

## Executive Officer Nominations

It is that time of year again. Time to gather nominations for next years booster executive officers. If you are interested in running for an office, or you would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact Rich Armstrong at rlar@wisd.org. The nominations committee will be presenting the slate of officers for next year at the April meeting. Officer elections and installation will occur at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April meeting.

## Reminder: We Have School April 9th

## Winter Park 2007



We are only a month away from enjoying the beautiful sights of Winter Park, Colorado. Thank you to all of the parents and students that attended the spring trip meeting. All information from that meeting will be available online at the band website. If you have any questions please call the band office at 972.923.4627.

## Winter Guard Performance

Our award winning Winter Guard will be sharing a special performance of their 2007 show with the community immediately following the March 5th booster meeting. Please come out and show your support for these hard working students.

## Beginning Band Tryout Nights



Tuesday, March 20	6:00-8:30	High School
Thursday, March 22	6:00-8:30	High School
Monday, April 16	6:00-8:30	Shackelford Elementary
Tuesday, April 17	6:00-8:30	Northside Elementary
Thursday, April 19	6:00-8:30	Wedgeworth Elementary
Monday, April 23	6:00-8:30	Dunaway Elementary

**Summer/Fall '07 High School Band Calendar**

Available at [www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

## Booster Officers 2006-2007

President.....	Chris Buse
VP Concessions.....	Robert Ashley
VP Fundraising.....	BJ Ishmael
Assistant VP Concessions.....	Edward Quintana
Secretary.....	Jennifer Dacy
Treasurer.....	Woody Perry
WJHS Rep.....	Renee Martin
Turner Rep.....	Ronnie McMahan

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.

[www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

## By-Law Changes

Several proposed changes to the Booster by-laws were presented at the February meeting of the general assembly. Those by-law changes will be voted on at the March 5th meeting.

The proposed changes focus on restructuring the executive offices in an effort to re-distribute the responsibilities. If the by-law changes are approved the new executive office structure will be as follows:

President
Vice President
Assistant Vice President of Concessions
Assistant Vice President of Fund Raising
Assistant Vice President of Special Projects
Assistant Vice President of Communications
Treasurer
Secretary
Representative - Waxahachie Jr. High
Representative - Turner Middle School

**Southwest Airlines**

**Raffle Winner**

G.W. Martin of Grosbeck, TX

# High School Band

## UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest

The UIL solo and ensemble contest will be held at DeSoto High school on **Saturday, March 3rd** from **8am-5:30pm**. The students are responsible for their own transportation to and from DeSoto High school. A packet with all pertinent information will be sent home with all of the students that are participating. If you have any questions please visit the website and click on the UIL solo and ensemble link.

## Jazz Café Was a Huge Success!

The band was just awesome at the second annual Jazz Café held on Saturday, February 10. James and Keith Davis were both fantastic soloists, and Russ Echols added some great lead trumpet. I am extremely proud of the great quality our WHS students displayed at the event. This goes to show that hard work really pays off. We must thank all of the parents, supporters, and fans that made this event a huge success. We especially want to thank Jennifer Dacy for her amazing leadership that allowed our students to experience this type of professional performance. Do not miss the jazz band when they defend their title at the Texas Christian University Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 24th.

## Sectionals

Please check the website for concert band sectionals and rehearsals. We will be shifting gears after Spring Break to increase the amount of full band practice time. Please help your student stay on top of the schedule. We are very appreciative of all of our parents that make sure their students attend sectionals on time.

## Drum Major and Leadership Auditions

Check the website for all requirements, dates, and tryout information. All leadership positions in the WHS band will be by auditions/application.

## Percussion News

Marching camps are just around the corner! Our first marching percussion camps will be spread out through the months of April and May. These camps will last from 4:30 to 6:30 on specific days. Anyone interested in auditioning for next year's drumline will need to attend the appropriate camp. There are four initial camps and one full camp:

- April 24 - Snare Drums
- April 30 - Tenors
- May 2 - Bass Drums
- May 3 - Front Ensemble
- May 7 - Full Percussion

If you want to be on a specific instrument, you need to attend the specific camp!! If you do not attend a camp, you will not be considered for placement on the line!! Make arrangements to be there TODAY!! The snare, tenor, bass, and front ensemble camps are open to all WISD percussion students (grades 6-12). This is a great opportunity for the 6th and 7th graders to get a head start on an instrument of their choice.

## Private Percussion Lessons

Any percussionist interested in private lessons can contact Theresa Francesconi at 214.729.6157 or email her at tfrancesconi@gmail.com. Mrs. Francesconi is going to be teaching in Midlothain ISD, but can take several of our students. Her tentative open schedule is:

Monday 3:30, 4:30, 5, 6:30, 7:30

Tuesday 3-3:30, 5:30-6:30

Thursday 3-3:30, 5:30, 6, 7 and later

She may be able to open another day if there are a lot of students able to take lessons. Lessons will cost \$15 for thirty minutes and they are first come first serve. - Derek Phillips



## TMS Band News

Monday, February 19, we finished our fund raiser with Express Industries. As of this writing, we do not know how well we have done.

Presently, we are working on solos and ensembles to be performed at our lock-in on Friday night, March 2. In addition to individual practice at home, many children are attending group rehearsals at 7:30 A.M., Monday through Friday. There is a lot of responsibility for every child who is performing in a small ensemble. More often than not, the rating will be determined by the least executed part of the ensemble, and no one wants to be responsible for a low rating. Most of our ensembles are trios, so it will be very easy for a judge to know who fell short in mastering their assignment. In small groups, there is no way to hide the errors; two rights will not correct a wrong. The solo performance will give a judge a better opportunity to make constructive comments. The idea is to read the comments, continue to do the good things and to work on the problem areas, which should better prepare one for the next event. Great bands are made up of great performers, and the stronger the individuals are, the easier it is to prepare for the big band events. We will have three more competitions scheduled after the solo and ensemble contest. Hopefully, our children will work hard and prepare well. We are presently entered in a Pre-Sandy Lake Contest (concert and sight reading here in Waxahachie), the Sandy Lake Contest in Dallas and the Beach Within Reach Contest in Fort Worth. Our endeavor is to bring respect to our school, community and our band program. "Respect must be earned, it cannot be given." - Donnie and Margie Owens



## WJHS Band News

The Junior High Band is currently selling *World's Finest Chocolate*. Be sure and get your chocolate bars from the band students before they run out. Also posted in the newsletter insert are the results of the Jr. High Band solo and ensemble contest.

## UIL Concert and Sight Reading

April 3/4/5 Junior High Bands at Cedar Hill

April 11/12 High School Bands at Waxahachie

**Please plan to attend and support our musicians.**

# Thank You!



## Winter Guard

A special thank you to **Joanie Johnson** and **Julie Waters** for providing snacks for competition.

## Stelco Industries

The Boosters would like to recognize and thank our new patron **Stelco Industries**. Thank you Stelco for supporting the WISD Band Program!

## Pearman Oil & Gas

The Boosters would like to recognize and thank our second year patron **Pearman Oil & Gas**. Thank you Pearman Oil & Gas for continuing your support of the WISD Band Program!

## Ronald W. Wilkinson, Attorney at Law

The booster would like to recognize and thank our new patron **Ronald W. Wilkinson, Attorney at Law**. Thank you Ron Wilkinson for supporting the WISD Band Program!

## Jazz Café Committee

A special thank you to everyone that helped plan and execute this year Jazz Café. Each and every contributor is greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Spring Concert Schedule



Mar. 24 (Sat)	Jazz Band at TCU Festival
Mar. 26 (Mon)	Pre-UIL Concert
April 4/5	JH UIL @Cedar Hill
April 11/12	HS UIL @ Waxahachie
May 1 (Tue)	Percussion Concert
May 10 (Thu)	WHS Spring Concert
May 15 (Tue)	WJHS Spring Concert
May 17 (Thu)	TMS Spring Concert

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
April 14th - Details TBA**



## Booster Scholarships

*Attention Seniors!*

Apply now for Band Booster Scholarships.

**Deadline for entry is**

**April 5, 2007**

Application information available online at [www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

## WHS Band Banquet

**Mark your calendars!**

**Friday, May 18th, 7:00 P.M.**

## February Adult Volunteers

Belinda Ashley	Renee Martin	Jennie Reese
Robert Ashley	Karen Maxwell	Marty Reese
LuAnn Bell	Ronnie McMahan	Linda Rodriguez
Michelle Berning	Karen Moriarty	Donna Simmel
Chris Buse	Margie Owens	Mike Simmel
Nancy Clifford	Tom Perry	Karen Summers
Paige Cook	Woody Perry	Virginia Tipton
Scott Crouch	Ira Pinkston	Joe Waters
Jennifer Dacy	Lisa Popp	Julie Waters
Carol Kimberlin	Perry Popp	
Lawrence Lipman	Edward Quintana	

## Winter Guard



The winterguard is off to a fantastic start this season. With 3 shows under their belt they have already catapulted themselves into the upper echelon of Regional A guards by taking the second place trophy at the Haltom Contest. Their show features the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's version of Carol of the Bells. The guard explores the use of sabers, flags, and rifles while incorporating dance into a fluent and exciting production. Come see the winter guard perform at the Booster Meeting on Monday March 5th. The guard will perform at the end of the meeting around 8pm. Mrs. Armstrong is really pleased with the direction the group is taking and enjoys working the students.

*Fall Guard auditions will be scheduled soon and all dates, info, and requirements will be on our website.*

### Remaining Competition Schedule

Saturday, March 17th @ Garland

Friday, March 23 @ Sachse HS

# WJHS BAND FIRST DIVISION WINNERS AT SOLO/ENSEMBLE

The following students made 1+ ratings in two events at this past Saturday's solo/ensemble competition:

Hale, David  
Hayes, Kelsey  
Louque, Melinda  
Muwaquet, Yousef  
Reid, Bridget  
Schutty, Sivonna  
Wright, Taylor

The following students made a 1+ rating in one event:

Ansell, Jack  
Aulbaugh, Cathryn  
Baum, Kenneth  
Bowers, Logan  
Coleman, Nick  
Donelson, Justin  
Featherston, Travis  
Hale, Allison  
Herring, Lane  
Hummer, David  
Ingram, Cameron  
Lancaster, Caleb  
Lorfin, Chip  
Lopez, Nick  
Martin, Danielle  
McGrew, Karis  
Morrow, Alex  
Nutt, Haley  
O'Brien, Kaitlyn  
Phillips, Danielle  
Porter, Will  
Quintana, Jeremy  
Sanchez, Sara  
Shoemake, Natalie  
Spence, Daron  
Unarut, Amanda  
Zimmerman, Andrew  
Zimmerman, James

The following students made a 1<sup>st</sup> division rating in three events:

Rushton, Alex

The following students made a 1<sup>st</sup> division rating in two events:

Allelo, Sam  
Butterfield, Chelsey  
Hale, Allison  
Herring, Memi  
Horning, Sterling  
Jones, Kallen  
Lopez, Nick  
Martinelli, Victoria  
Mills, Max  
Nutt, Haley  
Peyrot, Kelsey  
Richardson, Daniel  
Sanchez, Sara  
Stembridge, Brooke  
Vasquez, Melanie

The following students made a 1<sup>st</sup> division rating in one event:

Allen, Lezlie  
Apodaca, Priscilla  
Araujo, Carissa  
Baez, Maria  
Barragan, Carolina  
Beard, Alan  
Bowers, Logan  
Brown, Hailey  
Cadena, Jessica  
Cameron, Allison  
Carson, Erika  
Davis, Alexia  
Dillinger, Michael  
Drew, Kendall  
Escamilla, Hailey  
Foster, Teri  
Gentry, Hannah

Ground, Whitney  
Guajardo, Victoria  
Haggard, Madeleine  
Harris, Preston  
Hawkins, Marieta  
Hernandez, Jackie  
Herring, Lane  
Hinds, Chesley  
Hummer, David  
Hunt, Codi  
Hurley, Zack  
Ingram, Cameron  
Jackson, Stephen  
Johnson, Lauren  
Lamb, Kayla  
Madrid, Toni  
Martin, Danielle  
Martinez, Melissa  
Merrill, Weston  
Miller, ShaunTelle  
Mohnhaupt, Rachel  
Moritz, Lauren  
Nemer, Conner  
Nemer, Holley  
Nottingham, Laura  
Nutt, Haley  
O'Brien, Kaitlyn  
Ortiz, Cristina  
Palmer, Jordan  
Perkins, J. J.  
Phillips, Danielle  
Pinto, Tony  
Popp, Ryan  
Porter, Will  
Quintana, Jeremy  
Rodriguez, Marissa  
Russell, Audra  
Solis, Nina  
Spence, Daron  
Stephenson, Collin  
Tankersley, Adrian  
Unarut, Amanda  
Vasquez, Sam  
Warren, Sarah  
Waters, Katelyn  
White, Reed  
Woodhouse, Caitlin



# From the President

This is a very busy time of year for the Band Boosters. It is the time when we begin to look forward and making plans for the year ahead. I want to lift up a few things of particular importance that everyone should keep in mind.

## 1. *By-laws Amendments*

First, at the next general meeting of the boosters, we will be voting to amend our by-laws. At the January meeting, the by-laws committee presented its recommendations for amending the by-laws. In essence, these amendments restructure the Executive Committee and provides job descriptions for the newly created officers. Printed copies of the amendments will be available prior to the vote at the general meeting on March 5. If you would like copies prior to the meeting, please contact Chris Buse, [cbbuse@hotmail.com](mailto:cbbuse@hotmail.com).

## 2. *Nominations Committee*

The Nominations Committee is earnestly seeking volunteers who are willing to serve as officers for the 2007-2008 year. Having served the Boosters in variety of positions for several years, I would like to assure you that you will find it rewarding. The Boosters are some of the most caring people to work with. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Lisa Popp at [lisapopp@texasairnet.com](mailto:lisapopp@texasairnet.com) or 972-938-0469.

The slate of officers will be presented at the April general meeting of the boosters. Nominations from the floor are welcomed. Election will take place at the May general meeting.

## 3. *Budget Committee*

The Budget Committee is currently working on the budget for the 2007-2008 year. This process will continue for most of the spring until it is submitted for final approval at the May general meeting of the boosters. If you are interested in participating in this important process, please contact Chris Buse at [cbbuse@hotmail.com](mailto:cbbuse@hotmail.com).

## Jazz Cafe' Thank You

I wanted to express my appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to make the Jazz Cafe' a huge success. I have heard so many wonderful comments from persons around the community who were in attendance. Jennifer Dacy and her talented committee did an absolutely outstanding job of making the event both classy and elegant. Every detail from the beautifully crafted program to the decorations throughout the room told me that I was in for a marvelous evening.

The silent auction was a delightful addition to this event. I had heard about the variety and quality of items to be auctioned that night, so I was eager to make my way to the auction tables. It only took a few moments to notice how much time had gone into the preparation. I especially appreciated the professionalism that permeated the auction from the catchy display of the items and detailed listing in the program all the way to the printed receipts at the end of the night. A very special thank you goes to Jennifer Dacy, Michelle Berning, Karen Maxwell, Renee Martin, Scott Crouch, Kay Reid, Linda Rodriguez, Edward Quintana, Robert Ashley, Lisa Popp, Lawrence Lipman, Marty and Jennie Reese, Ira Pinkston, Ronnie McMahan, Karen Summers, Karen Moriarty, Donna and Mike Simmel, Woody and Tom Perry, Nancy Clifford and Carol Kimberlin for all of their time and effort.

As I enjoyed my delicious meal, I found myself surveying the room. Everyone seemed to be having a great time, but the thing that caught my eye was the number of people in attendance who were not band parents. It was great to see the warm response of our community to the gifts and talents of our fine young musicians.

Thanks also go to Nicole Mansell for serving as mistress of ceremonies for the night. She did an excellent job of getting people out on the dance floor. From where I sat, it looked like everyone was having a great time.

The student wait staff was a great addition this year. Their smiles and eagerness to help was certainly appreciated by everyone. Our band truly has some of the friendliest students. Thanks students. We are very proud to have you representing us in the community.

I want to also say a special thank you to Mr. Armstrong, the jazz students, and the special guest artists James and Keith Davis. The music was absolutely wonderful. I have heard so many positive comments about how well the band played. Many complimented the professional sound of the ensemble. You are all very talented musicians and should be very proud of yourselves. Your hard work and dedication to excellence is to be commended.

Thanks again to the committee, and especially to Jennifer Dacy, for making the Jazz Cafe' both memorable and successful.

With Appreciation,

*Chris Buse, Booster President*

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To the Parents of:

**Booster Meetings**  
Monday, March 5, 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, April 2, 7:00 P.M.

**Executive Meetings**  
Monday, March 26, 7:00 P.M.  
Monday, April 30, 7:00 P.M.

**WHS Band Hall**

# March 2007

Newsletter online: [www.band.wisd.org](http://www.band.wisd.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 TMS Solo & Ensemble	3 HS Solo & Ensemble @Desoto HS
4	5 Booster Meeting 7pm	6 WHS Open House 6:30-8:30	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Winter Guard @Garland
----- <b>Spring Break</b> -----						
18	19	20 Beginning Band Drive 6-8:30 - WHS Band Hall	21 Jazz Clinic 2:30-4:30	22 Beginning Band Drive 6-8:30 - WHS Band Hall	23 Winter Guard @Sachse	24 TCU Jazz Festival
25	26 Pre-UIL Concerts JH/HS	27	28	29	30	31
----- <b>Spring Trip</b> -----						