

July 2008

Band Booster News

Waxahachie High School
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Waxahachie, Texas 75165

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

"At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure, love and the lessons of the workaday world...they answered the call to save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled." (Tom Brokaw)

These brave men and women became known as "the greatest generation"...and the WHS 2008 Marching Show proudly salutes them, for without their immense sacrifice - both here at home and overseas - the succeeding generations would have, undoubtedly, been deprived of the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today.

The show will consist of five scenes following the story of a young man and young woman, beginning with their newfound love in the peaceful days prior to Pearl Harbor. The shrill sound of the air raid siren rips through the air with **Gavorkna Fanfare** by Jack Stamp reflecting the chaos that grips America as it is thrown into the throes of war. Our young couple snatch every opportunity to be together...to share life and create memories...before the certain separation announced by the draft notice in the mailbox. **October** by Eric Whitacre provides the backdrop for those days in which Americans began to realize and accept their critical role on the world stage once more.

Dance halls across the country were filled with laughter and songs such as **Swing, Swing, Swing** as young men prepared to board ships and planes that would take them to world away...and young ladies entered a world new to them as well, making their way to factory assembly lines and to the workplace. These nights were one last attempt to preserve the innocence and joy of youth.

Our young man leaves, entering the battle (**Fantasia on G** by Timothy Marh). The fight is valiant resulting in a euphoric victory never before experienced by this country...a victory bringing, triumph, peace and challenges as these incredible men and women now begin to rebuild their nation.

"The Greatest Generation".... The WHS Band invites you to join us on an extraordinary journey this fall as we salute these men and women who, as Winston Churchill stated, "Never ...was so much owed by so many to so few."

CONGRATULATIONS DONNIE OWENS!

The Texas Bandmasters Association recently awarded The Meritorious Achievement Award to our very own Mr. Owens! We're proud to say that he's a vital part of the WISD Band Program!
Congratulations, Mr. Owens!

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



BAND CAR WASH

Saturday, August 9

8 am to 4 pm

In front of WHS

Fundraising Goal: \$7,500.00

In addition to student workers, we will need adult volunteers for two-hour shifts throughout the day. Please contact Lisa Richardson at lrichardson@dallasnews.com for additional information. Don't miss out on all the fun!

1ST ANNUAL INDIAN WARPATH MARCH

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9 am to 4 pm

WHERE: Final map route available soon

PURPOSE: A one-day Band fundraiser with large-scale results

To raise money for students' individual band accounts for Spring Trip and/or 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: We will have a one-hour lunch break which means a very short timeframe in which to feed students, directors and volunteers. Volunteers will be requested to have lunch ready at the designated location prior to the band students' arrival, and of course, clean up following lunch.

Water/Snack:: A march of this size will require a sizeable amount of iced water. We need assistance in setting up at the designated locations and providing water and snacks in a timely manner.

Transportation: Several pickup trucks, flatbed trailers, vans, and a couple of golf carts.

Publicity: Printing and distribution of flyers is a primary key to our success!

Marching

Chaperones: We need as many parents as possible to make as big an impression as possible on the community. Several parents will be designated as donation box holders for on-the-spot contributions. Receipts will also be available.

Banner Holders: Parents, 7th graders or 8th graders are needed to carry sponsor banners.

Your participation, along with that of our students, is crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Please contact Lisa Richardson at lrichardson@dallasnews.com 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!

Parade Week

Wednesday, July 2 & Thursday, July 3

9 am to 12 noon - Parade Marching Practice

Don't forget to bring your instrument, music, a one gallon water jug filled with ice water, sun screen, hat, good tennis shoes

Friday, July 4

9 am - Meet next to Post Office on College St.

**All WHS Band Members are to wear khaki shorts, white socks, and tennis shoes.

Guard and Woodwinds: Solid Red Shirt

Drumline: Solid White Shirt

Brass: Solid Blue Shirt

After Parade - Picnic in Getzendaner Park

All WISD Band Students and their families are invited to the picnic in Getzendaner Park following the parade!

Percussion News



WOW! What a great June camp! The percussion section of the WHS marching band is growing strong and energetic. After one full week of fundamentals, routines, sectionals, and full ensemble, the line is starting to shape up. We want to thank Layci Guyon, and Daniel Hunt for their great wealth of knowledge they brought to the percussion line. We also want to thank Scott Tipton, Trey Featherston, Derek Hayes, and Haley Nutt for their fantastic leadership. **Percussion members need to check with their section leaders and Mr. Cook to find out when summer sectionals are occurring.**

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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 will miss this date, contact Mr. Armstrong for alternative fitting time
- Questions? Contact band office!

ATTENTION ALL JAZZ BAND MEMBERS:

Please check with Mr. Armstrong beginning July 3rd for All Region Jazz Music!



32nd Annual North Texas Festival of Drums and Bugles

July 17, 2008 - 7:30 pm

Wildcat Ram Stadium

Lake Highlands High School

9449 Church Road - Dallas, Texas

Forty of WHS students will be traveling to Lake Highlands on July 17th to watch the Drum and Bugle Corps show. If you ordered a ticket please make all payments prior to the 17th at the band office. If you did not order a ticket, you may still purchase a ticket at <http://get.crowntickets.com/> Prices are \$20, \$30, and \$40. The band bus is scheduled to leave at 4:30 pm from the WHS band hall. If you have not seen a live drum corps show you are in for a treat!



Color Guard News

AWESOME! The June Color Guard Camp was extremely productive. The attitude of the guard is fantastic, and they will be excellent early in the season. Scooter Spicer is returning, taking the guard to a new level of creativity, performance, and excellence. All guard questions can be directed to Scooter at dspicer@garlandisd.net or Rich Armstrong at the Band Hall. Remember - if you play an instrument, please remember to practice throughout the summer. We need everyone working together to create a strong team. Remember: the best 16 will get the spots in the drill.

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

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

WHS Band News

from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

The 2007-2008 year in WJHS Band was definitely one of the best in the history of the school— thanks to some unbelievably dedicated and determined students! For an example, just take a look at the results from our Solo/Ensemble Contest held in May:

<u>SOLOS</u>	1+ Rating	Awarded to 14 students
	1st Division Rating	Awarded to 52 students
	2nd Division Rating	Awarded to 8 students
<u>ENSEMBLES</u>	1+ Rating	Awarded to 26 students
	1st Division Rating	Awarded to 28 students
	2nd Division Rating	Awarded to 8 students

We are extremely proud of these students and know that the graduating 8th graders will make an outstanding contribution to the WHS Band program! And...we look forward to seeing the *new* 8th graders in August!

Speaking of August.... All Region music will be available at WJHS on August 1st. We will have hard copies of the music as well as SmartMusic audio files - so, here's to another terrific year!

from the desk of...Donnie Owens

Six years ago - after Mrs. Owens and I had retired for the second time! - we agreed to take the position of Directors at Turner Middle School with the understanding that we were only here to help the program through a tough transition with five of the six WISD Band Directors moving on to "greener pastures"!

Well, like they say, "Time flies when you're having fun!" And as we look at the 2009 Senior Class, we realize it has been a wonderful journey since these extraordinary band students first walked into the TMS Band Hall six years ago. That first year was filled with challenges as we evaluated the program and worked at getting acquainted with the District, the Waxahachie community, our students and their families.

With each passing year, we have been able to "tweak" the program to develop the talent in each class while making it fun for our students. However, never in our wildest dreams did we expect the outcome: a Middle School Band with a reputation for excellence and recognition as an exemplary band program by many in the public school band community!

The tremendous successes enjoyed by the TMS Band Program is attributable to many individuals and organizations: TMS Principal Ruth Sutton's outstanding leadership by example, allowing us to literally "shoot for the stars"; TMS Assistant Principals Debbie Gish and Carrie Kazda, TMS Counselor Misty Cox, the entire TMS staff, WJHS Band Directors Dan Francis and Kendra Ray, Assistant WHS Band Director Reggie Cook, and WISD Band Director Rich Armstrong, our WISD Band Boosters, our band parents/guardians and last, but certainly not least - our awesome students!

Turner Middle School holds many memories for us, and as we pack the instruments and music for the move to a new school, we do so with tremendous hope and anticipation for Clift Middle School and what promises to be a terrific first year of the CMS Band!

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Band Boosters are taking a vacation and will not be meeting during the month of July!



So, our next meeting will be Monday, August 4, at 7 pm in the Band Hall - see you there!

June Adult Volunteers

Rich Armstrong	John O'Brien	Kay Reid
Dan'l Cupp	Sonia O'Brien	Lisa Richardson
Lauren DeVore	Donnie Owens	Hengameh Rundgren
Paige Gordon	Sharon Owens	Donna Simmel
Carol Kimberlin	Woody Perry	Mike Simmel
Joey Kirton	Lisa Popp	Chrissie Taylor
Laura Kirton	Perry Popp	Virginia Tipton
Kathy Louque	Tori Popp	Christi Wright
Robin Louque	Edward Quintana	Tammye Wright
Pam Maass	Ronda Quintana	Tommy Wright
Ronnie McMahan	Kendra Ray	

THANKS!

BAND PARENTS ARE THE BEST!

...And we have proof! Thanks to our terrific parents, we were able to register over 100 students for the 2008-2009 Band Year - plus assign and take alteration measurements for their marching uniform - plus distribute hats - plus take pictures!



Now, all we have to do is get the uniforms to our seamstress, and we'll be ready for the first game!

We also have to say a huge THANK YOU to some very special parents who spent an extremely hot Saturday morning cleaning the Concession Stand so that we would be set for the July 3rd Tailgate Concessions - now that's true commitment!



Lisa and Perry Popp - thank you for your organization and leadership of these two events!

HELP WANTED!

THURSDAY, JULY 3 FOURTH OF JULY TAILGATE



We will be selling concessions at the Fourth of July Tailgate at Lumpkins Stadium on Thursday, July 3rd. The tailgate starts at 6 pm, and we need approximately ten volunteers to help set-up and begin selling at 5 pm. Please contact Lisa Popp at lisapopp@mytocn.com to sign up.

FRIDAY, JULY 4 PARADE AND PICNIC



This is the first parade of the season - and its always HOT! So...that means we need volunteers to walk the route with the Band to distribute water. Following the parade is our Annual Picnic in Getzendaner Park where we will be cooking hot dogs for the WISD Band students. We will need approximately ten volunteers to help set up the grills and get the food ready for the marchers. Servers will also be needed as well as parents willing to help clean up after the picnic. Volunteers need to contact Kathy Louque at klouque@wisd.org.

MAKE-UP REGISTRATION SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 8 am to 12 noon

We will be needing several parents to work with us as we complete registration for this year. Uniforms, hats, shoes, etc. will all need to be fitted as well as the appropriate forms completed for any student who has not already done so. Please let Lisa Popp know if you are able to lend a hand... lisapopp@mytocn.com.

July Meetings

Executive Meetings

Monday, July 28, 2008

August Meetings

Booster Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2008

Executive Meetings

Monday, August 25, 2008

WHS Band Hall - 7 pm

See you on August 4th as we get ready for a terrific 2008-2009 school year!

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.

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