

February
2009

Band Booster News

2009

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

If the beginning of 2009 is any indication of what we can expect this year...WOW! And to say that January 2009 was a banner month for the WISD Band Program would be an definite understatement.

When we left WHS on Saturday, January 10, we took twelve WHS band students to the Area Competition in Waco, all of whom competed for a position in the All State Band. When we returned that evening, we had not one, not two, not three, not four, but FIVE students qualifying for All State Competition in San Antonio!

Then, the following weekend, we were extremely proud to take a total of 57 students to the All Region Clinics and Concerts! The performance of the WISD Band students was outstanding, making all of us proud to be associated with these talented individuals!

The week of January 19 proved to be another success for members of our band program as they provided the instrumentation for the WHS' presentation of "Wizard of Oz". The praise and appreciation from not only the audience, but the performers as well, made the long week of practices and performances worth it - once again.

Then, we ended the month with the "best-yet" Jazz Café! Lisa Popp and her committee did an outstanding job of organizing all the details, and the Waxahachie Jazz Orchestra and Combo were at the top of their game - what a night!

So...if January is any indication, better get ready....2009 is going to be a "whopper" of a year!

WISD BAND STAFF

Rich Armstrong
Director of Bands

Reggie Cook
Assistant Director of Bands

Dan Francis
Head Director, Howard 8th Grade

Kendra Ray
Director, Finley 7th Grade

Donnie Owens
Director, CMS

Margie Owens
Coordinator, CMS

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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.



CALLING ALL SENIOR WHS BAND STUDENTS...

The Waxanachie Band Boosters are pleased to offer two different types of scholarships to our graduating seniors once again this year: A Music Scholarship and an Essay Scholarship.

The entry deadline for BOTH scholarships is midnight, **THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009.**

Information is available on our website: spiritofwaxahachie.com; however, outlined below are some of the requirements for each of the scholarships. Please check the website for complete info.

ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP

- Applicant must be a WHS Band member in good standing, meeting current eligibility requirements and have been enrolled in WISD Band program for his/her entire junior and senior years.
- Applicant must be in the top 50% of the 2009 graduating class. An official high school transcript must be attached to the application essay.
- Applicant must plan to attend college during the 2009-2010 academic school year. Students do NOT have to major in music; however, other restrictions apply (see website).
- Essay of 250-500 words on the topic "What Band Has Meant to Me" must be submitted to Mr. Armstrong by the deadline.
- Essay should convey band themes of dedication, determination, discipline, pride, and teamwork. In addition, the essay should explain how the Band has been a positive influence for the student AND how the student has been a positive influence for the Band.
- Essay will be reviewed by three to five judges outside the Band Booster organization not personally acquainted with the Applicants.
- Applicants and applications must meet all stated requirements (complete list outlined on the web site) to be eligible for consideration.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Applicant must be a WHS Band member in good standing, meeting current eligibility requirements and have been enrolled in WISD Band program for his/her entire junior and senior years.
- Applicant must plan to attend college during the 2009-2010 academic year with a MAJOR IN MUSIC. (Additional requirements outlined on website.)
- First semester funds will be available for distribution after July 1, 2009 once requirements are met (see website) with second semester funds available once college enrollment and GPA verification from first semester have been provided (see website). Both semester funds must be claimed prior to May 31, 2010, or they will be forfeited.
- If the scholarship recipient has an outstanding balance with the Waxahachie Band Boosters, those funds will be deducted from the total amount awarded.
- Applicant must complete the application form and submit, along with an official high school transcript, to Mr. Armstrong PRIOR to the deadline.
- An audition before a panel of 3-5 judges will be held on MONDAY, APRIL 6 - 4 to 6 pm. (See website for requirements).
- Final award recipient(s) determined by WISD Director of Bands.

GOOD LUCK!

Solo and Ensemble

- * Saturday, March 7th
- * Purchase originals from J.W. Pepper (817/429-1993 or 800/345-6296) or from Penders Music (940/382-7124 or 800/772-5918)
- * Accompanist will be assigned and student progress assessed
- All original piano parts are PAST DUE to Mr. Cook - please see him for additional information

GOOD LUCK!

CALLING ALL DRUM LINE MEMBERS! NEW THIS YEAR:



WINTER DRUMLINE!

Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 6 pm to 8 pm. For additional information, please see Mr. Cook.

THANKS TO OUR BASKETBALL BAND!

In response to a personal request from Mr. Nix, several of our students have been providing music for the home basketball games this season!

Thanks for all your efforts - both in preparing and in playing for the games!

And a big
THANK
YOU to Mr.
Cook for di-
recting!
GREAT JOB!



WINTER PARK SPRING TRIP MEETING MONDAY, FEB. 9 7 PM—WHS BAND HALL

SPECIAL NOTE: ADDITIONAL SEATS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS DUE TO CHANGES IN STUDENT TRAVEL PLANS. ANY PARENT INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TRIP - PLEASE SEE MR. ARMSTRONG!

All students planning to participate in the Winter Park trip are encouraged to attend this meeting - WITH THEIR PARENTS! Bring your questions, concerns, etc., as the final schedule and details of the trip will be discussed.

It is very important that all student travelers and their parents plan to be at the Band

Hall on Monday, February 9, at 7 pm!



IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!

FINLEY and HOWARD SPRING CONCERT

May 14, 2009

7 pm
WHS
Fine Arts
Center



from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

We have to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who contributed - either monetarily or through donation of goods - Finley and Howard Gift Baskets for the Jazz Café Silent Auction - we have the best parents! The Finley UT items brought in \$170 while the Howard A&M items were purchased for \$140!

As most of you know, we have begun listenings and after-school rehearsals, preparing for UIL competition, with this schedule continuing until the middle of April. Keep working on your music, and we'll maintain the tradition of bringing home those "I's"!

The Texas Music Educator's Association Convention is scheduled for February 11-15 - so, listenings and after school rehearsals will be cancelled during that time. Please be sure to check our website for additional information, or feel free to contact us through e-mail.

We have heard the voices of the students and know that it is - TIME TO PARTY! So, we are looking at the calendar for a convenient date and time.

And, of course, our famous last words: Don't forget to practice!

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

The CMS Band is having another banner year! As directors, we are always trying to surpass the previous year, and we are excited about the CMS Class of 2009-2010!

In review: We are very proud of our performance at the Holiday Concert: six full band pieces plus each section feature! That's quite an accomplishment - congratulations!

Thank you for your overwhelming response and support for our Jazz Café basket: 62 families participated, and we are so very appreciative. (By the way, CMS's baskets and "Wheelbarrow" brought in \$440 - more than any other basket!)

We are busy preparing for our Solo, Ensemble and Scale Contest scheduled for Friday, February 27, beginning at 4 pm. We have invited four judges: Mr. Van Ragsdale, Mr. Al Thomas, Mr. Ken Hurst, and Mr. Dale Coates. Every CMS band student will play at least one solo and one ensemble, with medals and certificates awarded at the End-of-the-Year Awards Assembly. Now, since our goal is to surpass last year - the CMS students earned 39 Division One Plus ratings (seven major scales and a solo played perfectly) and 59 Division One ratings (solo only) last year, so, let's go for it!



**Friday
Feb. 27**



WINTER VOLUNTEERS

David Allelo	Kathy Hunt	Perry Popp
Latrell Anderson	Carol Kimberlin	Edward Quintana
Rich Armstrong	Randy Kimberlin	Ronda Quintana
Jackie Bailey	Laura Kirton	Kendra Ray
Scott Bailey	Kathy Louque	Lisa Richardson
Michelle Berning	Robin Louque	Liz Richardson
Kay Bowers	Pam Maass	Donna Ritchie
Jose Cadena	Ronnie McMahan	Gary Schueler
Reggie Cook	Christi Nutt	Mary Schueler
Jennifer Dacy	Donnie Owens	Donna Simmel
Lauren DeVore	Margie Owens	Mike Simmel
Christine Erickson	Sharon Owens	Joyce Shepherd
Dan Francis	Heidi Perkins	Torre Smith
Patrice Gilsdorf	Woody Perry	Chrissie Taylor
Paige Gordon	Tricia Peyrot	Virginia Tipton
	Lisa Popp	

BAND BANQUET

We will be having our first planning meeting the second week of February as we prepare for our final celebration of the year!



If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Kathy Louque at klouque@wisd.org.

This is always a very special night for the band students - and parents - as we celebrate their achievements throughout the year and Mr. Armstrong presents the Annual Band Awards.

We're open to new ideas and suggestions...so, please contact Kathy and be a part of a terrific night!

JAZZ CAFÉ - A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

To our outstanding Jazz Band students for delivering four hours of outstanding music - you are truly our inspiration!

A special "thank you" to Donna Simmel and Michelle Berning for the many hours spent assembling the Silent Auction ...to Woody Perry for the beautiful floral arrangements and decorations ...to Jennifer Dacy for writing tons and tons of letters to area businesses requesting silent auction donations, and for serving as our Event Hostess ...to Robin Louque for making the Jazz Café sign...to Kathy Louque for handling catering.

We also want to express our appreciation to all of the businesses and parents who donated items for the silent auction; your generosity made this year's silent auction the best yet, and that is absolutely amazing in our current economy.




Jacqueline and Scott Bailey of Bailey's Custom Framing: your incredible generosity (donating in excess of \$1,700.00 of framed items for the silent auction) and your outstanding support for the WISD Band Program is appreciated more than we could ever express.

And, then, there was the job of setting up, maintaining and cleaning up...not to mention the donations through the Silent Auction as well as the Southwest Airline Ticket raffle. The Band supporters continually amaze all of us, and we thank you! To the Jazz Café Committee - a HUGE "THANK YOU" because without your help, this event would not be possible: Michelle Berning, Kay Bowers, Jennifer Dacy, Carol Kimberlin, Kathy Louque, Ronnie McMahan, Woody Perry, Edward Quintana, Lisa Richardson, Donna Simmel, Chrissie Taylor, and Virginia Tipton.

Lisa Popp—Jazz Café Committee

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