

May 2009

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WISD

BAND

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NEWS

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**Yes, we know it's the day before
Mother's Day, so....**

WASH MOM'S CAR!

Car



SATURDAY

MAY 9

8 AM

TO

2 PM

WASH

Woodwinds and Percussion Band students work from 8 am to 11 am

Brass and Color Guard work from 11 am to 2 pm

This is an opportunity to not only help out the Band Program, but to also win some terrific prizes through pledges! So, get busy...only one week to go!

See you Saturday!

WHS BAND BANQUET

**Friday, May 15
Midlothian Conference
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.

EVERY student must turn in an RSVP form so that we will know you are planning to attend. These forms are available at the WHS Band Hall or online. Parents need to either be included on their student's RSVP form (and include ticket money), or complete one and get it to the Band Hall no later than FRIDAY, MAY 8!

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 - not to mention a great night to celebrate the Band's accomplishments during 2008-2009. If you have any questions regarding the banquet, please see Mr. Armstrong.

Jazz Alumni & Scholarship Concert

Saturday, May 16 - 7 pm

WHS Fine Arts Center

This is a terrific opportunity to hear "the best of the best" from the WHS Jazz Alumni - a night of blues, jazz, and swing charts...old classics as well as music recently composed and arranged by some of today's top jazz talent.

There will be an admission charge of \$5 per person, with all proceeds applied to the WISD Band Scholarship Fund.

Please make sure your calendar includes this concert. It will be an opportunity to say "Good-bye" to the Seniors in our current WHS Jazz Band as well as "Hello" to some of our former players.

Don't forget - Saturday, May 16

COLOR GUARD UPDATE

Color guard practices began at the first of April, and all of the girls are working incredibly hard, showing nothing but positive attitudes and the determination to contribute their very best efforts.

Around twenty girls are attending practices on a regular basis, and with each session, they become more precise with their flag work and more graceful in their dance. Rebekaha Mills is currently serving as the Guard Instructor and is successfully developing a positive, enjoyable environment. The girls have learned numerous dance terms, and have even already begun tossing, including those who have never even picked up a flag before. Needless to say, the Fall 2009 Color Guard line will be back and better than ever.

Tiffany Hinman

*"Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it. How do you take it? How will you choose to respond to the challenge before you? The choice is yours! Always choose to...**FINISH STRONG**" Dan Green*

We have all heard the phrase "finishing strong"...and that is exactly how the WISD Band Program is ending the 2008-2009 year. With every junior high and high school band scoring straight I's - SWEEPSTAKES - at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading competition, along with Clift's Middle School Band bringing the "Grand Champion" award back to Waxahachie, it is proving to be a "photo finish".

Four weeks of school remain, and it has been my experience that these last days of the school year are some of the best days of the year as we celebrate scholarships, awards, college acceptance notices, and the return of alumni for the Jazz Alumni Concert. Yet, they also seem somewhat nostalgic, as we begin to recognize that these performances and events will be the last enjoyed by this particular group of students, with sixth, seventh, and eighth graders moving on to new schools, seniors graduating, new fifth graders preparing to enter the program in August and freshmen arriving at the high school for Freshman Camp.

One last major competition remains for the WHS Wind Ensemble - HONOR BAND. We have two final taping opportunities and our goals are what some might refer to as "lofty", but our intensity remains extremely high. When the book closes on 2008-2009, the label for the WISD Band Program will proudly read: "FINISHED STRONG"!

Rich Armstrong

SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

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

WHS UNIFORM FITTING/
REGISTRATION
JUNE 6 - 8 AM TO 4 PM



WHS Band Playing Rehearsal

June 15 - 6 to 8 pm

July 13 - 6 to 1 pm



BAND

Drumline Camp
July 27-31



SUMMER



Leadership Camp
July 29 & 30

Color Guard Camp
July 27-31



Color Guard Practice
June 15 - 1 to 4 pm
June 29 - 1 to 4 pm

WHS BAND CAMP



August 3-7 - 7 to 11 am and 12 to 3 pm
August 10-14 - 7 to 11 am and 12 to 3 pm
August 17, 18, 20 - 5 to 9 pm

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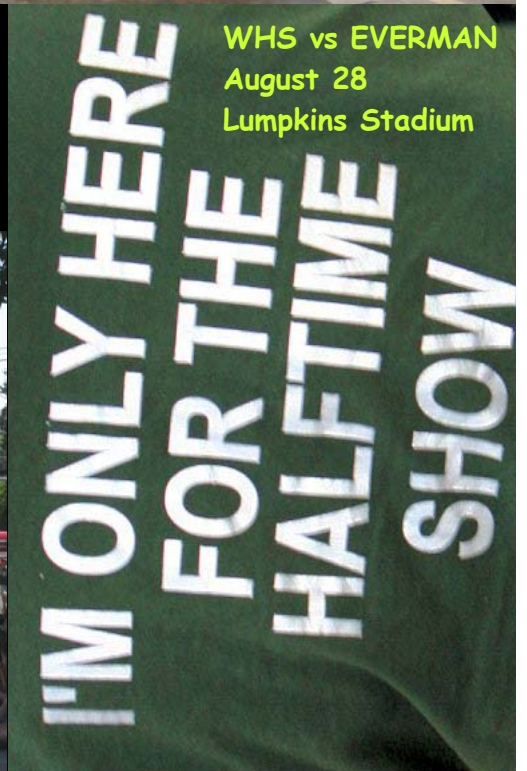


WHS Band Car Wash
August 8 - 8am to 2 pm



Ice Cream
Cream
at concession stand!

Ice Cream Social
August 14 - 8 pm
Meet the Indians
August 20 - 7:30 pm



I'M ONLY HERE
FOR THE
HALFTIME
SHOW

July 2-3 Parade Practice
9 am to 12 noon
July 4 Parade
10 am



Spring Concert

May 14th

7 pm

Fine Arts Center

Solo/Ensemble Contest

May 30

Finley 7th Grade Center

from the desk of...

Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

WOW! The Finley and Howard Bands prove the tradition of receiving straight "I's" - SWEEP-STAKES - is not only alive and well, but will continue for several years into the future!

At the Junior High UIL Competition in April, the Howard 8th Grade Band was just one of four varsity CCC bands to straight I's, while the Finley 7th Grade Band was one of only three non-varsity bands to leave with a Sweepstakes rating!

Both bands have accomplished a great deal, and while we were looking forward to further competition at Beach Within Reach Festival, our primary focus is on the safety and health of our students. So, we will concentrate our efforts on preparing for our Spring Concert scheduled for May 14, and our Solo and Ensemble Contest on May 30.

It's difficult to realize that we have less than a month of school, but the Finley and Howard Bands will be hard at work as we make sure to end the year on a high note!

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

For the sixth year, the Waxahachie Middle School Band embarks on continuing the proud tradition of "returning home with trophies". On April 24, the Clift Middle School Band traveled to Carrollton, Texas to compete with twelve other bands at the Sandy Lake Music Festival. The Festival is the largest music festival in the world, providing an opportunity for beginning, junior, and high school bands, orchestras, choirs, and jazz ensembles to compete during the spring concert season.

The students performed "Colonel Bogey" by Kenneth Alford arranged by Mark Williams and "Fanfare for the Third Planet" by Richard Saucedo. They performed exceptionally well, and we are so very proud of their accomplishments.

The judges: Dr. Royce Lumpkin, Chairman and Professor of Music Department at University of North Carolina (Charlotte, North Carolina); Mr. John Edmonson, composer and arranger of band and educational music (Sunrise, Florida); and Mr. Travis Albany, Associate Director of Bands at Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas), awarded the Band ratings of Division One, Division One + and a Division One ++, averaging out to be a One Plus rating - earning the title of "Grand Champion".

At the end of the competition, the tent was filled with band students, directors and students as everyone waited for the announcement of the Grand Champion. It was an exciting sight to see, not only the students' reaction, but the parents as well, as the emcee announced the name of the winning school to be 'Clift Middle School of Waxahachie'.

A huge 'THANK YOU' to our wonderful parents serving as chaperones, as well as everyone who worked so diligently to ensure that the students enjoyed a great lunch. We are also extremely fortunate to have Ruth Sutton as our Principal at Clift. She is one of the Band's strongest supporters, providing encouragement and inspiration on a daily basis, not just to our Band students, but to the entire student body.

Mrs. Sutton, thank you and the other members of our CMS family for your continual support and excitement about the potential of all of our students.

VOLUNTEERS

Tina Autry	Laura Kirton	Sharon Owens
Rich Armstrong	Kathy Louque	Woody Perry
Lettie Bernal	Robin Louque	Tricia Peyrot
Michelle Berning	Pam Maass	Lisa Popp
Jan Bridges	Ronnie McMahan	Perry Popp
Reggie Cook	Julie Merritt	Edward Quintana
Jennifer Dacy	Michael Merritt	Ronda Quintana
Laurie Donelson	Joe Meyer	Kendra Ray
Jennifer Eaglan	Rhonda Meyer	Lisa Richardson
Dan Francis	Janet Moore	Melissa Seevers
Patrice Gilsdorf	Cindy Murray	Joyce Shepherd
Paige Gordon	Jeni Oebel	Robin Sissell
Annette Goss	Donnie Owens	Chrissie Taylor
Carol Kimberlin	Margie Owens	Virginia Tipton

THANK YOU!

... To **Robin Louque** for his hard work in creating the backdrop for the Band Booth at the WISD Showcase....

... To all the **adult and student volunteers** who helped ensure that the UIL contest ran smoothly, efficiently, and was a tremendous success.

.... To the **Finley and Howard parents** who bravely chaperoned the 7th and 8th grade students during their UIL competition.

....To the dedicated **parent chaperones** who worked diligently at Sandy Lake with the CMS band.



It just goes to prove...

WISD Band parents are the best!

A special note of gratitude to two Executive Board members who will not be returning for 2009-2010: Laura Kirton and Virginia Tipton. Both of these ladies have worked tirelessly during their terms - Laura as Treasurer and Virginia as Secretary. We appreciate the many hours and tremendous support which they have provided...and we also want to wish them much success since they are both continuing their education. Good luck as you both work to further your careers, and thank you for your unbelievable contributions!

2009-2010 BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

Please join us in congratulating the members of the 2009-2010 Band Booster Executive Board:

President.....	Lisa Popp
Vice President.....	Ronnie McMahan
Assistant Vice President Concessions.....	Perry Popp
Assistant Vice President Fundraising.....	Lisa Richardson
Assistant Vice President Special Projects.....	Kathy Louque
Assistant Vice President Communications.....	Paige Gordon
Secretary.....	Carol Kimberlin
Treasurer.....	Edward Quintana
6th Grade Representative.....	Tina Autry
7th Grade Representative.....	Joyce Shepherd
8th Grade Representative.....	Tricia Peyrot

The support and involvement of all of our Band parents is crucial to the success of the Band program. Your time, your ideas, and your willingness to volunteer are some of the major keys to the tradition of excellence that is associated with the WISD Band program. We invite you to be a part...and truly make a difference!

May 2009



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1	2  Percussion Concert
3	4 Band Booster Mtg. 7 pm	5	6	7 WISD Showcase "Anything Goes"	8 "Anything Goes"	9 WHS/Car Wash "Anything Goes"	
10 	11	12 8th Grade Parent Night—WHS	13 Drum Major Tryouts	14 Grand Opening Movie Theater Finley/Howard Concert	15 WHS Band Banquet	16 WE to Richardson Alumni Concert	
17	18 WISD Awards Night	19 WHS Spring Concert	20	21 CMS Spring Concert 	22	23 CMS/Finley Howard Picnic 	
24	25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28 Freshman Marching Camp 	29	30 JH and State Solo and Ensemble Contest	
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