tongue starts, air releases, blend, balance, warmth of sound, intonation, pulse stability and vertical alignment of starts and stops. Wednesday, October 18, the band received their first concert band arrangement for their Holiday Season Concert—"Jingle Bells" arranged by John Higgins.

The Turner Band does not operate alone. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Owens as a full-time volunteer to take care of the Turner Band's paper work, phone calls, emails, etc. Prior to Waxahachie, Mrs. Owens taught fourth grade for twenty-six years, in addition to raising three children in a very busy band program. Mr. Dan Francis comes over from Waxahachie Junior High to help with our trumpet class. Mr. Francis is a very talented musician and teacher. He played trumpet full-time with the Oklahoma City Symphony for seven years before deciding he wanted to follow his grandfather's footsteps of being a band director. Mr. Francis comes to us from Castleberry with sixteen years of teaching experience. Mr. Derek Phillips, the youngest on our team, is the Assistant High School Band Director and teaches percussion in all of our schools. He is a Plano graduate, a graduate of Northwestern University in Louisiana, is recognized as an outstanding performer and is a sought-after percussion clinician. Miss Kendra Ray will be helping us the second semester. Miss Ray is our Assistant Junior High Band Director, "home-grown," an honor graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and performed in the top ensemble at Stephen F. Mr. Rich Armstrong, Head High School Band Director and Director of WISD Instrumental Music shares his talent and wisdom with all of us. Turner is indeed fortunate to be blessed with such wonderful people. Together, we will be successful in turning potential into reality.

By parental request, parents, relatives and siblings were given the opportunity to purchase a Turner Middle School Band shirt. Hopefully the shirts will arrive in time for the trip to Celebration Station.

Saturday, October 28, the Turner Band will travel in two WISD buses to Celebration Station in Mesquite for a day of fun-packed activities. This social will give our seven separate band classes an opportunity to get acquainted with their fellow bandsmen. Transportation was arranged for the children first and the remaining bus seats were filled by adult chaperons on a first-come, first served basis.

Please put **Turner's Holiday Season Concert** on your calendar. We are scheduled in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium for **Thursday, December 14, 7:00 P.M.** We look forward to displaying the talents of our young and budding musicians.

- Donnie and Margie Owens

Thank You!

We can't possibly thank everybody for all of the work that everyone does. However, please know that we appreciate every volunteer hour that is given to the band booster program. If you know of a "thank you" that needs to be added to a future newsletter please send an email to lisapopp@texasairnet.com.



UIL Week Committee

WOW! The UIL Week Committee out did themselves this year with their creative energy and the desire to pump up the students as they prepared for UIL Marching Contest in Midlothian on Oct. 14th. The goal of this years committee was to have fun and to help energize the students and to let them know how much we appreciate them. A very special thank you to EVERYONE that helped with this years UIL Week! It was a phenomenal success!

A special thank you to **Wells Fargo** and **Citizens National Bank** for driving their mini grand-prix cars in the "parent parade".

A special thank you to the **Forrester Volunteer Fire Department** for bringing their fire truck to the Band UIL Pep-Rally.

A special thank you to the **WHS Cheerleaders** for coming out to support the band at the UIL Pep-Rally. The cheerleaders created treat bags for all of the band members. I know that the band felt special to be on the receiving end of a pep-rally.

A special thank you to the **Cherokee Charmers** for donating candy for the UIL Pep-Rally.

A special thank you to **Derek Phillips** for opening the band hall all day Sunday so that the UIL Committee could decorate.

A very special thank you to ALL of the family & friends that came out to support the band at both the "parent parade" and at the UIL Pep-Rally. These events would not have been successful without your support.

The list of volunteers involved in this years UIL week was quite large and it would be impossible to name everyone that contributed in some way. However, I would like to recognize the UIL committee decorators and event coordinators for their significant contributions: **Linda & Eugene Rodriguez, Stacy Hopkins, Valli Phillips, Cindy Featherston, Carol Kimberlin, Michelle Berning, Amy O'Daniel, Estella Hernandez, Kim Armstrong & Lisa Richardson.**

Refreshments



A special thank you to **BJ Ishmael** for providing the refreshments for the September Booster Meeting.



Away Game & Contest Chaperones

A special thank you to ALL of our away game and contest chaperones. There are too many to name, but please know that you are all appreciated.

Away Game Food



A special thanks to the parents that donated snack items and to the parents that helped prepare the sack lunches for the away games and marching contests. A special thank you to **Belinda & Robert Ashley** for continuing to coordinate the away game lunches, snacks and drinks.



Concessions

A special thank you to ALL of our concession volunteers. This is our biggest money maker and we could not be successful without the continuing support of the volunteers that give countless hours of their time to work concessions 2-3 nights per week. If you have not had the opportunity yet to work concessions then we could use your support at the Nov. 3rd, Friday night home game. For concession volunteer information, please contact Belinda Ashley at wili-nou@yahoo.com or 817-688-4947.

Band Poster Businesses

The boosters would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the band by displaying photo posters of our WHS band students. If you stop by one of these merchants, please take the time to thank them for supporting the band. This is in addition to the businesses already recognized in the October newsletter: **Sleep Experts, Office Depot, Pete's Tire & Tire Town.**

Parties



A special thank you to the **Kelley Family** and the **Louque Family** for hosting band parties during October. Also a special thank you to all of the parents that helped organize and chaperone these parties.

Booster Meeting

Monday, Nov. 6, 7:00 P.M.

Need Items for Jazz Café Silent Auction

The 2nd Annual Jazz Café on Feb. 10th will be hosting a Silent Auction in addition to the elegant dining and dancing.

We need your help to gather items for the auction. If you or your company can contribute an item for the silent action please contact Jennifer Dacy at jmdacy@texasairnet.com or 972-576-0043.

October Adult Volunteers

Susan Adams	Kirby Erickson	Tom Perry
Amy Alford	Bobby Featherston	Woody Perry
Lori Allred	Cindy Featherston	Nancy Petty
Denise Armstrong	Paige Gordon	Tricia Peyrot
Kim Armstrong	Tim Gordon	Valli Phillips
Belinda Ashley	Gene Hayes	Jennifer Pinkston
Linda Ashley	Estella Hernandez	Lisa Popp
Robert Ashley	Mackie Hesse	Perry Popp
Chris Aulbaugh	Virginia Hickson	Edward Quintana
Julia Backus	Denise Hinson	Diane Reed
Pete Beard	Stacy Hopkins	Jennie Reese
Rose Beard	Susan Howard	Marty Reese
LuAnn Bell	Kerri Huff	Lisa Richardson
Andy Berning	Kathy Hunt	Mark Ritchie
Michelle Berning	BJ Ishmael	Robin Ritchie
Chris Buse	Carrie Jackson	Linda Rodriguez
Cindy Bounds	Annette Johnson	Helen Sellers
Kay Bowers	Courtney Jennings	Bob Simmons
Jose Cadena	Bill Kelley	Sue Simmons
Alan Cleaver	Leanne Kelley	Torre Smith
Sharla Cleaver	Carol Kimberlin	Charlene Snodgrass
Nancy Clifford	Nancy Lloyd	Billie Stephenson
Phyllis Collier	Katherenia Louque	Stu Stephenson
Juanita Cooper	Robin Louque	Gene Summers
Angela Cupp	Diana Lund	Karen Summers
Jennifer Dacy	Patricia Marshall	Paula Susat
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Lisa Doonan	Rafael Martinez	Virginia Tipton
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Lucy Guajardo	Karen Moriarty	Leky Unarut
Elizabeth Green	Rahab Muwaquet	DeAnn von Hoffman
Betty Griffin	Gerald Needham	Joe Waters
Paul Ground	Linda Needham	Julie Waters
Sheryl Ground	Tobie Nottingham	Sheila Wheaton
Tracey Engel	Amy O'Daniel	Julie Wheeler
Tommy Engel	Margie Owens	Brett Wilson
Christine Erickson	Sharon Owens	Sheila Zimmerman

SUPPORT NEEDED FROM ALL WISD BAND PARENTS

Concessions is the PRIMARY source of income for the boosters. Contributing 3-4 hours of your time can make a world of difference in the financial success of the Band Booster organization and **benefits students in ALL WISD band programs**. If you have not had the opportunity yet to work concessions then we could use your support at the Nov. 3rd, Friday night home game. For concession volunteer information, please contact Belinda Ashley at wilinou@yahoo.com or 817-688-4947.



Concert & Performance Schedule

November

Thursday, 30 7pm Fall Jazz Concert

December

Saturday, 2 TBA Christmas Parade
 Saturday, 9 7pm All Region Jazz Concert
 Monday, 11 7pm WJHS Winter Concert
 Tuesday, 12 7pm WHS Winter Concert
 Thursday, 14 7pm Turner Winter Concert

January

Thursday, 25-27 7pm "Into the Woods" Musical

February

Saturday, 10 7pm Jazz Cafe



Marching Band Schedule

Nov. 3	Juan Seguin Football	Home	7:30pm
Nov. 4	Duncanville Contest	Time	TBA
Nov. 10	Ennis Football	Away	7:30pm

Tentative Schedule anticipating Football Playoffs

Nov. 17/18	Football Playoff #1	TBA	TBA
Nov. 24/25	Football Playoff #2	TBA	TBA

Jazz Café

Waxahachie Civic Center
 February 10, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

WAXAHACHIE JAZZ ORCHESTRA
 Ticket information available soon!

YAHOO! PHOTOS

Band Event Photos available online at

<http://photos.yahoo.com/spiritofwaxahachie>

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To the Parents of:

Nov/Dec
Executive Meetings
Monday, November 27, 7:00 P.M
Booster Meetings
Monday, November 6, 7:00 P.M.
Monday, December 4, 7:00 P.M.

WHS Band Hall

November 2006

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 F Concessions 4:30-8:00	3 WHS vs Juan Seguin @HOME 7:30pm (Senior Parent Night)	4 Duncanville Marching Contest
5	6 Booster Meeting 7pm	7 JHS concessions 4:30-8:00	8	9 JV Concessions 4:30-8:00 WHS All Region Orchestra Auditions	10 WHS vs Ennis @Ennis 7:30pm JHS All Region Band Auditions	11 JHS All Region Band Auditions
12	13	14	15	16	17 All Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert —Possible Playoff Game on Fri or Sat—	18 All Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving —NO SCHOOL—	24 —Possible Playoff Game on Fri or Sat—	25 —Possible Playoff Game on Fri or Sat—
26	27 Executive Meeting 7pm —4th Audition for Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band—	28	29	30 Jazz Fall Concert		