

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

This is probably the most emotional time of year for the majority of teachers, but it is particularly difficult for high school band directors, since we have had the opportunity to spend at least four years with the graduating seniors. We have watched them struggle through their freshman year, finding their place, and then maturing over the next three years.

Our 2011 graduating seniors will now step into a world full of opportunities and challenges, and we wish them success in their every endeavor. We say "Thank you" to these students for their hours of practice and commitment to truly taking this band program to a new level each and every year.

The WISD Band Program is blessed to have some of the most talented and dedicated directors, and it is my privilege to work with them on a daily basis. It is only with their tremendous efforts, and unbelievable commitment that we are able to continue the tradition of "returning with trophies" from basically each and every competition.

We must also express our appreciation to our principal, David Nix, and his amazing staff who support us on a daily basis.

We are excited about our 2011 Howard and Finley Band Programs. Mr. Cook will be moving down to work with Mr. Francis and the Howard Bands and Miss Ray will be moving up to join the High School program. Mr. Hinton will be moving to Finley and a new staff member will be joining us at Finley in the Fall (TBA).

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Freshmen...the high school band experience is both exciting and challenging. We have an unbelievable core of upper classmen, and as we prepare for a year of State Marching Competition...get ready! Our 2011 Marching Show "Unreal" is going to be amazing, and it will push every WHS band student to expand their playing and marching abilities. Don't miss out, 'cause our goal for the fall is to end the season in San Antonio on November 8th! See you there....

**WHS Band Field Production**  
**Coming Fall 2011**  
**... unREAL**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MEDALISTS!



### Gold Medal Soloists

- Victoria Guajardo - Flute
- Haley Nutt - Marimba
- Reed White - Trumpet
- Ryan Popp - Trumpet
- Logan Bowers - Drum Set

### Silver Medal Soloists

- Ashley Maass - Flute
- Corey Simmel - French Horn
- Tanner Underwood - French Horn
- Jeremy Quintana - Trumpet
- Michala Meyer - Xylophone
- Sarah Rundgren - Flute
- Adrian Salvador - Xylophone
- Efrin Almaguer - Trumpet

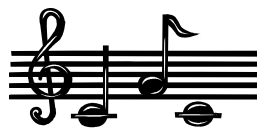
### Gold Medal Ensembles

- Flute Sextet** - Victoria Guajardo, Ashley Maass, Allison Hale, Cameron Ingram, Breanna Simpson, Sara Rundgren
- Clarinet Quartet** - Kelsey Hayes, Nick Lopez, Alex Meade, Danielle Phillips
- Saxophone Trio** - Wendy Lozano, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Dani Speigner
- Saxophone Quartet** - Melinda Louque, Daniel Richardson, Jared Schueler, Caleb Neal
- Trumpet Quartet** - Reed White, Jeremy Quintana, Ryan Popp, Stephen Erickson
- Tuba/Euphonium Quartet** - Sam Allelo, Tanner Morehead, Michael Kirton, Max Mills
- Percussion Ensemble** - Logan Bowers, Marisa Price, Kelsey Peyrot, Taylor Smith, Adrian Salvado, Haley Nutt, Michala Meyer

### All Region and All State Music

Visit <http://www.tmea.org/> to order the etude books for next year's All Region Band music.

We encourage all WHS band students to begin work on all of the etudes in the All State etude books this summer.



### MARCHING SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2011

Please make a note of the days and times to ensure that you are in your place - on time - ready to march and play. Schedule starts on August 22.

Monday & Friday  
7 am to 8 am

Tuesday  
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (in Stadium)

Thursday  
4:15 pm to 6:15 pm

Sha'Quita Hall, *Captain*  
Sydney Graf, *Assistant Captain*

Line

Makenzie Desilets

Tedra Edmonson

Alex Galvan

Keri Gilbert

Sydney Graf

Brady Kelley

Katlynn Lang

Lacey Rangel

Jacque Rosso

Allison Schumacher

Mary Sessions

Lexy Slovacek

Rebecca Snow

Bailey Venable

Joseph Ward

Mia Washington

Kora Woodard

Alternates

Ansel Lowrey

Mini Maldonado

Georgia Stenbridge

Kimberlee Waller

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

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Kendra Kay, Assistant Director, WHS Band (kray@wisd.org)

2011 FALL DRUMLINE

Snares

Sam Chance

Jacob Hill

**Kelsey Peyrot, Captain**

Marisa Price

Sara Sanchez

Tenors

Logan Bowers

Jerrin Castillo

Basses

Matthew Louque

David Medina

Michala Meyer

Tyler Moore

**Taylor Smith, Captain**

Front Ensemble

**Adrian Salvador, Section Leader**

Colby Brinlee

Colton Brinlee

Shane Colwell

Chris Cunningham

Draven Grimes

Barrett Holder

Coral Langston

Chaz Mangan

Ricky Martinez

Jonathan Meaney

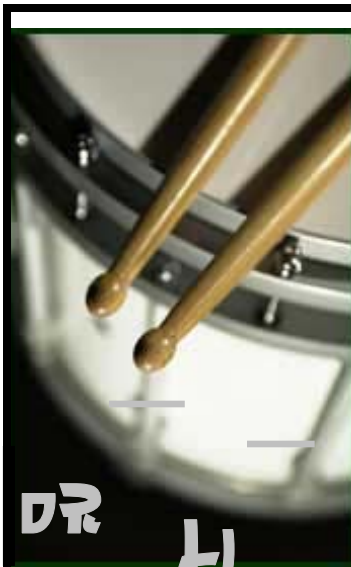
Laura Nottingham

Hank Perkins

Kameron Ranson

Jeremy Schueler

Connor Story



**2011 DRUMLINE  
CAPTAINS**

**Taylor Smith**

**Kelsey Peyrot**

# 2010-2012 WHS FALL BAND LEADERSHIP

## Drum Majors

Colin Stephenson  
Kelsey Hayes  
Caleb Neal

## Section Leaders

FLUTE - Breanna Simpson  
CLARINET - Danielle Phillips  
SAXOPHONE - Jared Schueler  
TRUMPET - James Bridges  
HORN - David Hummer  
TROMBONE - Scott Quintana  
BARITONE - JJ Perksin  
TUBA - Max Mills  
DRUM CAPTAIN - Kelsey Peyrot & Taylor Smith  
COLOR GUARD - Sha' Quita Hall  
ASSIST GUARD CAPTAIN - Sydney Graf

## Band President

Sam Allelo

## Logistics Officer

JJ Perkins

## Social Officers

Toni Madrid

## Historian

Alleynah Cofac

## Librarians

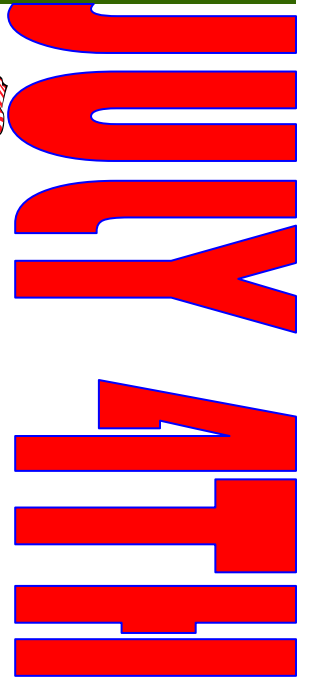
Corey Simmel & Sam Vasquez



Thursday, June 30	9 am to 12 noon	Parade Practice (WHS Band Hall)
Friday, July 1	9 am to 12 noon	Parade Practice (WHS Band Hall)
Saturday, July 2	9 am	Parade/Meet at Waxahachie Cleaners (next to Post Office)

WHS Band students need to wear khaki shorts, tennis shoes, and red t-shirt (woodwinds), white t-shirt (percussion), blue t-shirts (brass) for the parade on Saturday..

The parade route goes down Main Street, ending in Getzendaner Park, where we will have our Annual July 4th Picnic. All WISD Band students and parents are invited to watch and cheer for as the WHS Band students march in their first parade of the year and then join them at the picnic in the park.





# 2010-2011 WHS BAND AWARD WINNERS

## Band Booster Essay Scholarship

### Recipients

Melinda Louque, Melissa Martinez, Ryan Popp

## Band Booster Music Scholarship

### Recipients

Reed White & Victoria Guajardo

## Bloomfield Photography Scholarship

### Recipients

Karis Ramirez & William Carter

## Margie Owens Service Award

### Scholarship Recipients

Ryan Popp & Jeremy Quitana

## Lillian Homes Band Scholarship

### Recipients

Haley Nutt

## Outstanding Marching Section

Color Guard

## Outstanding Marching Bandsman

Kaitlyn O'Brien

## Most Improved Fall Color Guard

Allison Schumacher

## Most Outstanding Fall Color Guard

Karis Ramirez

## Most Improved Winter Guard

Brady Kelley

## Most Outstanding Winter Guard

Tedra Edmonson

## Director's Award

Ryan Popp (Leadership)

Haley Nutt (Leadership)

JJ Perkins (Service)

Jeremy Quintana (Leadership)

Stephen Erickson (Leadership)

Karis Ramirez (Leadership)

Sara Rundgren (Team Player)

Jack DuFon (Persistence)

## Outstanding Jazz Band 2 Member

Brady Kelley

## Outstanding Jazz Band 1 Member

Logan Bowers

## Outstanding Concert Band Member

Abigail Prescott

## Outstanding Symphonic Band Member

James Bridges

## Outstanding Wind Ensemble Member

Victoria Guajardo

## Outstanding Freshman Award

Caleb Neal

## All State Recognition

Victoria Guajardo, Nick Lopez, Caleb Neal,

Jack Ansell, Reed White, Taylor Wright

## Woody Herman Jazz Award

Reed White

## Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Logan Bowers

## Patrick S. Gilmore Award

Jeremy Quintana

## John Phillip Sousa Award

Ryan Popp

# CONGRATULATIONS



# 2009 WHS GRADS!

## **Jack Ansell**

Navarro/Ouchita Baptist Univ. - *Music Ministry*

## **Natalie Shoemake**

Texas Christian University - *Philosophy*

## **Jessica Cadena**

University of Texas at Arlington -  
*Human Resources*

## **William Carter**

SAGU - *Music/Computer Science*

## **Kyle Bailey Clayton**

Navarro Community College - *Counseling*

## **Ben Davis**

University of North Texas - *Marketing/Sales*

## **Justin Donelson**

Texas A&M at Corpus Christi -  
*International Business Management*

## **Stephen Erickson**

Texas A&M at Galveston -  
*Maritime Systems Engineering & Marine Biology*

## **Travis Featherston**

Navarro Community College

## **Hannah Gentry**

Stephen F. Austin University -  
*Criminal Justice & Psychology*

## **Victoria Marie Guajardo**

Sam Houston State University -  
*Music Performance*

## **Tiffany Haines**

Virginia Military Institute - *International Studies*

## **David Hale**

SAGU - *Music*

## **Jackie Hernandez**

University of Houston - *Public Relations*

## **Allen Hogan**

University of Texas at Austin - *Engineering*

## **D'Layni Huff**

Navarro Community College - *Art*

## **Michael Kirton**

Texas Tech University - *Music Education*

## **Albreshia Lawrence**

University of North Texas - *Pre-Medicine*

## **Melinda Faith Louque**

University of Texas at Austin—*Nursing*



# CONGRATULATIONS



# 2009 WHS GRADS!

**Ashley Rose Maass**

West Texas A&M - *Pre-Veterinary Medicine*

**Kimberly Mares**

Lubbock Christian University - *Nursing*

**Melissa Martinez**

Rice University - *Biochemistry*

**Yousef Muwaquet**

University of Texas at Austin -  
*Environmental Engineering*

**Haley Nutt**

Texas Christian University -  
*Secondary Education*

**Kaitlyn O'Brien**

Air Force Academy - *Biology*

**Lydia Parris**

Dallas Baptist University - *Graphic Design*

**Ryan Allan Popp**

University of Texas at Austin - *Pre-Pharmacy*

**Jeremy Quintana**

Baylor University - *Genetics/Biochemistry*

**Karis Ramirez**

University of North Texas - *Psychology*

**Hannah Ritchie**

University of Texas at Austin -  
*Communication Science/Disorders*

**Marissa Rodriguez**

University of Texas at Arlington -  
*Surgical Nursing*

**Audra Russell**

Stephen F. Austin University -  
*Biology/Pre-Dentistry*

**Rance Taylor**

U.S. Army - *Intelligence Collector*

**Felicia Tunson**

University of Texas at Arlington -  
*Theatre*

**Amanda Unarut**

Minnesota University -  
*International Business*

**Sarah Warren**

University of Texas at Tyler - *Nursing*

**Reed White**

Texas Tech University -  
*Music Performance*

**Andrew Zimmerman**

Baylor University - *Business*

# Finley Band News

Johnathon Hinton, Director

from the desk of...

**Jon Hinton**

# Howard Band News

Reggie Cook & Dan Francis, Directors

from the desk of . . . **Dan Francis & Reggie Cook**





# HELP WANTED!



## FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES



### SATURDAY, JULY 2 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 Mike Simmel, [mikesimmel@yahoo.com](mailto:mikesimmel@yahoo.com)

### **Summer Band Booster Meeting Schedule**

In order to provide everyone extra opportunity to enjoy the summer, our next Booster Meeting will be Monday, August 1 at 7 pm in the WHS Band Hall.

Dear WISD Band Family:

I would like to take a moment to say “Thank You” for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President over the past two years. It has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. There is no greater reward than giving back and I am constantly humbled by the continued generosity, energy, and dedication of the WISD band parents as you continuously go above and beyond the call of duty in serving our kids and the band program. The results of your commitment and dedication are truly amazing.

To the Staff, you are truly amazing. Waxahachie is blessed to have such dedicated directors and staff with exceptional character and talent to serve our students. You continuously push our students to be the best they can be in all areas of their lives as well as helping them to develop life skills in time management, discipline, pride, determination, teamwork and dedication. Always leading by example and never asking anything of the students that you would not expect of yourselves. Thank you for the countless hours you put into the program and for truly caring about our kids. You DO make a difference and we appreciate you!

To the Waxahachie Band Booster Executive Committee, it has been a privilege to be a part of this awesome and dynamic team of exceptional people. Nothing would ever be accomplished if it were not for your dedication and commitment for excellence. Thank you for all that you do for the band program. The students and parents may never fully realize the amount of hours and effort that you contribute, but you will always know the satisfaction of a job well done.

To the band, new challenges and bigger expectations are on the horizon for you. I encourage you to support and encourage each other as you start on that long and difficult road to State. I’ve been to State twice in my years with the band program and I’ve experienced the heart-ache of not advancing in 2007. Regardless of where the journey ends, please know that we love and support you and we will be there to celebrate in your victories and pick you up when you stumble. I know that I can speak for all of the band parents when I say we are SO incredibly proud of you! Reach for the stars and never be satisfied with anything less than excellence. I am your biggest fan and I will always be rooting for you. I eagerly await the unveiling of your new marching show “Unreal”! Knock ‘em dead!

- *Lisa Popp, Band Booster President 2009-2011*

# June 2011

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Parade  
Rehearsal  
9am-noon

Parade  
Rehearsal  
9am-noon

Parade  
&  
Picnic