

## WHS band plans to perform at Winter Park Music Festival.



The WHS band program is planning on traveling to Winter Park, Colorado on March 28th and returning on April 1st, 2007. This trip is open to all students enrolled in the WHS band program. Every student would perform in the Winter Park Music Festival with some of the finest bands in the United States. The plan is to leave after school on Wednesday the 28th and drive through the night via charter coaches to Winter Park. Once we arrive on Thursday we would get our ski lift tickets and rentals and possibly grab a couple hours on the slopes. We would take room captains shopping for food and get checked into our condos. We are requesting a Thursday night performance time. The kids would then have all of Friday and most of Saturday to enjoy the Winter Park slopes. We would attend the Saturday awards party and then load the busses and travel back to Waxahachie. A more detailed itinerary will be coming soon. The goal is to keep the trip in the \$400-\$500 price range. A more detailed price can be communicated once we get a solid commitment from all interested individuals. A commitment letter will be sent home the week of August 28 that needs to be returned with a Non-Refundable deposit of \$50.00 by Friday, September 8. This commitment letter will allow us to adequately plan the trip and create a solid payment timeline. There is more information inside the newsletter.

## Booster Officers 2006-2007

President.....Chris Buse  
 VP Concessions.....Robert Ashley  
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 Treasurer.....Woody Perry  
 WJHS Rep.....Renee Martin  
 \*Turner Rep.....Ronnie McMahan  
 \*pending installation of officer

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.

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## 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

Sept 2: 8am-11am, 11am-2pm  
 Sept 9: 8am-noon, noon-4pm  
 Sept 16: 8am-noon, noon-4pm  
 Sept 23: 8am-noon, noon-4pm (THE END)

### Current results

Total plaques recycled: 38,400  
 Total donation earned: \$7,679.40

Signup sheets are located in the band hall. Please signup prior to working so that we don't end up with too few or too many workers for a shift.

## Jazz Volunteers Needed for Saturday, September 30th.



The WHS band program is hosting and managing the Region 20 All Region jazz Auditions on Saturday, September 30th from 7am-7pm at Waxahachie High School. We will need parent volunteers to help monitor audition rooms, take care for judges, and provide crowd control in audition areas. If you are interested please contact Rich Armstrong via e-mail. We will also be hosting the Region 20 Jazz Clinic and Concert on December 8 and 9.

## Booster Meeting

Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 P.M.

# WHS Band News



## Tips for Improving Marching Band Practices!

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day
- Bring and wear a hat
- Use sunscreen
- Bring and use a personal half gallon water container
- Eat balanced and regular meals daily
- Have all materials (dot books, music, horn)

## After School Practice Schedule

This is a reminder to all students and parents of our after school practice schedule. In order to achieve our goals we must maximize our rehearsals. Please make necessary arrangements and communicate ahead of time of you plan to be late or absent.

- Mondays** 6-8:30 PM (in stadium)
- Tuesdays** 4:15-6:30
- Thursdays** 4:15-6:30



## Football/Contest Schedule

Sept. 2	Highland Park	Away	8pm
Sept. 8	Denison	Away	7:30pm
Sept. 15	University Waco	Away	7:30pm
Sept. 22	Texas High	Away	7:30pm
Sept. 29	Corsicana	Home	7:30pm
Oct. 6	Red Oak	Away	7:30pm
Oct. 7	Desoto Contest	Time	TBA
Oct. 14	UIL Contest	Time	TBA
Oct. 20	Homecoming Parade	Time	TBA
Oct. 20	Lancaster	Home	7:30pm
Oct. 27	Midlothian	Away	7:30pm
Nov. 3	Juan Seguin	Home	7:30pm
Nov. 4	Duncanville Contest	Time	TBA
Nov. 10	Ennis	Away	7:30pm



## Marching Band Show

The WHS marching band season is progressing nicely. With the first segment of the show on the field, we plan to start adding the final parts of the program in 3 stages; the ballad, the tango, and the finale. The goal is to have the show complete by the week of September 26. This will give us some time to refine and prepare for the first contest on October 7th.

## Fall Auditions & All Region Band Sectionals

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**



## Band Program Objectives and Music Pass Offs

The band program has moved to very concise and focused system of holding our musicians accountable for their performance. All students are expected to play and pass off certain musical requirements with a partner by the end of each 9 weeks. The purpose of having students play with a partner is to help develop one's ability to play with correct intonation, style, tempo, and articulation with other players. We are already realizing the benefits in Waxahachie. Students are allocating more time for practice and preparation. Students that do not prepare will not be allowed to hinder another student from passing the objectives. For a copy of each band's objectives please visit the website.



## WJHS Band News

The Junior High Band will be performing at the Junior High football game on Tuesday, September 26th against Corsicana. All 8th grade band students will also be joining the High School band at the varsity football game on Friday, September 29th against Corsicana.

We would like to thank all of the parents who came to our parent meeting on August 14. We had a great turnout and we are very excited about this school year.

For any parents who missed the meeting we demonstrated SmartMusic which is an incredible software program designed to make home practice more productive and fun.

Please contact one of the directors for more information.

- Dan Francis and Kendra Ray, Jr High Directors



## Percussion News

The Drumline has been working very hard and making excellent progress!! The percussion section of the marching show is coming together and is sounding better and better due to the work of all the students on the line and in the front ensemble. Also, there has been great attendance to the percussion sectionals on Friday mornings. The students who are attending are showing early improvement on very difficult All Region music. This is excellent news for the percussion ensembles scheduled later in the year. Remember: it all takes time so keep up the hard work!!

-Derek Phillips



## TMS Band News

At Turner, it's a totally new band every year. We are starting with 110 eager and enthusiastic students who have the potential of becoming tomorrow's musicians. Thus far, we have been busy with filling out forms, paying fees, studying rules and guidelines, acquiring instruments and accessories, learning basic theory, breathing exercises, posture, instrument assembly, mouthpiece buzzing and how to produce sounds. After hearing the first sounds, I immediately went to the school calendar and figured out that we only have 71 school days to get ready for the Holiday Season Concert. This year, our class time has been cut from 51 to 44 minutes (an eight period day rather than seven periods), so it will be a major challenge to produce a full blown concert. We will do our best.

We have a great calendar of events for 2006-2007. Saturday, September 23, we will have a garage sale at the High School (between the H.S. and Hwy. 77), 8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. The proceeds will finance our trip to Celebration Station on Saturday, October 28. This will give our seven separate classes of band students a chance to get acquainted and to do a little bonding. Students will enjoy the go-karts, boats, video games, etc.

This week, we are measuring for our band shirts, with hopes of having them in time for the garage sale and for Celebration Station. Parents will assist Mrs. Owens with this day-long project.

This year, we will be adding the Smart Music Program to our band curriculum. Mr. Dan Francis, our new Head Junior High Director, is somewhat of a guru with this computerized teaching aid and will assist us in mastering the system. This program will be of great help in preparing our kids for the band's "lock-in" on Friday, March 2. We look forward to learning this new technology that will help us to become better musicians.

Ronnie McMahan, father of TMS band student Kaci McMahan, will be Turner's band representative. We appreciate and welcome Ronnie to WISD's Band Booster Executive Board.

We at Turner are looking forward to another great year. We hope that you will come out to hear our first concert on Thursday, December 14, 7:00 P.M., in the Fine Arts Center.

-Donnie Owens, TMS Band Director, 972-923-4690x406

### Spring Trip Package Highlights



- Housing in Mountain Condominiums
- Students will use kitchenettes in condos for most meals
- Travel via Charters Coaches
- Up to 4 Days skiing
- Up to 4 days ski and boot rental (snowboards not incl.)
- Lessons for 1st time skiers (required)
- Taped and written comments
- Professional recordings
- Awards Ceremony and Street Party with DJ
- Supplemental Accident and Medical Insurance for group

### Need Help!

Concession help is needed on **Friday, Sept. 22nd**. Waxahachie is hosting a 3A game, Wimberley vs. Texarkana, while the Indians are playing in Greenville. We need parents that aren't planning on traveling to Greenville to work Lumpkins concession stand for the Wimberley game. Game begins at 7:00 P.M. Contact Belinda Ashley at 817-688-4947 if you

## TMS Band Garage Sale

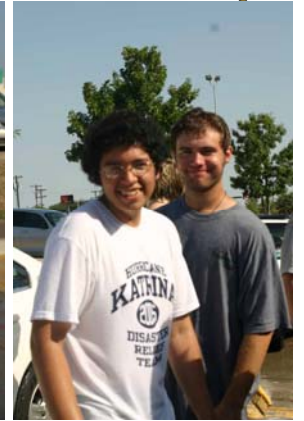
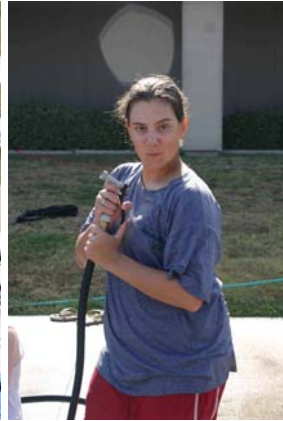
Sept. 23, 2006

8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Located in front parking lot of  
Waxahachie High School

Contact your favorite 6th Grade Band  
student to donate items.

# Car Wash - 320 cars



# Welcome

## Edward Quintana, Assistant VP of Concessions\*

The boosters would like to welcome Edward Quintana to the position of Assistant VP of Concessions. Edward is the father of 8th grade trumpet player, Jeremy Quintana, and 6th grade trumpet player, Scott Quintana. Thank you Edward for all that you do.

## Ronnie McMahan, Turner Representative\*

The boosters would like to welcome Ronnie McMahan to the position of Turner Representative. Ronnie is the father of Sophomore Tuba player, Eric McMahan, and 6th grade Oboe player, Kaci McMahan. Thank you Ronnie for all that you do.

\*Approval and installation of these two officers will occur at the September Booster Meeting on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the WHS Band Hall.

Band Event Photos available online at

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

## August Adult Volunteers

Kim Armstrong	Nancy Green	Woody Perry
Rich Armstrong	Paul Ground	Brad Pettit
Belinda Ashley	Gene Hayes	Derek Phillips
Robert Ashley	Denise Hinson	Ira Pinkston
LuAnn Bell	Derrick Horvath	Jennifer Pinkston
Andy Berning	Karen Howard	Lisa Popp
Michelle Berning	Richard Howard	Perry Popp
Joe Bowling	Susan Howard	Edward Quintana
Chris Buse	Karri Huff	Wendy Ragon
Jose Cadena	Kathy Hunt	Diane Reed
Paige Cook	Carrie Jackson	Jennie Reese
Angie Cupp	David Jackson	Marty Reese
Dan'l Cupp	Carol Kimberlin	Linda Richardson
Paige Gordon	Karen Lawton	Bricia Sanchez
Jennifer Dacy	Diana Lund	Paula Susat
Megan Dacy	Renee' Martin	Gary Thompson
Kathi Ellis	Rafael Martinez	Lucy Thompson
Tracey Engel	Sheila McGlothen	Gale Tobias
Tommy Engel	Ronnie McMahan	Dian Tuohy
Cindy Featherston	Cheryl McMurray	Mitch Vaughan
Linda Featherston	Wade McMurray	DeAnn von Hoffman
Paige Gordon	Karen Moriarty	Sheila Wheaton
Tim Gordon	Ed Neal	
Larry Green	Laura Nottingham	

# Thank You!

## 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! .

## Car Wash



Thank you to **everyone** that helped plan, manage, and chaperone the car wash as well as those that donated supplies! We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to everyone that came out to support the band and get their car wash. Also a special thank you to those that made car wash pledges. Your generosity is appreciated.



## Uniform Fitting

Thanks to everyone that helped with marching band registration and uniform fittings. We had a lot of great help on both days. Thank you also for taking home the uniforms and working to get all the sewing done so quickly. A special thank you to **Woody Perry** for organizing and leading this years registration process.

## Band Luau



A special thank you to **Gary & Lucy Thompson**, Parker Thompson's parents, for hosting the Annual Band Luau again. Your generosity in continuing to host band parties is greatly appreciated.



## Ice Cream Social

The boosters would like to thank everyone for coming out and showing their support for the Band at this years Annual Ice Cream Social. Thanks to all of the freshman parents that brought ice cream, and thanks to all of those parents that helped served ice cream.



## Refreshments

A special thank you to **Chris Buse** for providing the refreshments for the August Booster Meeting.

## Band Photo Posters

A special thank you to **Dallas Container Corp** for donating the poster printing and **International Graphics Group** for donating the graphics plates used for poster prints. Also a special thank you to **Robert & Belinda Ashley** for leading this project.

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To the Parents of:

**Sept./Oct.**  
**Executive Meetings**  
Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 P.M.  
**Booster Meetings**  
Monday, September 11, 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, October 2, 7:00 P.M.  
  
**WHS Band Hall**

# September 2006

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Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Music T's 8am-4pm WHS vs Highland Park @SMU 
3	4 Labor Day	5 Jr High Concessions 4:00-7:30pm	6	7	8 WHS vs Denison @ Denison 7:30pm 	9 Music T's 8am-4pm
10	11 Booster Meeting 7pm	12	13	14 Freshman/ JV Football Concessions 4:30-9:00pm	15 WHS vs Waco University @ Waco 7:30pm 	16 Music T's 8am-4pm WHS Band Party
17	18	19	20	21	22 WHS vs Texas High @ Greenville 7:30pm 	23 TMS Band Garage Sale @ WHS parking lot, 8am-2pm Music T's 8am-4pm
24	25	26 JHS Band play at JHS football game Jr High Concessions 4-7:30pm	27 Executive Meeting 7pm	28 Freshman football Concessions 4:30-9:30pm	29 WHS vs Corsicana @ HOME 7:30pm  8th Grd Band Nite	30 All Region Jazz Auditions @ WHS 7am-5pm 