



Band Booster News

Working Together, Achieving More

May 2007

Executive Officer Nominations Monday, May 7th 7:00 P.M. WHS Band Hall

Voting and new officer installation will occur at the May booster meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.

Office

President
Vice President
Assistant VP Concessions
Assistant VP Fundraising
Assistant VP Special Projects
Assistant VP Communications
Secretary
Treasurer
WJHS Representative

Nominee

Ronnie McMahan
Lisa Popp
Scott Crouch
Sheila Wheaton
Paige Gordon
Carol Kimberlin
Virginia Tipton
Diana Lund
Edward Quintana

Booster Officers 2006-2007

President.....Chris Buse
VP Concessions.....Robert Ashley
VP Fundraising.....BJ Ishmael
Assistant VP Concessions.....Edward Quintana
Secretary.....Jennifer Dacy
Treasurer.....Woody Perry
WJHS Rep.....Renee Martin
Turner Rep.....Ronnie McMahan

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

Summer/Fall '07 High School Band Calendar

Available at www.band.wisd.org

Band Achievements!

- Winter Guard—earned two 2nd and one 3rd place this season.
- Symphonic Band—Best in Class at Winter Park and UIL Sweepstakes
- Wind Ensemble—Best in Class and overall Grand Champion Concert Band out of 28 bands at Winter Park and UIL Sweepstakes
- Jazz Band—Second in class 4A at the TCU Jazz Festival
- Symphonic 7—UIL Division 2 on stage and Division 1 in site reading
- Symphonic 8—UIL Sweepstakes



WHS Band Banquet Friday, May 18th

First United Methodist Church

Students - \$12.50

Parents - \$15.00

Tickets available at WHS Band Hall.

2007 Spring Concert Series

Tuesday, May 1	7:00 PM	Percussion Concert
Thursday, May 10	7:00 PM	WHS Concert Bands
Monday, May 14	7:00 PM	Alumni Jazz Concert
Tuesday, May 15	7:00 PM	WJHS Concert Bands
Thursday, May 17	7:00 PM	Turner Middle School Band



2007-2008 Marching Band Registration Saturday, May 19

- Students in grades 8-11 should come during their assigned times to get fitted for the marching uniform.
- It is important that you plan enough time to take care of all of the steps in the process.
- All forms and fees will be due on May 19th.



Uniform Fitting Schedule

8-9:30 am	A-F
9:30-11	G-H
11-12:30 pm	I-O
12:30-2 pm	P-Z
2:00-4:00 pm	Those that missed their times.

Marching Uniform and Shoe Fitting



We need parents to help with uniform fittings and alterations! If you are skilled in this area we would welcome your assistance.

Individual Photos

All students will pose for individual photos. Photo packages will be available for purchase.



These photos will be converted into posters and displayed around town at area businesses during the Fall marching season, so don't miss this opportunity! This is a Waxahachie tradition!

Band Fees Due

Summer Band Fees are due on May 19th.



If you have any questions regarding these fees please contact Rich Armstrong, 972-923-4600 ext 527, rlarms@wisd.org.

Volunteer Signup

Volunteer signup forms will be available at this time. Information will be available for all volunteer activities. We need your support. There is no contribution of time or resources that is too small to give.



Band Forms

Information, Handbook, Medical Release, UIL 8 hour rule, and others forms can be completed during the registration process. It is extremely important that we have these forms on file to allow your students to participate in marching band.

Optional Accessories

Parents will also be given the opportunity to order optional tote and garment bags for their students as well as purchase yard signs, monogrammed band shirts, hats and blankets.

Color Guard Auditions

Fall Guard Audition and Evaluation Schedule

Requirements are online @ www.band.wisd.org

Auditions

Monday, April 30	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, May 1	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, May 2	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Thursday, May 3	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



WHS Band Summer Schedule

Drumline/Color Guard Camp

June 4 - June 8 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parade Practice

July 2 - July 3 9:00 am - 12 noon

Parade

July 4 10:00 am



Drumline/Color Guard Camp

July 30 - August 3 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Leadership Camp

August 2 - August 3 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Makeup Registration & Uniform Fitting Day

August 4th 8:00 am - noon

Full Band Camp

August 6 - August 17 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon - Fri)

August 20, 21 & 24 5:00 pm - 9:00pm (Evening)

Annual Band Car Wash

August 11 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ice Cream Social

August 24 7:00 pm



Percussion Camps/Auditions

6th & 7th grade percussion students are invited to participate in the Camps for Tenors, Bass Drums and Front Ensemble. This is a great way for 6th & 7th graders to get a head start on the instrument of their choice. Attendance is required for percussion students 8th-11th for placement on the drum line.

Camps/Auditions: 4:30-6:30

Monday, April 30	Tenors (Grades 6-11)
Wednesday, May 2	Bass Drums (Grades 6-11)
Thursday, May 3	Front Ensemble (Grades 6-11)
Monday, May 7	Full Percussion (Grades 9-11)

Congratulations

Waxahachie Symphony League Scholarship winners!

Caleb Gilbreath - 1st in vocal and 2nd in instrumental

Dylan Dacy - 1st in instrumental

Thank You!

Booster Appreciation Luncheon

A special thank you to **Bill and LeAnne Kelley** for hosting the booster appreciation dinner. Also a special thank you to **Chris Buse** for organizing the event and to **Woody Perry** for assisting her.

Junior High Band UIL Contest

The Junior High directors would like to give a special thank you to all of the parents that went to Cedar Hill to support their child's band during this years UIL contest.

High School UIL Contest

A very special thank you to the parents that helped manage the High School UIL Contest that was hosted here in Waxahachie: **Edward Quintana, Jennifer Dacy, Carol Kimberlin & Woody Perry**. The High School directors would also like to thank the parents that came to support their child's band during the contest.

A Big Thank You to Turner Middle School

On behalf of the Waxahachie Band Boosters, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Turner Middle School parents that volunteered to help at the Turner Band functions this school year. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated. Without parent participation, some activities would not be possible!

As our students go to Jr. High, I would like to encourage more of our parents to get involved in the band program with your child. The Waxahachie Band Booster organization exists to do one thing, and that is to help all of our bands excel in all that they do. To make that happen, we must have a very large pool of parent volunteers to call on. Any amount of time given to our band program is time well spent. Your child will never admit to you, but they like for their parents to be involved!

We can be very proud of the 2006-2007 Turner Middle School Band. The kids have done a great job this year. Please take the time to personally thank Donnie and Margie Owens for all they gave our children this year.

Ronnie McMahan, TMS Band Booster Rep.

Help Needed on May 19th!

Marching Band Registration and Uniform Fitting

Signup available at Booster meeting!

We need volunteers to assist with marching band registration, uniform fittings and alterations.

Dates are May 19th and August 4th.

Contact **Lisa Popp** at 972-938-0469,

lisapopp@texasairnet.com.

April Adult Volunteers

Kristi Abraham	Cindy Featherston	Tobie Nottingham
Kim Armstrong	Robert Hiller	Margie Owens
Lance Armstrong	Stacy Hopkins	Woody Perry
Rich Armstrong	Karen Howard	Derek Phillips
Robert Ashley	Bill Kelley	Lisa Popp
LuAnn Bell	LeAnne Kelley	Perry Popp
Kay Bowers	Carol Kimberlin	Edward Quintana
Chris Buse	Susan Lamb	Marty Reese
Willie Brackens	Diana Lund	Linda Rodriguez
Paige Cook	Renee' Martin	Denise Stenbridge
Angie Cupp	Janet Martinelli	Billie Stephenson
Jennifer Dacy	Karen Maxwell	Karen Summers
Patti Davis	Sheila McGlothen	Joe Waters
Laurie Donelson	Ronnie McMahan	Julie Waters
Bobby Featherston	Karen Moriarty	

Thank you and Good Bye!

I am sad to say my family and I are moving to Texarkana. We have been blessed to have been a part of the Waxahachie Band family through the past few years. It has really been the past 2 years that I have really gotten involved with the Band Boosters. It started with chaperoning, then attending the Booster meetings, then the next year getting nominated for Jr. High Representative and then Lead Chaperone for the High school. I knew I might be biting off more than I could chew at the time and I did. But, I had the great support of the Band Booster Executives and the help of many parent chaperones that made everything work out just so. Thank you all for your kindness and support. Thank you to the band teachers who my own children have been under. They both have had a great band experience while being here. Good luck to the band in the years to come. I know that with the hard work and dedication of the band directors and children that you are only destined for greatness.

Sincerely,

Renee' Martin and family



Jazz News

The WHS Jazz Orchestra delivered an outstanding performance at the TCU jazz festival on Saturday, March 26. The came away with the 2nd place trophy in class 4A after out performing some great bands. After performing in the morning the band listened to many bands and enjoyed a great meal in downtown Fort Worth. Earning an International Association of Jazz Educators Outstanding Musician award are: **Caleb Gilbreath-Drums; David Maxwell-Trumpet; Neal Martin-Trombone; Cody Ground-Trombone; John Meade-Saxophone; Chelsea Kimberlin-Piano; Scott Tipton-Bass; Will Zimmerman-Guitar.**

The Jazz Orchestra was invited by Lynn Edgington, Corbin's Grandfather, to play for the Southlake Senior Center Ball on Saturday, April 14th. The band did another fantastic job of playing the big band hits from the 30's and 40's. We want to thank Keith Davis and Ivan Diaz De Leon for sitting in with the band.

Do not miss the annual Alumni concert scheduled for Monday, May 14 at 7:00 PM. It is going an exciting night of great tunes and awesome solos. - *Rich Armstrong*

Percussion News



The Waxahachie percussion ensembles are developing their repertoire for the May 1st spring concert. The quality of playing and learning is quite amazing and it is thrilling to see the students inspired and excited about playing. All of the percussion ensembles will perform on their home school's spring concerts.

Congratulations are in order for **Caleb Gilbreath** who has earned a scholarship top study drum set at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Caleb is clearly one of the best high school drum set players in Texas. - *Derek Phillips*



WJHS Band News

The junior high bands are very busy preparing for the Beach Within Reach Contest on May 11.

Symphonic 7 plays at 11:00 AM and Symphonic 8 plays at 11:30 AM at Richland High School in Ft. Worth. They will also go to Hurricane Harbor on May 12. Our Spring Concert is May 15 at 7:00 PM in the Fine Arts Center. Our end of the year party will be held on May 19 at Getzendaner Park from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Seventh graders are preparing for their end of the year tryouts for next year's concert bands. Eighth graders are preparing an etude and scales for high school tryouts. The eighth graders will tryout during their band period sometime in May and the seventh graders will be given individual times and tryout after school following our Spring Concert on May 15.



TMS Band News

Friday, April 27, the Turner Middle School Band will attend the world's largest concert music festival, the Sandy Lake Music Festival in Dallas. The Festival started on Wednesday, March 28 and will continue through Saturday, April 28. Last year, Sandy Lake hosted more than 900 performing organizations. This year, the Turner Band will be competing with 37 beginning band programs from across the state of Texas, most of them within the metroplex. Because of the solo and ensemble contest on Friday, March 2, the band did not start on their competition music until Monday, March 19. With 18 days of practice, the band participated in their Pre-Sandy Lake Contest in the Fine Arts Center on Thursday, April 12. The band was judged in four categories: Stage Presence, Warm-up Procedures, Concert Performance and Sight Reading. From seven judges, the band rated Division One and One +'s in all four areas by seven very qualified judges: Mr. Rich Armstrong, Mr. Dan Francis, Miss Kendra Ray, Mr. Derek Phillips, Mr. Van Ragsdale, Mr. Al Thomas and Mr. Dale Coates. The three pieces prepared for the concert pieces were: "High School Cadets" by John Philip Sousa arranged by Ralph Ford, "A Song for Friends" by Mr. Larry Daehn and "As The Eagle Flies" by Mr. James Swearingen. The band sight read "The William Tell Overture" by Gioacchino Rossini arranged by Mr. Michael Story. This year's band is working diligently to uphold the reputation of the Turner band program.

- *Donnie and Margie Owens*



WHS Wind Ensemble Earns UIL Sweepstakes

On Wednesday, April 11 the WHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performed at the Region 20 UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest. The Wind Ensemble earned another Sweepstakes award by earning all I's on stage and in sight reading. The Symphonic Band earned a I on stage and straight I's in the sight reading room.

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.

WHS Bands Earn Best Of Class & Grand Champion Awards

On Thursday, March 29 the High School Wind Ensemble and Symphonic band performed at the Winter Park Ski Music Festival in Winter Park, Colorado. Both groups earned a best in class trophy and the Wind Ensemble was awarded the Grand Champion's trophy for being the best concert band at the three day festival. We are very proud of the students and their accomplishments. A grand champion award is a result of a program that is moving the right direction. The students are practicing, coming to sectionals, and coming prepared. It is exciting to see the music performance levels rising each and every week.

Band Booster Scholarships



The Band Boosters are proud of our Senior band students! We have received 17 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. It is also a testament to the impact that Mr. Armstrong has had on these graduating Seniors. The depth of feeling in each essay proves that any of these students would make worthy recipients of a Booster scholarship. The recipients will be announced at the Band Banquet on May 18th.

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

A very special thank you to our five band scholarship judges.

Judge #1 Dr. Bryan English: Professor of music at Texas Wesleyan University. Dr. English directs Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and chamber ensembles and teaches trombone and jazz arranging.

Judge #2 Julie McCoy: Soprano, combines careers in performing and teaching. She is part of the Texas Wesleyan University voice faculty.

Judge #3 Aaron Whaley: Assistant Dean of Students at Texas Wesleyan University.

Judge #4 Don Martin: Engineering Manager with a long history in music. Twenty-one years with the Piscataway HS "Superchief" Band. Roles included Marching Technician, Trumpet Instructor, High Brass Instructor, Brass Caption Head, and Assistant Director. One year with the Cadets of Bergen County Drum & Bugle Corps as Brass Staff & Soprano Technician. Three years with the Rutgers University Marching Band as Marching Technician and Brass Caption Head. Twenty-five years of teaching private trumpet lessons

Judge#5 Jane Crawford: School Nurse, Longbranch Elementary, Midlothian ISD. Former Midlothian Band Booster President.

WHS Leadership Workshops

April 30-May 3, 5- 6:30 Daily

Audition on Friday, May 4, 4-7 PM

- Students interested in auditioning for drum major and/or section leader must plan to attend the above dates and times.
- Drum Majors will be chosen based on their playing, marching, and conducting skills.
- Wind Sectional leaders will be chosen based on their playing and marching skills.
- Color guard and drumline section leaders will be chosen from within their camps.

Winter Park Trip



The Spirit of Waxahachie High School band traveled to Winter Park, Colorado for this year's Spring trip. Traveling with the band were 99 students, 22 chaperones and 2 band directors and what a GREAT time we had. After traveling all night we arrived in Winter Park around noon and the students checked into their rooms, check out their skis and went grocery shopping. That evening both the Symphonic and Wind Ensemble bands competed in the Winter Park Music Festival with 28 other bands from around the country. The next day everyone was off to the ski slopes where most the students and adults spent half of the day going through ski school. The majority of the students either skied or snow boarded. The few students and chaperones that chose not to ski hung out at the ski lodge and took a mid-afternoon trip up the mountain to a restaurant on top. After a full day of skiing the exhausted group headed back to the condos for an evening of relaxation. The third and final day in Winter Park saw us headed back to the ski slopes bright and early for another day at the slopes. After a shortened day of skiing the students went back to the condos to eat, pack and check out of their rooms so that we could go to the Music Festival street dance and Awards Ceremony located in downtown Winter Park. It was at this ceremony that we learned that the Symphonic Band had earned *Best in Class* and that the Wind Ensemble had earned both *Best in Class* and *Overall Grand Champion*. We are extremely proud of how our students performed and how they all handled themselves on this trip. You can all rest assured that the band proudly represented Waxahachie throughout the entire trip and it was a pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to chaperone such a wonderful group of young adults. I would like to express a warm thank you to our High School directors, Rich Armstrong and Derek Philips, and ALL of the chaperones that traveled with the band on this trip: Kim & Lance Armstrong, Kristi Abraham, Robert Ashley, Willie Brackens, Chris Buse, Angie Cupp, Bobby Featherston, Bill Kelley, Jennifer Dacy, Robert Hiller, Stacy Hopkins, Karen Howard, Diana Lund, Renee' Martin, Ronnie McMahan, Karen Moriarty, Julie & Joe Waters, Tobie Nottingham and Marty Reese. - Lisa Popp

DON'T MISS!

Jazz Alumni Concert

Monday, May 14 - 7:00 PM

Featuring

Keith Davis, Russ Echols
Ivan Diaz DeLeon, Jonathon Geer

\$5.00 Admission

\$3.00 for Students w/ID

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Booster Meetings
Monday, May 7, 7:00 P.M.
Monday, June 4, 7:00 P.M.

WHS Band Hall

May 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 30 Percussion Auditions - Tenors	1 Percussion Concert 7pm	2 Percussion Audi- tions - Bass Drums	3 Percussion Auditions - Front Ensemble	4 Leadership/ Drum Major Auditions	5
		Marching Band Leadership Training				
6	7 Booster Meeting - Elections 7pm	8 Percussion Auditions Full Percussion	9	10 WHS Spring Concert	11 Beach within Reach WJHS & TMS	12
13	14 Jazz Alumni Concert	15 WJHS Spring Concert	16	17 TMS Spring Con- cert	18 Band Banquet 6:30pm	19 TMS/ WJHS Picnic Marching Band Registration/ Uniform Fitting
20	21	22	23	24 Last Day of School -Early Dismissal	25  Graduation!	26
27	28 Memorial Day!	29	30	31		