

from the desk of . . . **Rich Armstrong**

As the 2007 Marching Season comes to a close, I want to express my appreciation to every WHS band student for outstanding performances - time and time again you brought it, and we thank you!

Although at the end of the day, we must abide by the judges' decision, you know in your heart-of-hearts that your rightful place was in the finals at every competition. Your dedication, your perseverance, and your commitment to bringing your best to each performance was evident to anyone who watched with an open mind and heart.

Now, we must move on...to All-Region Tryouts, Solo and Ensemble, and Concert Season. The Band as a whole is only as good as the individuals, and that is where our focus will continue to be over the next six weeks. We will intensify our concentration on improving individual methods, technique, and tone. We have an intense sectional schedule and we will be adding individual listening times for All Region players. Private teachers are also available for lessons, especially during this time of preparation.

I fully anticipate a terrific showing at All Region, with many of our students advancing to the Area competitions.

WHS Band - Hold your head up and walk tall. You have made all of us proud: your directors, your parents, your school and your community! Congratulations on a job well done!

WIN!



Southwest Airlines Tickets

Donation: \$5

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

Drawing: Jazz Café - Feb. 9 - Need not be present to win.

Tickets Available: At Ennis football game, Holiday Concerts - or contact Scott Crouch, 972-937-6433, scott.crouch@sbcglobal.net.

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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.

A Special "THANK YOU" to Our Concession Coordinators:

Robert and Belinda Ashley/Varsity

Tricia Peyrot/Freshman/JV

Cindy Featherston/JH



Waxahachie Holiday Parade

All WHS Band Students will be marching in the Waxahachie Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2. Meet at the Old Comet Cleaners at 9 am - wearing your marching uniform with a Santa hat.

DRUMLINE NEWS

The Drumline made great gains this season with the director transitions! We are proud of their performances and continued improvement from week to week. Now, it's time to shift gears and turn our focus to the All Region auditions in December. All percussionists interested in trying out for All Region should attend the weekly sectionals on Thursdays at 7:45 am.

A Christmas Carol Mallet Ensemble will entertain in the foyer prior to the WHS Holiday Concert. This performance will include nine different carols beautifully arranged for the mallet ensemble. Join us early before the concert for this special performance. Concert percussion ensembles will be forming along with solos. Please see Mr. Cook for inquiries about solo and ensemble literature.

Color Guard Update

WOW! What a marching season! With the experience of each performance behind them, the Color Guard brings an even better one the next time, resulting in awards in both the DeSoto and Little Elm Contests.

Now...on to Winter Guard. We will meet on Saturday, November 10, from 9 am to 1 pm in the "little" gym. For additional details on what to expect at this audition, please contact me at DSpicer@garlandisd.net.

I look forward to a terrific winter season... and thanks for a terrific Marching Season! You are definitely the best!

Scooter Spicer

Jazz Band...



The Jazz Combo has already had their first two gigs this year. The first was on Saturday, October 20, playing for the Fall Waxahachie Junior League Dinner. The guests were very complimentary of the music,; so, perhaps there will be an invitation for the Spring Dinner! The second was at the JCPenney Grand Opening on Friday, November 2.

On Thursday, November 29, the Jazz Band will kick-off the Holiday Concert Series. Mark your calendars and join the Band as they bring in the holiday season with a great selection of swing, blues, latin, and funk charts.

Jazz Café

Waxahachie Civic Center
February 9, 2008

Join the...

Waxahachie Jazz Orchestra

as they present an evening of elegant dining, Silent Auction and dancing to Big Band Sounds

Ticket information available soon!

Holiday Concert Schedule

Nov. 29	WHS Jazz Band Concert
Dec. 1	Waxahachie Holiday Parade
Dec. 11	WJHS Holiday Concert
Dec. 13	WHS Holiday Concert
Dec. 18	TMS Holiday Concert

from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

Our Fall Festival Party is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, at WJHS from 5 pm to 7 pm, and everyone is looking forward to an opportunity to have some fun! If you have any questions, please be sure to check with one of us.

Students are continuing to prepare for the All-Region Band tryouts to be held at Reed Middle School in Duncanville on November 9 and 10. These tryouts are very competitive, but with the efforts exhibited by our 7th and 8th graders, we have every confidence that WJHS Band students will be successful!

Holiday music is already in the halls at WJHS as we prepare for our Holiday Concert on December 11 at 7 pm at the WHS Fine Arts Center. Additional details will be coming in the next few weeks, but this concert is a family favorite - so be sure to tell your grandparents, aunts, uncles - everyone to join us for a special time of "ringing in the holidays"!



WJHS Band Schedule

Nov. 3	PARTY!
Nov. 6	WJHS Concessions (4:30-8:30 pm)
Nov. 9-10	All-Region Tryouts at Reed Middle School Duncanville
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 11	WJHS Holiday Concert
Dec. 20-31	Holiday Break
Jan. 1-2	Holiday Break
Jan. 18-19	All-Region Clinic/Concert Duncanville
Jan. 21	Holiday

from the desk of . . . Donnie Owens

TMS Band students are progressing nicely through a busy schedule of activities.

Measurements for our formal band shirts were taken the last week of October with hopes of having them in time for the yearbook pictures scheduled for mid-November.

We will begin our fundraiser on Monday, November 5, selling home products, Christmas items, magazines, food products, etc. The profit will be divided between the student individual accounts (90%) and the TMS Band General Fund (10%). We will be selling these items for two weeks, so be sure to see your favorite TMS student to place your order - just in time for Christmas shopping!

We had a great time at Celebration Station, with this being the first opportunity for many of our students to spend time together as a Band. What a terrific day - especially with the parents serving an awesome lunch!

Progress is continuing in the class method book so that we can finally start working on those familiar tunes, Jingle Bells and Up On the Housetop - just in time for our Holiday Concert. Someone even mentioned that Santa is watching very closely this year with promises of generosity for a great performance - talk about incentives!

At this special time of year, TMS is grateful for the assistance provided for us from so many different directions: Mr. Reggie Cook, who works with our percussion class, and Mr. Dan Francis, who assists with the clarinet and trumpet/French Horn class, not to mention the wonderful parents/guardians, administrators and staff!

Mark Your Calendars

TMS HOLIDAY CONCERT - DECEMBER 18 at 7 pm



"THANK YOU" to...

...everyone who made Area Week such a terrific time of celebrating our Band students! Even with the weather changes, parents stepped up to the plate to certainly make this a week to remember - from the corny dogs and popcorn to the hot chocolate served right on the field to the special homemade goodies delivered by grandparents to a terrific tailgate party complete with a "specially-designed movie" - and then to top everything - the release of 1,000 balloons as the crowd rose to their feet in support of these outstanding students!

A special thank you to **Robert and Belinda Ashley** for heading the Area Week Committee,...to **Linda Rodriguez** for her "over the top" ideas that truly let every Band student know they were special...to the **WHS Cheerleaders** and **Charmers** for joining us on a cold, windy evening...to **Kendra Ray** for opening the Band Hall for the "decorators" ...to **Kathy Louque** and her team for the awesome decorations...to **Laura and Joey Kirton** for their sound system...to local businesses such as **Chicken Express, Sonic, HEB, and Pearman Oil** for joining the fun...to the **Moms** that spent those extra hours baking cookies and brownies...to **Kim Armstrong** for the balloon columns in the Band Hall...and on and on the list goes! There are too many individuals to name, but for every person that participated and contributed in any way, we say a huge "THANK YOU"! The smiles on the students' faces as they gratefully took the warm cups of hot chocolate - the excitement of a hot corn dog and popcorn following a cold practice - the surprised expressions as the balloons were released - they all spoke of the appreciation of very dedicated, deserving, and hard-working students. How can we add to that?

Away Game and 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 each one is appreciated!



October Adult Volunteers

THANK YOU!

Amy Alford	Gene Hayes	Kevin Phillips
Angela Almand	Estelle Hernandez	Valli Phillips
Kim Armstrong	Carol Ann Hewson	Grandma Phillips
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November
Executive Meetings
Monday, November 26, 7 pm

Booster Meetings
Monday, November 5, 7 pm
Monday, December 3, 7 pm

WHS Band Hall

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www.band.wisd.org

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JV Concessions 6 pm	2 WHS vs Sequin at Sequin - 7:30 pm JH All Region Auditions 	3 JH All Region Auditions
4	5 Band Booster Mtg. 7 pm	6 WJHS Concessions 5 pm	7	8 Fresh. Concessions 4:30 pm HS All-Region Orchestra Tryouts	9 WHS vs Ennis at Home 7:30 pm Senior Night 	10 WHS Band Party 
11	12	13	14	15	16 Playoffs - TBA HS All-Region Orchestra Clinic 	17 HS All-Region Orchestra Clinic/ Concert
18	19	20	21	22 	23 Playoffs TBA 	24
-----Thanksgiving Holiday-----						
25	26	27	28	29 HS Jazz Band Concert 	30	