

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

Attitude...is more important than facts...the past... education...money...circumstances...failures... successes....what other people think or say or do...appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, or a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past and we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes."

--Charles Swindoll

Attitude...dedication....pride....each characteristic affects and basically evolves into the other. A group of eighty or more individuals who decide that they will develop and maintain a positive attitude, a "can do" attitude if you prefer, will inevitably acquire the determination necessary to achieve their established goals - regardless of circumstances.

We, as a band, have learned that while we are unable to change a score sheet or an opinion, we are, however, very capable of taking what some might perceive as a negative and transforming it into a stimulus to propel us to the next stage in our quest for excellence. While trophies, certificates and "pats on the back" are certainly affirming, we realize that these are somewhat absent in everyday life. Our confidence in our abilities, in our commitment, and in our dedication translates into pride - not only in the concert hall or on the marching field - but in the pop quizzes that life tends to hand us on a daily basis.

Attitude...it's what matters...let's go it!

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WISD BAND STAFF

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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.

High School UIL Contest

Waxahachie High School is privileged once again to host the High School UIL Band Contest on April 16-17 - and we need **YOUR** help to make this a successful event!

Posted on the WHS website are several job descriptions necessary to ensure an efficient and productive contest. If you are able to assist us either one or both of these days, please contact Mr. Armstrong as soon as possible. High school students are encouraged to participate since this activity will reflect positively on their college resume!

WHS BAND BANQUET

Friday, May 9

First United Methodist Church

All WHS Band students are invited to the WHS Band Banquet on Friday, May 9th, at the First United Methodist Church. There will be no charge for any WHS Band student; however, date or guest tickets are \$12.50, and parent tickets are \$15.00.

This will be a terrific night of celebrating an extraordinary year...awards presented, and the now-infamous video reviewing the year and honoring the Seniors will be shown for the first time.

IMPORTANT: If you plan to attend, please note that a completed Band Banquet Form is required. These are to be turned into Mr. Armstrong no later than Friday, May 2. Anyone arriving at the Banquet without a completed form on file will be unable to attend.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Armstrong or check with Lisa Popp.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

April 9-11	WJHS UIL Contest
April 16-17	WHS UIL Contest
April 17	TMS Pre-Sandy Lake Concert
May 2	Sandy Lake Contest
May 6	WISD Percussion Concert
May 16	Alumni Scholarship Jazz Concert
May 13	WJHS Spring Concert
May 20	WHS Spring Concert
May 22	TMS Spring Concert

The WHS Jazz Band was once again among the top finalists at the Texas Christian University Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 29th, bringing home third place!

This contest has developed over the years into one of the most competitive Jazz Festivals in our area, and the performance of the WHS Jazz Band was exceptional.

Along with the Third Place trophy, two of our students were also presented with International Association of Jazz Educators' Citation for Excellence in Musicianship: Corbin Edgington and Scott Tipton. Way to go, Jazz Band!

And don't forget...

Jazz Alumni & Scholarship Concert

Friday, May 16

Are you a WHS Jazz Band Alumni? If so - we want you to invite you back!

Contact the band office if you would like to play in this concert.

Only a couple more weeks till...

SPRING TRIP!!

On Thursday, April 10, the WHS Band Students traveling to Corpus Christi will meet at 8 am in the WHS Band Hall and prepare to load the buses and head south! The trip will include a stop in San Antonio for lunch on the Riverwalk and an estimated 5:30 pm arrival at the Embassy Suites in Corpus. Dinner that night will be provided by the Boosters.

The Symphonic Band is scheduled to warm-up at 9:30 am on Friday for their 10 am performance while the Wind Ensemble will warm-up at 10:30 am for an 11 am performance. Additional activities include a charter cruise/dinner in Corpus Bay, a tour of the USS Lexington, and a Beach Luau.

For a detailed schedule and handbook, please visit the WHS Band website or contact Mr. Armstrong. Have fun - and come home bearing trophies!



2008 WinterGuard

The WinterGuard competed in their second contest of the season on Saturday, March 29, and what a competition! When the scores were finalized, this team was only .4 out of second place! WOW!

The Guard will be performing on Friday, April 4, at the Championship Competition in Haltom City, Texas. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend as this group of talented dancers goes for the Championship Title!

2008 CAMP SCHEDULE

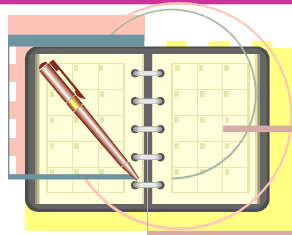
- April 21-24 - Leadership Camp
- April 21-22 - Drumline Battery Camp
- April 21-22 - Drumline/Front Ensemble Camp
- April 23-24 - Drumline Camp
- June 2-8 - Drumline Camp
- June 2-8 - Color Guard Camp
- June 4-6 - Freshman Marching Camp
- July 28-August 1 - Drumline Camp
- July 28-August 1 - Color Guard Camp
- July 31-August 1 - Leadership Camp
- July 31-August 1 - Freshman Camp
- August 4-8 - Band Camp
- August 18-19; 21 - Band Camp



**DRUM
LINE**

For a complete WHS Band Calendar, please visit:

www.band.wisd.org



drumline battery camp
april 21-22

drumline front ensemble camp
april 21-22

drumline camp
april 23-24

from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our students, we had a tremendous Pre-UIL Concert on March 13th! Everyone did great! Now, it's time to get ready for the actual competition on April 9-11th in Cedar Hill. We will be getting information to you regarding the details as well as posting it on our website.

Also coming up is the Beach Within Reach Contest in Haltom City followed by a day of "fun in the sun" at Hurricane Harbor! Parents are welcome to join us!

Our final concert of the year will be on Tuesday, May 13 - and you won't want to miss it! Then, on Saturday, May 17, WJHS will host the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.

This time of year is one the busiest at WJHS, and it's a great time of celebration as we prepare to say "Goodbye" to our 8th Graders and "Hello" to a whole new group of incoming 7th Graders!

Stay tuned - 'cause we're just getting started!

**attention all 8th grade parents
and students!**

**incoming 9th grade orientation
meeting**

tuesday, april 22

7 pm

whs band hall

**receive important information
about summer schedules,
auditions, marching and, jazz
band, color guard, and forms/
fees!**

**welcome to the award-winning
whs band program!**

from the desk of . . . **Donnie Owens**

The TMS Band is still riding high after our Solo and Ensemble Contest! Just imagine - 55 medals (37 Division One Plus ratings and 18 Division One ratings) plus 45 entries earning a Division One rating, and 11 Division Two ratings! WOW!

Now, it's time for Sandy Lake! We began our preparation of a program comprised of very difficult contest music in early March, and we are exceptionally pleased with the progress. We're on track for our 5th Annual Concert and Sight Reading Contest scheduled for Thursday, April 17, at 7 pm in WHS Fine Arts Center. The Band will be judged in four categories (stage presence, warm-up, performance of our three concert pieces, and sight reading) by seven judges who will evaluate and assign ratings.

We are extremely grateful for the "extra" help during this preparation time: Mr. Dan Francis, WJHS Director, adds his expertise to the clarinet, trumpet and French horn classes, while Reggie Cook, Assistant WHS Band Director, works with our percussion class. WHS student Chris Johnson assists with the saxophone and low brass class. And, of course, we would all be lost without Mrs. Owens and her wonderful abilities to keep us all organized and going the right direction! We are very fortunate to have these talented and dedicated individuals working with our students!

Because of all these efforts, our band has received recognition from representatives of the Midwest National Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, The Showcase of Bands in Indianapolis, and the John Philip Sousa Foundation. In true TMS form, it certainly appears that this year's band will continue to uphold the tradition of excellence and add to an ever-growing list of accomplishments and successes!

Don't forget to be at our Concert and Contest on April 17, and then join us for a terrific day at the world's largest music festival - the Sandy Lake Music Festival in Dallas on April 25th! See you there!



BELK CHARITY SALE FUNDRAISER

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a fundraiser designed to benefit ALL WISD BANDS - 6th through 12th Grades!

We are asking each parent to sell five tickets (at \$5.00 each) to Belk's Charity Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 3, from 6 am to 10 am. The WISD Band Program then receives the entire \$5.00 from each ticket sold - what a fundraiser!

Belk is also opening their doors for us to sell these tickets (at specially designated dates/times) in their store, and we need parent volunteers to fill these slots!

Packets were distributed at each school within the last couple of weeks with additional information. If you did not receive your information or if you have any questions, please contact Edward Quintana at indian305@hotmail.com.

Let's take this fundraiser over the top - and thanks so much for your help!

WISD BAND PARENTS ROCK!!!



A huge **THANK YOU** to the floor crew who have traveled to each of the WinterGuard competitions and diligently worked to get the props in place and removed within the time limit: Josh McMurray, Matt Neal, Ryan Popp, Kelsey Peyrot, Ryan Clem, Jake Chastain, Latrell Anderson, Cameron Tobias, Kedrick McGrew!
You guys are terrific!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee will be presenting the slate of new officers at the Band Booster Meeting on Monday, April 7, in the WHS Band Hall. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Voting and new officer installation will occur at the May 5th meeting.

We invite and encourage all Band parents to join us for these two important meetings as your vote will determine your leaders for the next school year. If you have any questions, please contact: Rich Armstrong (rlarm@wisd.org), Ronnie McMahan (ronniemcmahan@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Popp (lisapopp@mytocon.com).

2008 Adult Volunteers

Kim Armstrong	Lisa Hoops	Edward Quintana
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Aaron Clayton	Kathy Louque	Donna Simmel
Paige Cook	Tammy Loya	Mike Simmel
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Cindy Featherston	Sharon Owens	Julie Waters
Jennifer Garrison	Woody Perry	Mark White
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Nancy Green	Lisa Popp	
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**THANK YOU TO OUR
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TEACHERS, AND FRIENDS!**

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Booster Meetings
Monday, April 7, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall
Monday, May 5, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall

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www.band.wisd.org

APRIL 2008

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		Choir UIL				
6	7 Band Booster Mtg.	8	9	10 WJHS UIL Contest	11	12 
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	Drumline Battery/ Drumline Front Ensemble Camp		Drumline Camp			
27	28	29	30			