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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

Congratulations

Lyndi Ashley!

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 **Jazz Café**

WAXAHACHIE JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Dining, Dancing & Silent Auction

Proceeds benefit WISD band programs grades 6 - 12

Waxahachie Civic Center
February 10, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.

Advance Tickets Sales Only through Feb. 5th - \$25

**Tickets available at the following locations:
Waxahachie Daily Light, Waxahachie Veterinary
Clinic, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce,
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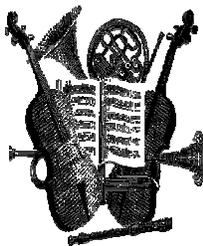
Donation: \$5

Prize: Two Round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines. An \$800 value.

Drawing: Jazz Café - Feb. 10.
Need not be present to win.

Tickets available from Jazz Café committee members, or contact Scott Crouch, 972-937-6433, scott.crouch@sbcglobal.net.

TMEA Area & All State Honors



One WHS band student qualified for the All State Band after the Area D Texas Music Educators Association competition Saturday, Jan. 6, at Baylor University. Senior Lyndi Ashley, clarinet, qualified for her third straight All-State Band selection. Lyndi is the daughter of Robert and Belinda Ashley and the late Lisa Ashley.

Lyndi will attend the TMEA annual convention in San Antonio Feb. 14-17 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.

Twelve WHS band students advanced to the Area D competition as a result of their placement during All-Region competition in December. Other students participating in the Area competition were: Neetu Mathew-flute, Joy Pinkston-Piccolo, Latrell Anderson-Bass Clarinet, John Meade-Alto Saxophone, Corbin Edgington-Tenor Saxophone, Cody Ground, Trombone, Alex Bowling, French horn; Dylan Dacy, French horn; Alejandro Medina-Bass Trombone; Luciano Lopez-Tuba, Caleb Gilbreath-Percussion.

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.



Jazz Band

The jazz band is working fast and furious to prepare for Jazz Cafe on Feb. 10, several elementary school performances, and the TCU jazz festival on March 24. You do not want to miss this year's band. The band is excited to announce the addition of the following jazz musicians to their roster. Luciano Lopez-Bass Trombone; Chelsea Kimberlin-Piano. These students will add a great amount of expertise to our program.

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.

Crystal Infante-Clarinet

"into the Woods"-The Musical

Several of our very talented band students just completed a very successful run of performances with the Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods". 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. Neetu Mathew & Tiffany Neal-Flute; Lyndi Ashley-Clarinet; William Zimmerman-Bass Guitar; Joy Pinkston & Chelsea Kimberlin-Keyboards, Gloria Hernandez-Percussion; Alex Bowling & Mayme Bowen-French Horns; David Maxwell & Matt Neal-Trumpet. We also want to commend all of the band students that participate in our fine drama program.

Practicing and Moving Ahead

"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. You may view the objective expectation online to see what your students should be practicing. The best opportunities in the Waxahachie Band program will always be awarded to the students that are the most prepared. Prepared players are responsible, accountable, and show that they have a great work ethic and attitude.

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>



WJHS Band News

The junior high bands performed extremely well during their Winter Concert and they are now busy preparing for their solo and ensemble contest coming up on Saturday, February 10th, at WJHS. The kids are working hard and everyone is being listened to individually once a week at a fifteen minute listening session. We are also preparing for our U.I.L. Concert and Sight reading contest which will be held in April. We have arranged for two clinicians to work with our groups. The clinics will be held on Tuesday, March 6 with Mr. Van Ragsdale and on Tuesday, March 20 with Mr. Fred Allen of Stephen F. Austin University. Both clinics will be held at Fine Arts Center at the high school.

- Dan Francis and Kendra Ray, Jr High Directors



Percussion News

We are looking for volunteers that know how to sew to make covers for various percussion equipment. If you can help with this, please contact Mr. Phillips at the WHS Band Hall, 972-923-4627 or dphillips@wisd.org.

-Derek Phillips, Assistant Director of Bands

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 "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Carol of the Bells" recorded by the awesome group Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

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. Join this awesome team of dedicated and devoted volunteers.

Thank you for your support for this fine organization. We want to thank Robert and Belinda Ashley, Lisa and Perry Popp for their help with the painting and props work.

If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Armstrong at darm710@sbcglobal.net.

Remaining Competition Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 3rd @ Thomas Coliseum, Haltom City

Saturday, Feb. 10th @ The Colony HS

Saturday, March 17th @ Garland

Friday, March 23 @ Sachse HS



TMS Band News

Many thanks to present and former Turner band families who helped and contributed so much toward Turner's Holiday Season Band Concert. The decorations were beautiful and the food and drinks for the reception were plentiful. The children dressed for the occasion and performed equally as well. The sounds on the CD were pretty amazing for a group of children who have been performing for only three months. On the Friday after the night concert, the Turner Band did a fabulous performance for the Turner student body and faculty. The Turner students were not only amazed at their peer's accomplishments, they were also very complimentary.

Since the holiday season, the band has been preparing and performing scales that will enable us to advance to the next performance level. The learning of scales will improve our ability to hear pitches, play better in tune and to develop the technique necessary for the more advanced literature. We will work on scales during the months of January and February before being introduced to the competition music.

Turner has a great schedule of activities for the remainder of the school year. Our next big activity will be the "Lock-in" at Turner where children will perform solos and ensembles for an evaluation. Children will perform a minimum of one solo and possibly two ensembles for a judge's critique and evaluation. Food, games and entertainment will be planned by children and a committee of parents.

Anything and everything we do cost money. Unfortunately, our second fund raiser was postponed because of the ice storm. The fundraiser with Express Industries has been rescheduled for Friday, February 2 and will continue through Monday, February 19. Children will receive 30% of the total sales for their individual band account, the band will receive 10% and 60% will pay for the merchandise. The fund raising presentation will be during each class period on Friday, February 2.

The band's formal shirts have been given to all of the children. These are the shirts that the band will wear in all of their performances for the remainder of the year.

This year's band is working hard to uphold the reputation of the Turner Band.

- Donnie and Margie Owens, TMS Band Director

An evening to remember: Jazz Café 2007

By Jennifer Dacy

Celebrate Valentine's Day with fine dining and dancing to the swinging sounds of the high school's Jazz Orchestra at the Jazz Café on Feb. 10 at the Waxahachie Civic Center.

Guests will have the opportunity to win tickets on Southwest Airlines and other terrific prizes.

 Band Boosters are selling tickets at \$5 each for the chance to win two tickets to anywhere in the continental USA that Southwest Airlines flies. The drawing will be held Feb. 10 during the Jazz Café.

Tickets for the Southwest Airlines drawing will be available at the Feb. 5 Booster meeting and through the night of the Jazz Café. For tickets or more information contact any Booster officer or Scott Crouch at scott.crouch@sbcsglobal.net.

Tickets to the Jazz Café are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance no later than the Feb. 5 Booster meeting. Tickets are also available at Beall's, Waxahachie Daily Light, Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, WHS Band Office and WISD administration building. Doors open for Jazz Café at 6:30 p.m. The ticket price includes an elegant buffet meal catered by Rose Cameron of The BBQ Pit restaurant includ-

ing beef or chicken entrees, a choice of vegetables and salad, breads, dessert and coffee by Starbucks. Guest artists that evening will be WHS alumni and professional musicians Keith Davis on saxophone and jazz trumpeter James Davis, formerly with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

New this year to the Jazz Café will be a silent auction during the evening for over \$3,000 worth of unique prizes, including tickets to the NASCAR Busch 300 series race on April 14 at Texas Motor Speedway, Texas Rangers baseball, Dallas Symphony Orchestra concerts, Dallas Summer Musicals' production of "Camelot", any of three Schlitterbahn water parks, NRH2O water park in North Richland Hills, miniature golf at Adventureland in Dallas, Billy Bob's Texas, Disneyland in Anaheim, California, Mesquite Rodeo, Scarborough Renaissance Festival, Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and more. Other prizes include items or services from Holmes Photographic Art of Corsicana, Dallas Stars hockey, Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic, Bow-Wow Barbers, JC Penney's, One Fine Day, Waxahachie Country Club, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, local restaurants and more, or even the services of the Waxahachie Jazz Orchestra to play at your own corporate or per-

sonal party (restrictions apply)! Funds raised by the Band Boosters at the Jazz Café and auction will go to support the music education program in grades 6-12.

Rich Armstrong, director of the high school band and jazz orchestra, said the purpose of Jazz Café is not merely a music concert, but also an educational experience for the public as well as the students. "This event is important because it validates why we come to class every day. The Jazz Café confirms that the art of jazz is alive and well and continuing to grow in America. It is a great environment and experience for the community to be taken back to the romantic and elegant music of the 1940's and 1950's, as well as an awesome learning experience for the students to prepare tons of literature and experience the musical challenge of playing for an entire evening," he said.

"This event is a delightful way to celebrate Valentine's Day, our gift back to the community for their wonderful support of the band program and fine arts in Waxahachie," he said. "We invite everyone to come enjoy great food, great music with dancing, and great fun bidding on terrific prizes."

Thank You!

Refreshments

A special thank you to **Virginia Tipton** for providing the refreshments for the January Booster Meeting.



Also, a special thank you for the Jazz parents for providing refreshments for the Jazz Concert.

Winter Guard



A special thank you to **Perry Popp** and **Robert & Belinda Ashley** for helping to paint and accessorize the props for this years Winter Guard season. Also a special thank you to **Belinda Ashley** for making sandwiches for the Jan. competition and **Lori Allred** for providing the snack.

Jazz Café Committee

The Jazz Café committee has been working diligently to get ready for this years second annual Jazz Café event. A special thank you to **Jennifer Dacy** and **Michelle Berning** for co-chairing this event. We know that it will be a huge success and we encourage anyone that has not purchased a ticket yet to come out and see what all of the excitement is about.



December/January Adult Volunteers

Lori Allred	Karen Hummer	Woody Perry
Kim Armstrong	Brian Ingram	Tricia Peyrot
Belinda Ashley	BJ Ishmael	Ira Pinkston
Robert Ashley	Mrs. Kemp	Lisa Popp
Michelle Berning	Carol Kimberlin	Perry Popp
Chris Buse	Susan Lamb	Edward Quintana
Paige Cook	Diana Lund	Amanda Rushton
Scott Crouch	Renee Martin	Mrs. Shepherd
Jennifer Dacy	Karen Maxwell	Kathy Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Grimes	Ronnie McMahan	Virginia Tipton
Sheryl Ground	Karen Moriarty	Kaci Vanbevers
Christopher Hafes	Tobie Nottingham	Mambel Vazquez
Michelle Hafes	Sonia O'Brien	Kristi Wadsworth
Cindy Hess	Margie Owens	
Dan Hummer	Tom Perry	

Need Help with Jazz Café

We need the following help on Feb 10th:

- Help setting up and decorating, starting at 10 am
- Help cleaning up after the event, starting at 10pm
- Help with valet parking during the event 6pm-10:30pm
- Help managing student volunteers during the event 6pm-10:30pm

If you can assist with any of the above please contact either Michelle Berning at 972-938-9308 or mberning2000@yahoo.com OR Jennifer Dacy at 972-576-0043 or jmdacy@texasairnet.com



Winter Park Trip Meeting

The spring trip meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 from 7:30-8:30 PM. This is for all student attendees and their parents as well as all chaperones. Mark your calendars.

High School Solo and Ensemble Info

- All High School students playing at the UIL Solo and Ensemble contests must secure a piano accompanist soon. Handouts are available in the band hall and online.
- The Contest is Saturday, March 3rd. All day.
- Each section has been assigned an accompanist.
- The fee will be \$30.00 payable at the first rehearsal.
- \$30.00 will get you 2 practice sessions and one performance at UIL.
- It is the responsibility of the students to call the piano players and set up their own rehearsal prior to the contest on March 3rd.

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Monday, February 5, 7:00 P.M.
Monday, March 5, 7:00 P.M.

Executive Meetings
Monday, February 26, 7:00 P.M.
Monday, March 26, 7:00 P.M.

WHS Band Hall

February 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Winter Guard - Thomas Coliseum, Haltom City
4	5 Booster Meeting 7pm Jazz Café ticket sales END	6	7	8	9	10 Jazz Café Winter Guard - The Colony WJHS Solo & Ensemble Contest @ WJHS
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Spring Trip Meeting 7:30pm	21	22	23	24
25	26 Executive Meeting 7pm	27	28	March 1	March 2	March 3 WHS Solo & Ensemble Contest - DeSoto HS