

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

All-Region Clinics and Concert...rehearsals for and performances with the Drama Department's presentation of Peter Pan...Jazz Café...Solo and Ensemble Contest...Drumline Camp/Auditions...TCU Jazz Festival...Spring Trip...Leadership Camps... Concerts... welcome to the world of Band!

With the beginning of 2008 came new emphasis and incentives designed specifically to improve each student's individual performance, thereby taking every band to the next level. We reached and even exceeded our goal for All-Region with a total of 42 high school and 28 junior high school students from WISD taking their places in the All-Region Bands. Nine additional students went on to qualify for All-Area Band, with one student, Jonathon Polanco, making it all the way to State! This is a tremendous accomplishment for each one of these students, and we are extremely proud of their conscientious practice and determination.

The next test of our progress will be the Solo and Ensemble Contest in DeSoto on March 1, where we currently have a total of 112 students registered to compete - another goal met and exceeded! The desired "I" ranking is anticipated for most of our students, and we will definitely be communicating these results as soon as we receive them.

Don't forget to purchase your Jazz Café tickets - on sale through Sunday, February 2! We'll see you there!

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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.

**YOU CAN BE THE WINNER OF
2 AIRLINE 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: WHS Band Hall and Jazz Café



**Monday
 Feb 4
 WISD
 Band
 Night**

When you order your meals, be sure to mention the Band, and they will donate a portion of their sales for that night to the band program.
Don't forget!

New Spring/Summer WHS Band Dates.....

These dates are in addition to any previously scheduled events. For more information, please check the website...

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | WHO |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Band Recruiting Night | 2/26/08 | 6:30 to 8:30 pm | 5th Graders |
| Brian Merrill Clinic | 2/27/08 | 4 to 5:30 pm | WHS Symphonic Band |
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| Solo and Ensemble Contest | 3/1/08 | TBA | All WHS Bands |
| Drumline Camp/Auditions | 3/8/08 | 9 am to 1 pm | Percussionists—Grades 8-12 |
| Combined Trip Band Practice | 3/25/08 | 6 to 7:30 pm | All WHS Bands |
| TCU Jazz Festival | 3/29/08 | TBA | WHS Jazz Orchestra |
| Combined Trip Band Practice | 3/31/08 | 6 to 7:30 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Combined Trip Band Practice | 4/1/08 | 6 to 7:30 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Drumline Camp/Auditions | 4/5/08 | 9 am to 1 pm | Percussionists—Grades 8-12 |
| WHS Leadership Camps | 4/21-24/08 | 4 to 6 pm | WHS Leader Candidates |
| WHS Drumline Battery Camps | 4/21-22/08 | 4 to 5:30 pm | Percussionists |
| WHS Drumline Front Ensemble Camp | 4/21-22/08 | 5:30 to 7 pm | Percussionists |
| WHS Drumline Camp | 4/23-24/08 | 4 to 5:30 pm | Percussionists—Grades 8-12 |
| Drum Major Tryouts | 5/5/08 | 4 to 7 pm | Drum Major Candidates |
| Drumline Tryouts | 5/12/08 | 4 to 6 pm | Drumline Candidates |
| | 5/15/08 | 4 to 6 pm | |
| Drumline Camp | 6/2-6/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Drumline |
| Color Guard Camp | 6/2-6/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Color Guard |
| Freshman Marching Camp | 6/4-6/08 | 9 am to 12 noon | WHS Band Freshmen |
| High School Uniform Fitting | 6/7/08 | 8 am to 4 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Summer Playing Rehearsal | 6/9/08 | 6 to 8 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Summer Playing Rehearsal | 6/30/08 | 6 to 8 pm | All WHS Bands |
| July 4th Camp | 7/2-3/08 | 9 am to 12 noon | All WHS Bands |
| July 4th Parade/Picnic | 7/4/08 | 10 am | All WHS Bands |
| Summer Playing Rehearsal | 7/14/08 | 6 to 8 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Lake Highlands Drum Corps | 7/17/08 | TBA | |
| Drumline Camp | 7/28-8/1/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Drumline |
| Color Guard Camp | 7/28-8/1/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Color Guard |
| Leadership Camp | 7/31-8/1/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Leader Candidates |
| Freshman Camp | 7/31-8/1/08 | 9 am to 12 noon 1 to 4 pm | WHS Freshmen |
| Make-Up Uniform Fitting | 8/2/08 | 8 am to 2 pm | All WHS Bands |
| Band Camp | 8/4-8/8 | 9 am to 12 noon | All WHS Bands/Color Guard |
| | 8/11-15/8 | 1 to 4 pm | |
| Band Camp | 8/18; 8/19; 8/21 | 5 to 9 pm | All WHS Bands/Color Guard |
| Ice Cream Social | 8/22/08 | 7 pm | All WHS Bands/Color Guard |

Solo and Ensemble

- * Saturday, March 1st
- * Original Solos should be purchased by now.
- * Accompanists have been assigned and this information will be posted Feb. 4.
- * Solos may be obtained at the following locations:
- * Penders Music
- * <http://www.penders.com>
- * 940-382-7124 or 800-772-5918
- * J.W. Pepper
- * <http://www.jwpepper.com/catalog/welcome.jsp>
- 817-429-1993 or 800-345-6296

Out and about in the community....

Saturday
January 26
found the
WHS Jazz
Combo
Entertaining
the
Waxahachie



Junior Service League and their guests at the League's mid-winter fundraiser. This is the second opportunity the Combo has had to work with this organization, and the invitations continue to arrive for this group to be involved in community events. If you are interested in additional information regarding scheduling the Combo to play at an event, please contact Mr. Armstrong!

WHS Band 2008 Spring Trip

April 10-13

Don't forget your next payment -
due February 11!

Winter Guard Update....

We are excited to announce that our first competition is Saturday, February 2, at Thomas Coliseum in Haltom City. After weeks of practice, practice, and more practice, we will finally be able to put our show on the floor and compete! We are confident in our show this year and anticipate going all the way to Championship Finals in April.

The Guard is still in need of floor crew workers. Requirements include ability to travel and assist with props. If you are interested, please see Tori Popp. The schedule is as follows:

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| March 7 | Wakeland High School |
| March 29 | Colleyville Heritage H.S. |
| April 4 | Championships at Thomas Coliseum |
| April 5 | Championships at South Grand Prairie H.S. |

Everyone is invited to the competitions - we would definitely welcome the support!

Mid-Winter Concert Tuesday, February 12 featuring The WHS Bands

On Tuesday, February 12, the WHS Bands - including the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Orchestra, and the Percussion Department - will present their Mid-Winter Concert at the WHS Fine Arts Center.



The concert begins at 7 pm and will include a variety of music. Do not miss the piece "A Movement for Rosa" which is a tribute to the life and times of Rosa Parks.

Admission is free, and the public is encouraged to join the WHS band students for this special concert.

ATTENTION

8TH GRADERS:

Be sure to check out the
WHS Calendar for
Drumline,
Color
Guard, and
Freshman
Camp



from the desk of...

**Dan Francis &
Kendra Ray**

We have to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who helped with the WJHS Band Party - especially Mr. and Mrs. Quintana and Mr. McMahan! Everyone had a great time and the first question asked these days is "When's the next party?"

Both bands are busy preparing for the Pre-UL Concert on March 13 and then the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest on April 9-11 in Cedar Hill. The Band Hall is always full with either before school and after school sectionals, not to mention individual listenings. We want to emphasize the importance of every single band member making time for extra practice over these next few weeks. Only as each individual player improves their skills can the Band continue its tradition of returning from these competitions with straight I's!

An extra note of thanks to everyone who brought donations for the WJHS Gift Baskets for the Jazz Café Silent Auction - we have the best parents!

And while we're on the subject...don't forget to purchase your Jazz Café tickets - it's going to be a night of terrific food and great mu-

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

If January is any indication of what we can expect in 2008, we can only say "WOW"! The cooperation and support shown by the TMS Band parents and students during this first month has truly been outstanding!

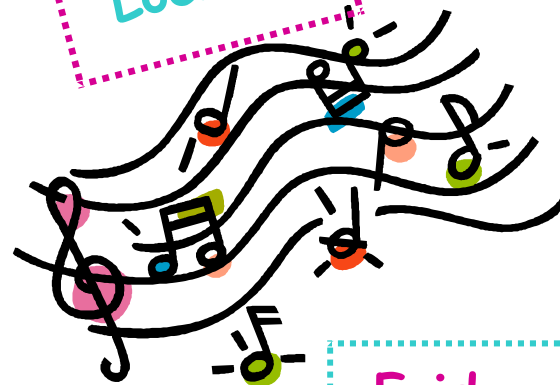
We want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated items and/or money for the TMS Gift Basket for the Jazz Café Silent Auction. You went "above and beyond", and because of your efforts, we have no doubt that our basket will bring the highest bid!

Our first major event for 2008 will be the Solo and Ensemble Contest on February 29. We are pleased to report that over 100 band students have signed up for the competition which will be combined with our Annual Lock-In. This will be an exciting night for our students, and we are very anxious to see the judges' ratings.

WISD fifth graders are currently taking their music aptitude tests in preparation for the 2008-09 TMS Band. Interviews are scheduled for February 26 and 28 at the WHS Band Hall, and we anticipate a terrific turnout! Students signing up for band will receive specially-designed shirts that say "Clift Middle School Band"! A big "thank you" to Miss Ray who is designing a brochure for the recruiting letter for the 5th graders as well!

Don't forget to purchase your Jazz Café tickets!

**TMS Band
Solo and
Ensemble
Contest/
Lock-in**



**Friday
Feb. 29**



Cool strains of
jazz...
performed by the
Waxahachie Jazz
Orchestra at the
2007 Jazz Cafe

Jazz Café



Waxahachie Civic Center February 9, 2008

featuring the...

Waxahachie Jazz Orchestra

Elegant dining, Silent Auction and Dancing to Big Band Sounds

Special Guests:

James Davis ~ Keith Davis ~ Music Theatre Singers

Tickets available through **February 3** at the following locations:
Bealls - Waxahachie Daily Light - WHS Band Office

The Music Theatre Singers - Cedar Valley College...

*One of the signature
features of the group is
performing classic
1940's big band music
along with the timeless
melodies and harmonies
of this unique era.*



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Booster Meetings
Monday, February 4, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall
Monday, March 3, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall

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www.band.wisd.org

February 2008

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| 3 | 4 Band Booster Mtg 7 pm | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Mid-Winter Concert WHS Bands | 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 TMS Solo/ Ensemble Contest/ Lockin | |