

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

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

From a Band student's viewpoint, it can often appear that the only word their Director learned as a child was "practice". However, even as far back as Aristotle's day, this principle was "tried and true".

The Solo and Ensemble Contest this past weekend was further proof of this philosophy as students, one by one, presented the results of their efforts, their dedication, and yes, their practice. It is tremendously rewarding for directors and instructors as they view the progress of their students, especially as these young adults realize the benefits of setting high goals, apply themselves and develop a disciplined work ethic, allowing them to achieve what would have, otherwise, been impossible.

One of our primary objectives in Band is to teach students the importance of striving to be the best. At times, they will be the best; at others, they may not quite make it, but they will achieve far more than if they settle for mediocrity. There is another old saying, "Old habits are hard to break"...our goal in the WISD Band Program is to alter that statement to read "Striving for excellence is impossible to change".

While each band student will leave the program with enhanced musical abilities, they will also take with them the knowledge that they, too, can excel. It is simply a habit...

SOUTHWEST AIRLINE TICKET WINNER:

RANDY TIPTON

Congratulations!



WISD BAND STAFF

Rich Armstrong
Director of Bands

Reggie Cook
Assistant Director of Bands

Scooter Spicer
Color Guard Coordinator

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Assistant Director, WJHS

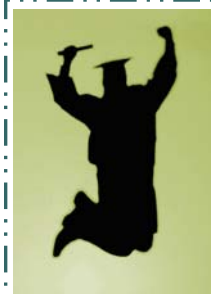
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Director, TMS

Margie Owens
Coordinator, TMS

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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.



ATTENTION SENIORS:

BAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now for Band Booster Scholarships

Deadline: March 14, 2008

Applications available in the Band Hall.

HOMETOWN DODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TRUCK WINNER

Vickie Brownlee - Mt. Pleasant, Texas

2008 WHS SOLO AND ENSEMBLE RESULTS

WOW - WHAT DAY!

33 qualified for State Solo and Ensemble Contest...70 Gold Medals...

8 Silver Medals...1 Bronze Medal

STATE QUALIFIERS

Flute Solo

Taylor Armstrong
Tiffany Neal

Alto Saxophone Solo

Jonathan Polanco

Cornet Solo

Ryan Popp

Tenor Trombone Solo

David Hale
James Zimmerman

Euphonium Solo

Rosemary Susat

Keyboard/Percussion Solo

Gloria Hernandez
Haley Nutt
Scott Tipton

Multiple Percussion Solo

Trey Featherston

Cornet/Trumpet Trio

Chris Johnson
Alexis Manriquez
Ryan Popp

French Horn Quartet

Alex Bowling
Tiffany Haines
Jensine Matta
Jimi-Carol Nottingham

Percussion Ensemble

Kyle Clayton
Kevin Crouch
Ben Davis
Jacob Engel
Travis Featherston
Philip Green

Cornet/Trumpet Trio

Matt Neal
Jeremy Quintana
Reed White

Shane Hartis
Ben Hiller
Clay Kelley
Kathryn Petty
Dillon Pryor
Amanda Unarut

GOLD MEDALISTS

Flute Solo

Victoria Guajardo
Ashley Maass
Tori Popp

Oboe Solo

Whitney Ground
Shelby Richie

Bassoon Solo

Danielle Hunt

Clarinet Solo

Chelsey Butterfield
Brittany Haines
Scott Hollingsworth
Erika Johnson
Chelsea Kimberlin
Rachel Jackson
Marissa Rodriguez
Audra Russell
Jessica Cadena

Bass Clarinet Solo

Latrell Anderson

Alto Sax Solo

Kenneshia Cox
Kaitlyn O'Brien

Tenor Sax Solo

Melinda Louque

Cornet/Trumpet Solo

Tim Erickson
Chris Johnson
Josh McMurray
Matt Neal
Jeremy Quintana
Brandon Rodriguez
Reed White

French Horn Solo

Mayme Bowen
Alex Bowling
Tiffany Haines
Shelby Hancock
Jensine Mata
Kelci Phillips
Colin LaRue
Natalie Shoemake

Tenor Trombone Solo

Alexa Anderson
A.J. Berning
Cody Ground
Yousef Muwaquet

Euphonium Solo

Manny Mata
Gerardo Vitela

Tuba Solo

Nathan Owens
Robert Bell
Michael Kirton

Bass Trombone Solo

Jack Ansell

Snare Drums Solo

Corbin Edgington

the drumbeat...

2008 DRUMLINE PRACTICE/INFO MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008 (9 AM TO 1 PM)

If you are interested in auditioning for the Fall Marching Percussion Section, make plans to be at the WHS Band Hall this Saturday, at 9 am. This special session will include warm-ups as well as provide instruction on all marching battery instruments. Bring your own sticks and mallets for any future percussion rehearsals and performances. Ear protection is also required for indoor rehearsals.

Saturday's schedule is as follows:

9 am to 10 am - Marching Percussion Procedures Overview

10 am to 12 noon - Warm-Ups/Fundamentals

12 noon to 1 pm - Full Ensemble Rehearsal

Final placements on the drumline and in the pit will be determined not only by performance and ability, but also by attendance and punctuality at all rehearsals and camps. Participating students will prepare a piece to be performed at the May 5th Percussion Concert.

Double-reed players are permitted to try out for cymbals, battery and/or front ensemble. Any other wind players must have permission from Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Cook in order to perform and/or practice on a percussion instrument.

Questions? Contact Mr. Cook at rcook@wisd.org or 972/923-4627.

Winter Guard Update....

After weeks of practice, practice, and more practice, We are excited to announce that our show is complete and we are ready to compete. We are confident in our show this year and anticipate going all the way to Championship Finals in April.

March 7	Wakeland High School
March 29	Colleyville Heritage H.S.
April 4	Championships at Thomas Coliseum

from the desk of...

**Dan Francis &
Kendra Ray**

A special "THANK YOU" to everyone contributing to the Jazz Café Silent Auction Gift Baskets - they were a big hit!

We have a very busy March and want to give you the info one more time as a reminder:

SYMPHONIC I BAND

Monday, March 3 - UIL Clinic/Brian Merrill
4 pm to 5:30 pm in the WJHS Band Hall

Tuesday, March 11 - UIL Clinic/Van Ragsdale
7 pm to 9 pm in the WJHS Band Hall

SYMPHONIC II BAND

Wednesday, March 5—UIL Clinic/Van Ragsdale
5:30 pm to 8 pm in the WHS Fine Arts Ctr.

Wednesday, March 26-UIL Clinic/D. Stitzel
4 pm to 6 pm in the WJHS Band Hall

SYMPHONIC I and II BANDS

Thursday, March 13 - Pre-UIL Concert/Clinic
7 pm in the WHS Fine Arts Ctr.

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

We are happy to report a "near perfect" Solo/Ensemble Contest and Lock-In - and that's quite an accomplishment for a group of 6th graders having their first experience at a Solo/Ensemble Contest situation!

There are several people to whom we owe a great deal of thanks. First of all, our judges: Tami Hudgin (Roundrock ISD), Ken Hurst (Dallas ISD), Dale Coates (formerly of Lancaster ISD), and Mr. Al Thomas (local French Horn teacher, professional player and composer/recording engineer). Secondly, our courageous parents: Mr. and Mrs. Donelson, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Hesse, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Loya, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Rundgren, Mr. and Mrs. Simmel, Mr. and Mrs. Story, and Mr. Willard. Our school counselor, Mrs. Cox, joined the fun, along with Mr. Mark White and Mr. Mark DeLeon. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Story for helping us out with the ice and drinks!

Now, on to the results...we awarded 52 medals, along with numerous certificates for solos and ensembles! Here's the final listing:

Medalists

- Luke Allelo
- Jose Alvarenga
- Ivan Anaya
- Millie Atkins
- Ashley Ayub
- Justin Chase Barksdale
- Matthew Berning+
- Kelsie Cox
- Danessa Crowe
- Colin Dacy
- Beth Davis
- Sean Donelson+
- Aspen Eaglen+
- Samuel Ernst
- Bonner Garrison
- Elizabeth Gish
- Matthew Haught
- Braden Henry
- Sarah Hesse
- Devin Hoops
- Molly Jeffcoat
- Tyler Charles Johnson
- Justin Lockenour
- Anastasia Lopez
- Wendy Lozano
- Conner Maines
- Cynethia Martinez
- Michala Meyer+
- Haley Moore
- Tyler Moore+
- Caleb Neal
- Gage Parker
- Callie Patterson+
- Hank Perkins+
- Preston Peyrot
- Hailey Phillips+
- Natalie Power
- Courtney Raye
- Danielle Redd
- Chris Reddig
- Luke Ritchie+

- Sara Rundgren
- James Sanchez
- Cory Sanders
- Marella Smith+
- Corey Simmel+
- Dani Speigner
- Savannah Summers
- R.J. Tarpley
- Daisy Tovar
- Brady Van Bevers
- Carolyn Van Zandt
- Emily Young

Division 1+ Solos

- April Goss
- Andrew Green
- Draven Grimes
- Ricky Martinez

Division 1 Solos

- Efren Almaguer
- Cristian Armstrong
- Blaise Audley
- Dalton Bradbury
- Celi Bruce
- James Cameron
- Alexis Carson
- Angelo DeLaCruz
- Jack DuFon
- Mekayla Emmons
- Desiree Gonzales
- Sarah Hesse
- Simone Hughes
- Sierra Johnson
- Stetson Kinnison
- Chad Lambert
- Kayla LeMond
- Kaileyanna McCully

- Christian Milliorn
- Leonel Reyes
- Katelyn Rivera
- Evan Willard
- Alison Wilson

Division 2 Solo

- Gabrielle Arteaga

Division 1

Ensembles

- Efren Almaguer
- Cristian Armstrong
- Gabrielle Arteaga
- Blaise Audley+
- Dalton Bradbury
- Celi Bruce
- James Cameron
- Alexis Carson
- Angelo DeLaCruz
- Adrian DeLeon
- Jack DuFon
- Mekayla Emmons
- Alex Engelhardt+
- Desiree Gonzales
- Alex Goodloe
- April Goss
- Whitney Graham
- Andrew Green+
- Draven Grimes+
- Sarah Hesse
- Maddison
- Hewson
- Brandon Hudgahl
- Simone Hughes
- Sierra Johnson
- Stetson Kinnison
- Chad Lambert

- Ricky Martinez+
- Kaileyanna McCully
- Christian Milliorn
- Lucas Moore
- Zoe Noonkester
- Timothy Otto
- Leonel Reyes
- Katelyn Rivera
- Kaley Settlemyer
- Kimberly Thompson
- Evan Willard
- Alison Wilson
- Cody Yates



Thank you to everyone that supported our Third Annual Jazz Café! This special fundraiser showcasing our Jazz Band continues to grow, and I am very pleased to recognize the committee members that made this year's event a wonderful success: Robert Ashley, Michelle Berning, Paige Cook, Scott Crouch, Jennifer Dacy, Carol Kimberlin, Kathy Louque, Karen Maxwell, Ronnie McMahan, Woody Perry, Perry Popp, Linda Rodriguez, Donna Simmel and Virginia Tipton.

Managing the Silent Auction were Donna Simmel and Michelle Berning while Jennifer Dacy, Robert Ashley and Karen Maxwell assisted in procuring auction items. Their hard work resulted in donations totaling over \$8,000.00 - what a fantastic job!

Decorations and floral arrangements were managed by Woody Perry while Kathy Louque was responsible for the caterer for the evening. Perry Popp managed the student wait staff, and making sure everything stayed on schedule and running smoothly was Jennifer Dacy. Scott Crouch arranged the raffle prize donated by Southwest Airlines.

Additional "THANKS" go to the wonderful individuals and businesses who handled our ticket sales: Stu Stephenson at Bealls, Dr. Gilbert at Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic, Neal White at Waxahachie Daily Light, Karen Maxwell at Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, and Nicole Mansell at WISD Administration. Poster donations were courtesy of Lawrence Lipman; the dinner prepared by Occasions Unlimited, and the Waxahachie Daily Light provided us with publicity.

A special than you to all our Silent Auction Donors: Bailey's Custom Framing, TMS Band, WJHS Band, WHS Band, Bealls, Belinda Ashley, Belk, Bennett Printing and Office Supply, Cancun's Ameri-Mex Restaurant, Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce, Chicken Express, Chick-Fil-A, Cici's Pizza, Dallas Aquarium, Dallas Container, Gene and Jerry Jones Family/Dallas Cowboy Charities, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars, Dallas Summer Musicals, Dallas Zoo, Denise Terdway, Dickey's Barbeque, Don Jose's, Donna Simmel, Ellis County Music Center, Fivetwelve College Tea House, Flip Fusion, Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History and the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Heidi Perkins, Holmes Photographic Art, House of Blues, Jacqueline and Scott Bailey, Kimball Art Museum, Linda Ashley, Living Spaces, Marble Slab Creamery, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Modern Art Museum of Ft Worth, NRH20, Oma's Jiffy Burger, Ron and Karen Maxwell, Salon 507, Scarborough Renaissance Festival, Simplicity Salon and Spa, Texas Motor Speedway, Texas Rangers, The Movies at Buffalo Creek, The Plaid Donkey, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza and Waxahachie Veterinary Clinic.

Special appreciation to our Mistress of Ceremonies, Nicole Mansell, our special guest artists - James Davis and Keath Davis along with the Family Music Singers from Cedar Valley College! Our volunteer student wait staff was tops, and last, but certainly not least: our incredible Jazz Band! They performed flawlessly for four hours - great job!

Here's to next year and continuing the tradition of a terrific night accompanied by outstanding music!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

It is rapidly approaching time to assimilate nominations for Booster Executive Officers to serve during the 2008--2009 school year. If you are interested in running for office, or if you would like to nominate someone for a particular office, please contact Rich Armstrong (rlarm@wisd.org), Ronnie McMahan (ronniemcmahan@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Popp (lisapopp@mytocon.com). If you would like additional information concerning the offices and the duties involved, please contact one of these individuals as well. The Nominating Committee will present the nominations for the next term at the April 4th Booster Meeting, and nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Officer



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Monday, April 4, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall
Monday, May 5, 7 pm
WHS Band Hall

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March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WJHS SI at Bus Expo WHS Solo and Ensemble Contest
2	3 WJHS S1 Clinic Band Booster Mtg.	4	5 WJHS S2 Clinic	6	7	8 Drumline Camp/ Auditions 
9	10	11 WJHS S1 Clinic	12	13 WJHS/ WHS Pre-UIL Concert	14 Scholarship Deadline	15
16 	SPRING BREAK					22 
23	24	25	26 WJHS S2 Clinic	27	28	29 TCU Jazz Festival
30	31					