

April 2009

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NEWS

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WINTER PARK FESTIVAL



JAZZ BAND
1st in Class
GRAND
CHAMPIONS

WIND
ENSEMBLE
1st in Class
GRAND

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WHS BAND BANQUET

Friday, May 15
Midlothian Civic Center

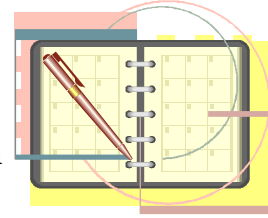
All WHS Band students are invited to the WHS Band Banquet on Friday, May 15, at the Midlothian Civic Center. There will be no charge for any WHS Band student; however, date or guest tickets are \$12.50, and parent tickets are \$15.00.

This is a terrific night of celebrating an extraordinary year...awards presented, and the now-infamous video reviewing the year and honoring the 2009 Seniors.

IMPORTANT: If you plan to attend, please note that a completed Band Banquet Form is required - turned into Mr. Armstrong no later than Friday, May 2.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Armstrong.

For a complete WHS Band Calendar, please visit:
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SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

April 16	CMS Pre-Sandy Lake Concert
April 24	Sandy Lake Contest
May 2	WISD Percussion Concert
May 7	WISD District Showcase/ Percussion
May 14	Howard/Finley Spring Concert
May 16	Alumni Scholarship Jazz Concert
May 19	WHS Spring Concert
May 21	CMS Spring Concert

Mark your calendars!

We made it through March - and what an awesome month it has been!

The Jazz Band is developing into a force with which to be reckoned...a true contender at every contest at every level: achieving first at UTA, first at TCU, and Grand Champions at Winter Park. The Wind Ensemble walked away from Winter Park with the highest honors possible, which is extremely remarkable, especially considering the extenuating circumstances and conditions: students skiing all day, the altitude, and the affects of the atmosphere on reeds and instruments.

Next on the agenda is UIL, where the bands have a tradition of earning straight "I's", and we believe that is certainly a possibility, given the quality of students in the WHS bands.

The Wind Ensemble is also in the process of recording performances for the Honor Band competition. To explain this process a little more - every other year, we are able to participate in the State Honor Band competition. However, rather than traveling to a location and competing, we select certain performances of our Spring Concert Season and submit them for judging. Placement in this system is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are looking forward to the next several performances as we strive to achieve that perfect sound...wish us luck!

In addition to UIL, Honor Band, and concerts, the various band calendars are full, with activities scheduled on an almost daily basis as we begin to close out this year and prepare for the upcoming 2009-2010 year. It is important that we finish this year as strongly as we began...to have that momentum carry forward as we say "Good-bye" to our Seniors and welcome a new Freshman class. So, be sure to check the website calendars so that you can be a part of this exciting journey!

Rich Armstrong

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WHS Band News

FINLEY UIL CONTEST
April 16th
Cedar Hill High School



HOWARD UIL CONTEST
April 17th
Cedar Hill High School

from the desk of...

**Dan Francis &
 Kendra Ray**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
 THANK YOU!**

We had a GREAT time at the movies and have to let Mr. Quintana and Mrs. Peyrot know how much we appreciate all their efforts to make this happen! Plus...a huge THANK YOU to all the parents who helped chaperone (who secretly wanted to see the movie as much as their band students did!)

Spring Concert

May 14th

7:30 pm

Fine Arts Center

**Four
 Division
 1++
 Ratings**

**56
 Division
 1+
 Ratings**

**41
 Division 1
 Ratings**

**Seven
 Division 2
 Ratings**

WOW

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

While we may be repeating ourselves, these type of successes "bear repeating"! We are so proud of our CMS Band students....can you imagine what they will sound like in high school?!?! Congratulations to everyone of them, and this truly proves that hard work DOES pay off!

Our accomplishments for 2009 also include learning and perfecting the seven major scales, the Bach Chorale in three different styles and the Remington Warm-Up. Beginning in March, we began work on our contest pieces in preparation for our concert on April 16, at 7 pm in the Fine Arts Center. While we are working on a total of five, we will perform three of those five for seven guest judges who will comment and rank our performance. The students will also perform a piece of music which they have never seen before, introducing them to the sight reading experience which is required at most of the UIL contests.

And the spring activities continue...with Sandy Lake Music Festival on April 24 (returning as the Grand Champion for the past three consecutive years)...a performance at Sandy Lake Music Festival on Saturday, May 2....Beach Within Reach Music Festival at Haltom City High school in Ft. Worth on May 8 (after winning the highest possible honor possible for three consecutive years)...then ending the school year with a concert on May 21 at the Fine Arts Center.

We believe the additional performance at Sandy Lake will also enhance our application for the Magna Cum Laude Award, providing another opportunity to introduce our band to nationally known judges and musicians.

As we have said all year...this 2009 CMS Band continues to amaze and impress us! Thanks to the parents for all their efforts, and a special note of appreciation to our students! We look forward to showing off your talents and abilities!

VOLUNTEERS



Ron Appleton	Annette Goss	
Rich Armstrong	Janet Henry	
Tina Autry	Kathy Hunt	
Letty Bernal	Rita Irwin	Sharon Owens
Rick Bernal	Nasma Kaoud	Woody Perry
Kelle Bird	Carol Kimberlin	Tricia Peyrot
Kay Bowers	Randy Kimberlin	Lisa Popp
Kermit Bridges	Laura Kirton	Perry Popp
Lisa Brinlee	Patricia Knight	Edward Quintana
Aaron Clayton	Dawn Langston	Ronda Quintana
Reggie Cook	Angela Lehew	Kella Raley
Jennifer Dacy	Joshua Lehew	Kendra Ray
Patty Davis	Kathy Louque	Kay Reid
Laurie Donelson	Pam Maass	Lisa Richardson
Rob Donelson	Ronnie McMahan	Joyce Shepherd
Karen Ensinia	Julie Merritt	Chrissie Taylor
Christine Erickson	Heather Morgan	Virginia Tipton
Dan Francis	Christi Nutt	Gail Tobias
Julia Gilson	Jen Oebel	Penny Williams
Paige Gordon	Donnie Owens	

EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee will be presenting the slate of new officers at the Band Booster Meeting on Monday, April 6, in the WHS Band Hall. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Voting and new officer installation will occur at the May 4th meeting.

We invite and encourage all Band parents to join us for these two important meetings as your vote will determine your leaders for the next school year. If you have any questions, please contact: Rich Armstrong (rlarm@wisd.org), Ronnie McMahan (ronniemcmahan@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Popp (lisapopp@mytocon.com).

Thank you to our outstanding parents who braved not only the cold snow of Winter Park, but the task of chaperoning as well!

Car **SATURDAY**
MAY 9
8 AM
TO
2 PM
WASH

WHS band students will be asked to work one 3-hour shift during this fundraiser.

Prizes for the most pledges collected will be presented at the Band Banquet.

Stay tuned for more info...and get those water hoses and towels ready!

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
Finley Rep	Tricia Peyrot
Howard Rep	Edward Quintana
Clift Rep	Joyce Shepherd

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.

**BAND BOOSTER
MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5**

April 2009

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
			WINTER PARK			
5	6 Scholarship Auditions Band Booster Mtg. 7 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13 All State Presentation by WISD Board	14	15	16 Finley UIL Contest CMS Pre-UIL Concert 7 pm	17 Howard UIL Contest	18 Jazz Combo Midlothian WHS Prom
19	20	21	22 HS UIL Contest	23 Drum Major Preparation	24 Jazz Band to Wedgeworth CMS to Sandy Lake	25
26	27	28 Drum Major Preparation	29	30 Drum Major Preparation		