

August 2008

Band Booster

Waxahachie High School
1000 North Highway 77
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

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

Believe it or not, August is here - and that means Band Camp! We are not only extremely excited about our show this year, but about the tremendous talent in each of the band programs as well. There is no doubt that this will be a terrific year...one for each of our students to remember.

The spring semester this year will again be an extremely busy one with the WHS Wind Ensemble preparing recordings to submit as part of the Honor Band process and our bands facing new and more challenging competition in Winter Park during our Spring Trip.

The entire WISD Band staff is excited about the coming year. While each of our bands have experienced exceptional successes in the past, we have made it our goal to take all the progress and accomplishments, and use it simply as a building block - to take us to the next level.

The incoming sixth graders will begin the year in a brand new facility, while the seventh and eighth graders will undertake changes throughout the year. We look forward to an outstanding year with new challenges and opportunities to continue the long-standing tradition of "returning home bearing trophies"!

So, here's to the new school year of 2008-2009!

Meet the Indians- Community Pep Rally

The Waxahachie Band will be participating in a Community-Wide Pep Rally on Thursday, August 21 at 7:30 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 experience true Waxahachie Indian Spirit!

WISD BAND STAFF

Rich Armstrong
Director of Bands

Reggie Cook
Assistant Director of Bands

Scooter Spicer
Color Guard Coordinator

Dan Francis
Head Director, WJHS

Kendra Ray
Assistant Director, WJHS

Donnie Owens
Director, TMS

Margie Owens
Coordinator, TMS

Annual Band Ice Cream Social

All band students in Grades 6-12 and their families are invited to attend the Annual Ice Cream Social -

Friday, August 15th - 8 P.M.

Lumpkins Stadium

Admission: FREE.

Come experience the thrill, the excitement, and the absolute energy of this year's show - WHS Band salutes...THE GREAT-EST GENERATION!

Tradition is that each Freshman band student supply a 1/2 gallon of ice cream for the event - just bring the ice cream as you arrive for Band Camp Friday morning and drop it off at the concession stand. Or, if you prefer, we will be happy to accept contributions Monday through Thursday so that we can purchase the ice cream.

If you have any questions about the Ice Cream Social, please contact Kathy Louque at klouque@wisd.org.

1ST ANNUAL INDIAN WARPATH

WHEN:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 -
9 am to 4 pm

WHERE:

Final map approved by the City of Waxahachie

PURPOSE:

- A one day Band fundraiser with large-scale results to raise money for student's individual band accounts for Spring Trip or other band fees.
- To give back to the Waxahachie community.

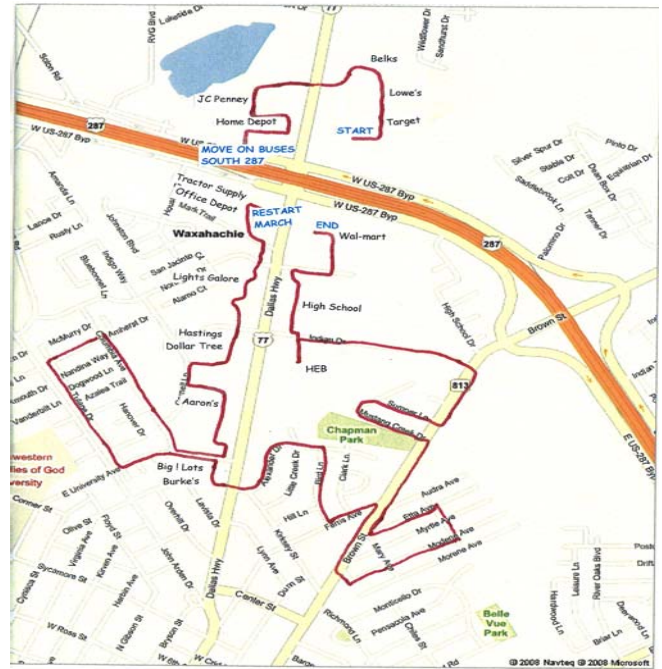
GOAL:

\$15,000.00 in corporate and community sponsorships

While our Band students are marching, we will also need adult volunteers throughout the day to assist in various aspects of the march:

- Lunch - Water/Snack - Transportation (several trucks, flatbed trailers, vans and a couple of golf carts)
- Publicity - Marching Chaperones - Banner Holders

Your participation, along with that of our students, is crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Please contact [Lisa Richardson](#) as soon as possible for additional information or to let her know that you will be joining us for what promises to be an exciting day!



BAND CAR WASH

Saturday, August 9

8 am to 4 pm

In front of WHS

Fundraising Goal: \$7,500.00

Any pledges raised by individual students will be applied toward their Spring Trip account while all monies contributed on the day of the car wash will help meet the Band Boosters fundraising goal for 2008-2009.

We ask that every WHS Band student participate in this annual event - plus its an excellent opportunity to make sure Mr. Armstrong goes home "all wet"!

Please contact Lisa Richardson at fundraising@spiritofwaxahachie.com for additional information.

Don't miss out on all the fun - see you there!



Waxahachie High School



Aug. 29	Everman	T	7:30	
Sept. 5	West Mesquite	H	7:30	
Sept. 12	Open			
Sept. 19	Lancaster	H	7:30	
Sept. 26	*Midlothian	T	7:30	
Oct. 3	*Ennis	H	7:30	
Oct. 10	*Waco High	T	7:30	
Oct. 17	*University	T	7:30	
Oct. 24	*Cleburne	H	7:30	(Homecoming)
Oct. 31	*Corsicana	T	7:30	
Nov. 7	*Midway	H	7:30	(Parents Night)

*District 16-4A Games

Rich Armstrong, Director, WISD Bands (rlarm@wisd.org)

WHHS Band News

Reggie Cooke, Assistant Director, WHHS Band (rcooke@wisd.org)

Spring Trip



The 2009 Spring Trip is set...we're returning to Winter Park for skiing and some awesome competition, leaving late afternoon on Tuesday, March 31, and returning Sunday afternoon, April 5.

The cost per student is approximately \$450-\$600, depending on the number of participants. This includes four full days of skiing as well as skis, poles, boots, and lift tickets as well as one lesson for non-skiers. Students will have fundraising opportunities whereby monies can be applied directly to their trip account.

The proposed payment plan is as follows:

August 15	\$50 (non-refundable deposit)
September 15	\$100
October 13	\$100
November 10	\$100
December 15	\$100
January 12	\$100 (final payment)

We are looking forward to several days of terrific fun as well as new, and possibly, stiffer competition...so, get ready....we're heading for the slopes!

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Letter Jackets Fitting Info

- Tuesday, August 5 from 11:30-12:30 pm
- Pick up jacket packets prior to fitting
- Those earning a jacket are listed on web
- If you miss this date, contact Mr. Armstrong for alternative fitting time
- Questions? Contact the Band Office!

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from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

As you can imagine, this has been an interesting and busy summer as we prepare for 2008-2009 school year.

We decided that with two campuses, it would be advantageous to have two representatives on the Executive Board - one for the seventh grade and one for the eighth grade. Edward Quintana was outstanding in working with us and assisting at absolutely every event last year, and we are extremely pleased that he has agreed to serve as the eighth grade rep for the new year. Joining him on the Board and representing the seventh grade will be Tricia Peyrot. She has already been active attending meetings and working with the Committee throughout the summer.

This year holds tremendous challenges and promise...we have an unbelievable group of talented seventh graders arriving as well as some "tried and true" eighth graders returning for their second year of Junior High Band. Concerts, competitions, as well as a few parties thrown into the mix, will keep us all busy and "on our toes". To start things off, All Region music will be available August 1, so, we will begin working on that beginning the first day of school.

Don't forget to watch the schedule for Junior High football games as well as the possibility of seeing some of the eighth graders at some of the high school games! To our seventh graders, welcome to the Junior High Band - and to our eighth graders - welcome back!



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from the desk of...Donnie Owens

We hope you are enjoying a well-deserved vacation! It has been an interesting summer for us, to say the least, as we anticipate the move from Turner Middle School to Clift Middle School.

In reviewing the information collected from our new Middle School Band members, Mrs. Owens and I are very excited to see what this school year brings. As in the past, we'll start with the "squeaks and squawks"...learning how to put the instrument together...finger placement...and then finally we'll put it all together and begin making music - just in time for the Holiday Concert.

As a reminder: instruments are available through a variety of sources including 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, pick-up of the instruments will be allowed only after we have completed our inventory process.

Our year is already looking busy - visiting Celebration Station Amusement Park, hosting our own Solo and Ensemble Contest/Concert, 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 Saturday, September 27. So, start cleaning out your closets and collecting from family, friends and neighbors so that we can have another record-breaking day!

Here's a welcome to our new sixth graders and a wish for even greater success to the "old" sixth graders. Just remember that we'll be watching...so keep it going!

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

Monday, August 4
7 pm
WHS Band Hall

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR VOLUNTEER FORM?

Parents, grandparents, friends - the Band program is fortunate to have awesome supporters working in concessions on Friday night, assisting the Band in moving equipment off and on the field during halftime, as well as chaperones for away games.

Please be sure to complete your form and turn it into Mr. Armstrong so that you can be a part of an exciting year!

July Adult Volunteers

Rich Armstrong	Megan Mills	Stu Stephenson
Andy Berning	Matt Neal	Tina Svreek
Michelle Berning	Christi Nutt	Virginia Tipton
Aaron Clayton	Tom Perry	
Lauren DeVore	Woody Perry	
Larry Green	Tricia Peyrot	
Beth Headley	Lisa Popp	
Carol Kimberlin	Perry Popp	
Randy Kimberlin	Tori Popp	
Joey Kirton	Edward Quintana	
Laura Kirton	Ronda Quintana	
Kathy Louque	Lisa Richardson	
Ronnie McMahan	Billie Stephenson	

Many Thanks To Our Volunteers

To all of the wonderful volunteers that helped with the parade and the picnic - **THANKS!** It was a big success, and the kids left full and happy. The set up, serve up, and clean up were quick and easy thanks to the many volunteers. The music was a nice added touch to help our kids relax and have fun after a long hard march. **BAND PARENTS ARE THE BEST!**

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, and Band Policies forms.



Newsletter Schedule!

With yet another postage increase as well as the growing dependency on internet communications, the Band Newsletter will primarily be e-mailed through the year. For everyone who provided us with an e-mail address, a link to the website will be sent via e-mail so that the newsletter can be downloaded each month.

Please be sure to check your e-mail frequently for not only newsletter links, but for weekly sheets and other periodic information.

Also, remember pictures are available for downloading at spiritofwaxahachie.shutterfly.com.

August Meetings

Booster Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2008

Executive Meetings

Monday, August 25, 2008

September Meetings

Booster Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2008

Executive Meetings

Monday, September 29, 2008

WHS Band Hall - 7 pm

BOOSTER OFFICERS 2008-2009

President _____ Ronnie McMahan
 Vice President _____ Lisa Popp
 Assistant VP Concessions _____ Perry Popp
 Assistant VP Fundraising _____ Lisa Richardson
 Assistant VP Special Projects _____ Kathy Louque
 Assistant VP Communications _____ Carol Kimberlin
 Secretary _____ Virginia Tipton
 Treasurer _____ Laura Kirton
 7th Grade Rep _____ Tricia Peyrot
 8th Grade Rep _____ Edward Quintana
 Middle School Reps _____ TBA

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.

August 2008

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						1 Camps: Drumline, Color Guard, Leadership	2 Make-Up Uniform Fitting Day
3	4 	5	6 Band Camp	7	8 Band Lua	9 Band Car Wash 	
10	11 	12	13 Band Camp	14	15 Ice Cream Social 	16	
17	18 Evening Camp	19 Evening Camp	20	21 Meet the Indians Night Evening Camp 	22	23 Last Weekend of Freedom 	
24	25 First Day Of School 	26	27	28	29 WHS at Everman 	30	
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