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Waxahachie High School  
1000 North Highway 77  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

*Band Booster News*

# Jazz Café

Waxahachie Civic Center    February 9, 2008

*Join the...*

## Waxahachie Jazz Orchestra

*for an evening of elegant dining,  
Silent Auction and dancing to Big Band Sounds*

*Special Guests include:*

*James Davis    Keith Davis*

*Music Theatre Singers from Cedar Valley College*

Tickets available through **January 31** at the following locations:

- Bealls - Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic -
- Waxahachie Daily Light - WISD Administration Bldg.
- Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce - WHS Band Office

### 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*

### BOOSTER OFFICERS 2007-2008

- President \_\_\_\_\_ Ronnie McMahan
- Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Popp
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- Assistant VP Special Projects \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Ashley
- Assistant VP Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Kimberlin
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Tipton
- Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Diana Lund
- WJHS Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Quintana
- Turner Reps \_\_\_\_\_ Larry and Nancy Green

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.

## Jazz Café SILENT AUCTION NEWS:

For the first time, Turner Middle

School Band, the Waxahachie Junior High School Bands, and each section of the WHS Bands will have an opportunity to contribute items for baskets to be auctioned off during the Jazz Café. Just purchase items that you would like to see included in your students' Band Basket, and drop it off at the appropriate Band Hall - **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.** The basket themes are:

- TMS - Home and Garden
- WJHS Symphonic I - Valentine's Day
- WHS Brass - Waxahachie Spirit Items
- WJHS Symphonic II - Movie Theme
- WHS Flutes - Bath & Body
- WHS Clarinets/Oboes - Scrapbooking
- WHS Percussion - BBQ (tools, cookbooks, apron)
- WHS Saxophones/Bassoons - Sports

If you would prefer to simply donate money, we will be happy to purchase items for your basket - just drop off your donation in an envelope marked "Basket" at your Band Hall. For more information, contact Michelle Berning at [mberning2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mberning2000@yahoo.com). Don't forget to purchase your Jazz Café tickets so you can be a part of this exciting night!

Working Together,  
Achieving More  
January 2008

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

New Year's Resolutions...how many have we made and broken each year? Well, this year, anyone can certainly guess mine - for the WISD Band Program to be the best that it can be!

For the past few weeks, we have had the saying "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard" on our Weekly Info Sheets, and its true. However, WHS Bands are filled with talented students, and our efforts over the next several months will enhance that talent and move our bands to the next level.

Our 2008 has started fast and furious with weekly practices for the Drama Department's presentation of "Peter Pan" as well as Jazz Orchestra practices preparing for Jazz Café. Sectionals began the week of January 7, and it is important for each student to check the board for their Spring Semester Band assignment which will determine their sectional schedule, even though the second semester does not begin until later in January.

Don't forget to get your tickets for Jazz Café on February 9. Then, on March 1st, we have Solo and Ensemble Contest, followed by the Pre-UIL Contest on the 13th. After our return from Spring Break (the week of 17-21), we have the TCU Jazz Festival.

So, get ready - we're off and running to a fantastic 2008 Concert Season!



## 2008 ALL REGION RESULTS - CONGRATULATIONS!

- Piccolo-Taylor Armstrong/1st Chair
- Flute-Tiffany Neal, Victoria Guajardo
- Oboe-Shelbie Richie
- Clarinet-Chelsea Kimberlin, Brittany Haines, Krista Howard, Scott Hollingsworth, Chelsey Butterfield, Erica Johnson
- Bassoon-Danielle Hunt
- Alto Saxophone-John Meade/1st Chair, Jonathon Polanco, Andrew McGlothen
- Tenor Saxophone-Kenneshia Cox
- Bari Saxophone-Corbin Edgington
- Bass Clarinet-Latrell Anderson/1st Chair
- Trumpet-Matt Neal, Brandon Rodriguez, Reed White
- French Horn-Alex Bowling, Mayme Bowen, Jensine Mata, Shelby Hancock, Kelci Phillips
- Trombone-Alexa Anderson, David Hale, Cody Ground, A.J. Berning, James Zimmerman
- Bass Trombone-Jack Ansell/1st Chair
- Baritone-Trey Speer, Gerardo Vitela
- Tuba-Luciano Lopez, Mikey Kirton, Eric McMahan, Nathan Owens
- Percussion-Haley Nutt

### Alternates

- Trumpet-Jeremy Quintana, Chris Johnson
- French Horn-Tiffany Haines
- Baritone-Rosemary Susat
- Tuba-Cameron Tobias
- Percussion-Scott Tipton

On January 18th and 19th, these students, along with the WJHS All-Region students, will be attending and participating in a clinic in Duncanville. Then, on Saturday evening (January 19), they will perform in the All Region Concert at Duncanville High School.

## DRUMLINE NEWS

With the new year comes new focuses and new schedules. Concert percussion ensemble practices will be at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

Ensembles will perform at Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Listenings for solos are available during 4<sup>th</sup> Block and also during sectionals. Additional listenings will be Mondays from 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm and on Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Students working on the multi-percussion piece Rhythm Serenade for a solo will be able to practice in the far back left practice room. Students working on marimba solos will be able to use the second band office located in the second Band Hall.

Don't forget the Percussion Concert on May 6<sup>th</sup>!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL-AREA STUDENTS!

**Jonathan Polanco/1st Chair/Alto Sax**  
\*\*\* Also made All-State \*\*\*

**John Meade/4th Chair/Alto Saxophone**  
**Latrell Anderson/5th Chair/Bass Clarinet**

**Alexa Anderson/4th Chair/Trombone**

**David Hale/5th Chair/Trombone**

**Jack Ansell/1st Chair/Bass Trombone**  
\*\*\* Also 6th in State

**Taylor Armstrong/2nd Chair/Piccolo**

**Shelby Richie/4th Chair/Oboe**

**Alex Bowling/4th Chair/French Horn**

### Solo and Ensemble

The UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held on Saturday, March 1, at DeSoto High School. All WHS students will be participating in this event. Solos have been assigned and ensembles will be put together in January.

## Winter Guard Update....

Meet our 2008 Winter Guard Teams:

### "A" Guard

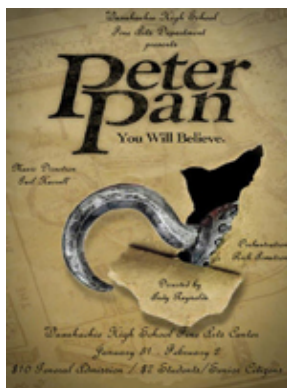
Tori Popp, Captain  
Raime Waters  
Rosemary Susat  
Tiffany Hinman  
Brianna O'Daniel  
Xavia Gatson  
Nicole Saenz  
Vernetta Johnson  
Taylor Armstrong  
Karis McGrew

Congratulations to each of these students - they did an awesome job during tryouts, and we are looking forward to a great 2008 Winter Guard Season!

Our first competition is less than a month away, and we're already working hard to perfect the routines to be presented. The schedule is as follows:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| February 2 | Thomas Coliseum                           |
| 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! See you on February 2!



Several WHS Band students will be playing in the orchestra for the WHS Drama Departments production of "Peter Pan". Performances are currently scheduled for January 31-February 3. You don't want to miss it!



from the desk of...

## Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

We hope each of you enjoyed a terrific Holiday Season and are ready for the second half of the 2007-2008 school year!

All WJHS students who made the All-Region Band will be participating in the All-Region Clinic and Concert on January 18 and 19. The Clinic will begin on the 18th, and we plan to leave by 5 pm and travel by bus to Reed Middle School, returning to Waxahachie around 9:30 pm. On Saturday, January 19, the bus will leave at 7:45 am. Students should bring money for lunch and snacks since the Clinic will run throughout the entire day. A special concert featuring these talented students will begin at 6:30 pm at Duncanville High School. A detailed schedule will be provided closer to the event.

All WJHS bands are beginning work on their material to be presented at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest on April 9-11. This is our major competition for the year, and we want to bring back straight I's!

Be sure and check our website for periodic updates and details of upcoming events!

## SPECIAL NOTE

The Third Annual Jazz Café is scheduled for Saturday, February 9. Along with the dinner and dancing, a Silent Auction is held to benefit the WISD Band Program.

Both WJHS Bands have been invited to contribute items for special baskets to be auctioned off during the Café. The theme for the Symphonic I Band's basket will be Valentine's Day, while the Symphonic II Band's basket will be based on movie themes.

WJHS students have two options for participating: Either purchase an item based on your band's theme, or simply place \$3-\$5 in an envelope marked "BASKET" and give to your Director. All items and/or donations must be in no later than Thursday, January 24th!

Let's work together and make WJHS' baskets the best!

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

The entire WISD Band Family was thrilled with the TMS Band Holiday Season Concert! With only four months of preparation and instruction (including learning how to assemble our instruments!), the Band produced six full-band selections PLUS individual section features. We, of course, want to say a huge THANKS to our TMS Faculty who performed with us on "Christmas in the Kitchen".

The CD turned out great - just ask any TMS band student! - and will be available for purchase during the month of May. The CD/DVD will include approximately 400 photos taken over the year plus all concerts and contests.

We apologize to our Decorating Committee for the double-booking of the auditorium...but thank you so much for your willingness to help!

We also want to express our appreciation to the WISD Band Boosters for their generosity; it was not expected, but certainly appreciated. To work with WISD students and their families is truly a pleasure and a privilege, one made that much richer when your efforts do not go unnoticed...thank you!

The TMS Band continues to earn respect and recognition, not only in Texas, but nationally as well. In May 2007, the Band received its first invitation to perform for the Bands of America Concert Band Festival, a national event. TMS would have been only the second "beginning band" to perform for this event! Each year, twelve to fifteen bands are invited each year from across the United States, most of them being high school bands. What an honor! However, due to the expenses involved, we declined the invitation.

As mentioned on the front page, TMS will be assembling items for our Jazz Café Silent Auction Basket - watch for more details!

During the months of January and February, we will be focusing on scales, music theory, and the Solo and Ensemble Contest scheduled for Friday, February 29. These activities will take us to the next level, which has proven to set Turner apart from our competitors - here's to a great 2008!

## THANK YOU...

...to the **WHS Cheerleaders** for providing the refreshments at the December Band Booster Meeting!



...to everyone who helped decorate and clean up the stage during the Holiday Concerts - not to mention all those awesome cookies and snacks brought for refreshments and the volunteers who served them!

## BAND BOOSTER MEETING

February 4

7 pm

WHS Band Hall

### December Adult Volunteers

|                   |                |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Belinda Ashley    | Laura Kirton   | Lisa Popp       |
| Robert Ashley     | Kathy Louque   | Edward Quintana |
| Michelle Berning  | Diana Lund     | Ronda Quintana  |
| Paige Cook        | Pam Maass      | Dina Rolan      |
| Marcia Craig      | Ronnie McMahan | Ann Sanchez     |
| Jennifer Dacy     | Rhonda Meyer   | Daniel Sanchez  |
| Laurie Donelson   | Megan Mills    | Mary Schueler   |
| Cindy Featherston | John O'Brien   | Rob Schuttly    |
| Larry Green       | Sonia O'Brien  | Joyce Shepherd  |
| Nancy Green       | Margie Owens   | Virginia Tipton |
| Debra Haught      | Heidi Perkins  |                 |
| Carol Kimberlin   | Woody Perry    |                 |
| Randy Kimberlin   | Tricia Peyrot  |                 |

## 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:** At WHS Band Hall and at Jazz Café.

The Band Boosters welcome two new members of the WISD Band Patron Program...

...**WalMart**, a Platinum Patron

...**Dr. W. Griggs DeHay**, a Bronze Patron

If you have the opportunity, please be sure to let these businesses know how much we appreciate their support of the WISD Band Program - they're awesome!

The WHS Band Booster Program is pleased to present...

## THE WISD BAND PATRON PROGRAM

This program affords the opportunity to individuals as well as businesses to contribute and promote the outstanding group of students that participate in the Band Program.

While the real and long-term benefits are immeasurable, a minimum contribution of \$50 will enable the contributor to be automatically inducted into the WISD Band Patron Program. Members of this Program will be included in designated sections of all concert programs and will receive advance notifications of all concerts and performances, as well as any news items relating to the WISD Band Program.

Contribution levels are as follows:

|                 |                   |                     |                |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Platinum Patron | \$1,000 and above | Bronze Patron       | \$100 to \$250 |
| Gold Patron     | \$500 to \$1000   | Shining Star Patron | \$50 to \$100  |
| Silver Patron   | \$250 to \$500    |                     |                |

If you or your company are interested additional information concerning the opportunity to invest in the future of Waxahachie through the support of the Band Program, please contact Lisa Popp at [lpopp@spiritofwaxahachie.com](mailto:lpopp@spiritofwaxahachie.com).

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To the Parents of:

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

**NEWSLETTER ONLINE:**  
[www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

# January 2008

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

|    |  |                |    |                            |   |    |  |
|----|--|----------------|----|----------------------------|---|----|--|
|    |  | 1              | 2  | 3                          | 4   | 5  | All-Area Auditions                           |
|    |  | WINTER HOLIDAY |    |                            |   |    |  |
| 6  | 7<br>Band<br>Booster Mtg<br>7 pm               | 8              | 9  | 10                         | 11<br>HOLIDAY<br>All Region<br>WJHS/WHS<br>Clinic | 12 | All Region<br>WJHS/WHS<br>Clinic/<br>Concert |
| 13 | 14<br>MARTIN<br>LUTHER<br>KING, JR.<br>HOLIDAY | 15             | 16 | 17                         | 18  | 19 |  |
| 20 | 21   | 22             | 23 | 24                         | 25<br>WJHS<br>Band Party                          | 26 |  |
| 27 | 28   | 29             | 30 | 31<br>Peter Pan<br>Musical |   |    |  |