

Working Together, Achieving More



## CONGRATULATIONS!

I am extremely proud to announce that the Wind Ensemble earned first place in the Area Honor Band listening and received the ranking of #14 in the State Honor Band selection process for 2007. This is a direct result of many early morning practices, combined with additional afternoon and evening clinics. The road to perfection always has opportunities for improvement, and we will continue our quest this year - striving to be the best in the State! It is an honor to be a part of a group of students who are willing to sacrifice their time and dedicate their efforts to climb to the next level.

-Rich Armstrong



Picture Day  
Make-Up Fitting & Registration Day  
**Saturday, August 4th**

*Please Read Details Inside*

8-10 am	All Make-Up Fittings
10-11:30am	Individual Pictures
11:45	Full Group Picture in Gym/FAC
12:45	Individual Pictures Again

### Searching for that favorite band

photo? They are now at <http://spiritofwaxahachie.shutterfly.com>. Currently, pictures from the ski trip and the band banquet are posted - ready to be downloaded. Don't worry....you can still get your photos printed at Target...have fun!



## Next Booster Meeting

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

## Booster Officers 2007-2008

President \_\_\_\_\_ Ronnie McMahan  
 Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Popp  
 Assistant VP Concessions \_\_\_\_\_ Scott Crouch  
 Assistant VP Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Sheila Wheaton  
 Assistant VP Special Projects \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Ashley  
 Assistant VP Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Kimberlin  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Tipton  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Lund  
 WJHS Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Quintana  
 Turner Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Open

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)

## Annual Band Ice Cream Social

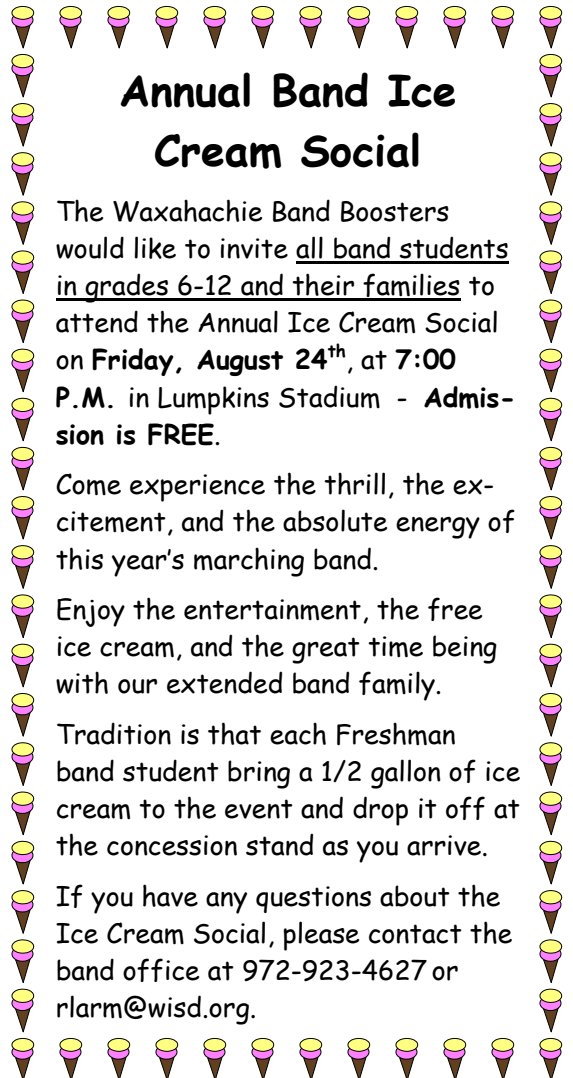
The Waxahachie Band Boosters would like to invite all band students in grades 6-12 and their families to attend the Annual Ice Cream Social on **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 P.M. in Lumpkins Stadium - **Admission is FREE.**

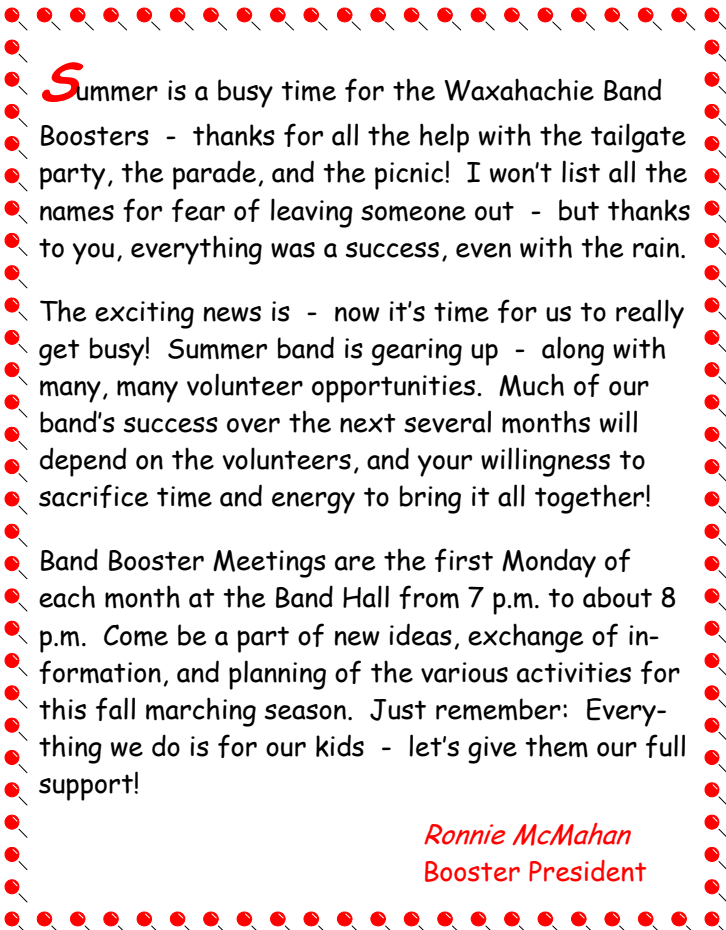
Come experience the thrill, the excitement, and the absolute energy of this year's marching band.

Enjoy the entertainment, the free ice cream, and the great time being with our extended band family.

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).





**S**ummer is a busy time for the Waxahachie Band Boosters - thanks for all the help with the tailgate party, the parade, and the picnic! I won't list all the names for fear of leaving someone out - but thanks to you, everything was a success, even with the rain.

The exciting news is - now it's time for us to really get busy! Summer band is gearing up - along with many, many volunteer opportunities. Much of our band's success over the next several months will depend on the volunteers, and your willingness to sacrifice time and energy to bring it all together!

Band Booster Meetings are the first Monday of each month at the Band Hall from 7 p.m. to about 8 p.m. Come be a part of new ideas, exchange of information, and planning of the various activities for this fall marching season. Just remember: Everything we do is for our kids - let's give them our full support!

*Ronnie McMahan*  
Booster President

## Meet the Indians- Community Pep Rally



The Waxahachie Band will be participating in a community wide pep rally on Thursday, August 23 at 8:00 PM in Lumpkins Stadium. All members of the various sports teams will be introduced, and of course, the WHS Marching Band will be playing. Don't miss out on the fun - Come out and enjoy the great fellowship and experience the true Waxahachie Indian Spirit!



### Constant Contact ...

You may have received several e-mails from the band using a new website - Constant Contact. Hopefully, this new tool will enable improved communication this year between the Band Directors, boosters, band members, as well as parents. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Armstrong at the Band Hall - and let us know how you like it!



## Annual High School Band Car Wash

**Saturday, Aug. 11**  
**8:00-4:00 PM**



The Annual Band Car Wash will be held at the WHS parking lot with high school band students washing cars from 8 to 4 p.m.

**Donations and pledges** can be turned in starting August 6th.

We 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 11th. And, don't forget to bring your car and get it washed!

*A special word of "THANKS" to our volunteers  
- for taking time out of your summer to make  
us look good!*

### July Adult Volunteers

Belinda Ashley	Paige Gordon	Edward Quintana
Robert Ashley	Rita Irwin	Margaret Quintana
LuAnn Bell	Carol Kimberlin	Ronda Quintana
Andy Berning	Randy Kimberlin	Virginia Tipton
Michelle Berning	Diana Lund	Sheila Wheaton
Aaron Clayton	Ronnie McMahan	Sheila Zimmerman
Tina Clayton	Sharon Owens	
Paige Cook	Woody Perry	
Scott Crouch	Lisa Popp	
Angie Cupp	Perry Popp	
Kriss Dyer	Charlie Quintana	

## *New Newsletter Schedule!*

With the recent postage increase as well as the growing dependency on internet communications, the Band Newsletter will be mailed only five times during this school year: August, September, December, March and June. We will continue e-mailing a link to the website each month so that the current newsletter can be downloaded. Also, during the months that the newsletter is not mailed (October, November, January, February, April and May), printed copies will be available in the Band Hall. If this presents any difficulty for you or your band student, please be sure to let us know - we want to make sure everyone is "up on the latest news"!



## From the WJHS Rep...

Hello! My name is Edward Quintana, and I will be the WJHS Band Parent Rep for upcoming school year. My two sons are in the band: Jeremy, a Freshman, plays trumpet - and Scott, a 7th Grader, plays Trombone. During my time with the Band, I have been privileged to meet great parents associated with the Band Booster program and have come to recognize the tremendous importance of parental involvement. All WJHS parents are encouraged to join together to make this the best year yet! If you have any questions, please contact me - 972/938-2851 (home); 972/935-8256 (cell), or e-mail me at indian305@hotmail.com. I look forward to meeting you at our first meeting on September 4 at 7 p.m. - see you there!

*Edward Quintana*  
WJHS Rep

## Drum Majors Refine Technique and Style!

Matt Neal, Tiffany Neal, and Taylor Armstrong represented Waxahachie with immense PRIDE at the UTA Drum Major and Leadership Camp the week of June 16-21. They spent a busy week learning new conducting tips and tricks, leadership methods, band management ideas, and effective rehearsal strategies. All three came back from camp excited about the new marching season and ready to get to work. With their leadership, the band will succeed.



## TMEA All State Music is Ready

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.

These etudes are now available at the band hall. See Jonathan Polanco for a copy. All Wind Ensemble students are required to learn this music and audition for the all region band.



## TMS Band News

We hope you are enjoying a well-deserved summer vacation! Mrs. Owens and I just returned from the Texas Band Masters Convention where we attended many clinics and concerts, "picking the brains" of our fellow band directors during our entire visit. We are very excited about two recently published compositions that will be great for competitions - new music can always give us a "plus" in the rating and ranking evaluations!

We are looking forward to meeting with our new 6th Graders and beginning the process of becoming a band - all in time for our Holiday Concert.

If you have not acquired an instrument, you might want to check out - Universal Melody Services (Dallas), Mr. E's (Arlington), Ellis County Music (Ovilla Road), Williamson's Music (Plano) and McKay Music (Sulphur Springs). For those who made arrangements with Universal Melody Services, your instrument will be delivered to TMS on or about Friday, September 17. Pick-up of the instruments will be allowed only after Mrs. Owens and I have completed our inventory process.

We are looking forward to a very busy year - including attending Celebration Station Amusement Park, hosting our own Solo and Ensemble Contest/ Concert and Sight Reading Contest, as well as participating in the Sandy Lake Band Festival and the Beach Within Reach Contest. We will also have several fundraisers, with the first one being our annual Garage Sale, scheduled for September 22. Start cleaning out those closets and collecting from everyone you know so that we can have a record-breaking day!

This is going to be a terrific year for the TMS Band, and we are so glad you will be part of our band family!

*Donnie and Margie Owens*



## Percussion News

### THE DRUM LINE IS PUMPED!

We had a fantastic camp back in June and a great performance at the parade in July. The students are working hard on their own in anticipation of a great marching season. The Percussion Camp will be held on Monday, July 31, through Friday, August 3. We expect to see all of the players willing, ready, and able to start making the drum line happen. We have some great talent in the line and the

# WHS 2007 Marching Band Camp/Schedule

Day/Date	Times	Activity
Monday, July 30-August 3	9 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—4 pm	Drum and Color Guard Camp
Thursday, August 2-3	9 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—4 pm	Leadership Clinic Sessions
Saturday, August 4	8 am-2 pm	Registration/Pictures/Uniform Fitting
Monday, August 6	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Tuesday, August 7	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Wednesday, August 8	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Thursday, August 9	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Friday, August 10	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Saturday, August 11	8 am—4 pm	Car Wash Fundraiser @ High School
Monday, August 13	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Tuesday, August 14	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Wednesday, August 15	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Thursday, August 16	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp
Friday, August 17	8 am– 12 noon; 1:00 pm—5 pm	Band Camp/Fish Camp
Monday, August 20	5 pm—9 pm	Band Camp
Tuesday, August 21	5 pm—9 pm	Band Camp
Thursday, August 23	5 pm—7:30 pm	Band Camp
Thursday, August 23	8 pm	Community Spirit Night Pep Rally
Friday, August 24	7 pm	Ice Cream Social

## Band Camp Survival Secrets...

- ◆ Eat a nutritious breakfast (*soda and chips do not count!*)
- ◆ Eat a nutritious lunch (*soda and fries do not count!*)
- ◆ Drink plenty of water
- ◆ Get off the couch and begin exercising - NOW!
- ◆ Make sure your shoes are comfortable and that you always wear socks!
- ◆ Don't forget your hat!
- ◆ Remember to put on sunscreen!
- ◆ If you haven't already, start practicing now!
- ◆ Bring a 1 gallon water container to every practice.
- ◆ Have all equipment daily. (including reeds, oil, etc.)
- ◆ Bring pencils and flip folders.
- ◆ Start getting to bed early to get your rest.



## Help us Keep You Connected!



**All high school students and/or parents** need to visit the Charms website (<https://www.charmsmusic.com/>) to update their information. **After the homepage comes up, locate the "Parent/Student Login" section of the web page and enter the following School Code: waxahachiehs**

This will take you to the main Parent and Student Information page. Here, simply enter your child's Waxahachie High School Student ID #. More detailed screens will appear where you can view a current calendar of events, financial records, handouts, and a variety of info. We will be updating all financial information in the next several weeks. Throughout the year, we will be expanding the information available on this website - so, make it a "favorite" and be a frequent visitor! We are diligently working to make this website a central information source, so please help us out by making any necessary changes regarding address, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Thanks!



**Picture Day  
Make-Up Fitting & Registration Day  
Saturday, August 4th**

All students need to come by the Band Hall during the time indicated below for final uniform fittings along with individual pictures. Please be prepared - Be sure to bring your instrument for the individual pictures. It is our goal to complete all of the fittings prior to the group picture. All registration fees must be paid by Saturday, August 4th.

<p><b>8-10 am</b></p> 	<p><b>All Make-Up Fittings -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For all students that did not attend the May session</li> <li>-Please bring black socks, marching shoes, and instrument</li> <li>-Students will get fitted for uniform, fill out registration forms, and get an individual picture</li> </ul>
<p><b>10-11:30am</b></p> 	<p><b>Individual Pictures -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For all students that have not taken an individual picture (including guard)</li> <li>-Please bring black socks, marching shoes, and instrument</li> <li>-Students will try on their uniform to check the alterations and take picture</li> <li>-Once done they will wait around for the group picture</li> <li>-Those that did not register can do so at this time</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:45</b></p>	<p><b>Full Group Picture in Gym/FAC -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For all band students</li> <li>-Students that were fitted in the morning can take the picture with out having the</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:45</b></p>	<p><b>Individual Pictures Again -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For all students that did not get an individual picture in at 10:00 am</li> </ul>

**ALL BAND FEES DUE**

All WHS band fees are due by August 4. A list of the fees is posted on the band website. If you have questions concerning any of the fees or the status of your student's account, please call Rich Armstrong at the band hall.

**HELP WANTED—  
August 4th**

Parents are needed on August 4th to assist with the final fittings and preparations for the group picture.

We will also be in need of seamstresses so that those that missed the original fitting/registration day can have uniforms "camera ready".

If you are available and can lend a hand, please contact Lisa Popp at [lpopp@spiritofwaxahachie.com](mailto:lpopp@spiritofwaxahachie.com).



**Proposed High School  
Spring Trip  
April 10-13, 2008**

This year the WHS Band is tentatively planning to travel to Corpus Christi, Texas to participate in the South Coast Music Festival with some of the best concert bands in Texas. This trip will provide all of our students with a superb musical performance environment, cultural and educational learning opportunities, time to strengthen character and a chance to build independence and responsibility. In an effort to build a stronger team within our band community, we want to offer this Spring Trip experience to all band students grades 9—12 who desire to participate. Every student that travels to Corpus Christi will perform with a concert band.

We traveled to Corpus Christi two years ago and had a fantastic time. The students performed well and had a blast hanging out together. More details coming soon.

**Reminder -**

Please check with Mr. Armstrong to make sure that we have the following forms for your student on file -

- ◆ UIL Eight-Hour Practice Rule
- ◆ Medical Release
- ◆ Uniform Alteration
- ◆ Student Contact Information
- ◆ Financial Fees Forms
- ◆ Band Policies
- ◆ Volunteer (optional)

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To the Parents of:

**August/Sept.**  
**Executive Meeting**  
Monday, July 30, 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, August 27, 7:00 P.M.  
WHS Band Hall  
**Booster Meeting**  
Monday, August 6, 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, September 10, 7:00 P.M.  
WHS Band Hall

# August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July 30 Executive Meeting 7pm		1	2	3	4 Marching Band Pictures/Final Uniform Fitting Day
5	6 Booster Meeting 7pm	-----Marching Band Camp-----				11 Band Car Wash
12		-----Marching Band Camp-----				18
19	20 Evening Band Camp	21 Evening Band Camp	22	23 Evening Band Camp Spirit Night	24 Ice Cream Social	25
26	27 First Day of School Executive Meeting 	28	29	30	31	Sept 1 WHS vs Highland Park @ SMU