

May 2010

**Rich Armstrong**  
*Director of Bands*

**Reggie Cook**  
*Assistant Director of*

# WISD

# BAND

**Dan Francis**  
*Head Director, How-  
ard 8th Grade*

**Kendra Ray**  
*Director, Finley 7th*

[www.spiritofwaxahachie.com](http://www.spiritofwaxahachie.com)

# NEWS

**Donnie Owens**  
*Director, CMS*

**Margie Owens**  
*Coordinator, CMS*

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

## WASH MOM'S CAR!



SATURDAY

MAY 8

8 AM

TO

2 PM

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

Brass and Color Guard work from 11 am to 2 pm

- All money raised through student pledges will go towards their student accounts if they have a signed "Individual Student Fundraising Account" form on file. All other money collected in association with the car wash will go into the band booster general fund.
- Students MAY NOT solicit or collect pledge money DURING the car wash. All donations made at the car wash will be directed to the band booster account and may not be used for student pledges.
- Any money donated directly to students for their individual accounts is NOT tax deductible. Any money donated directly to the Band Boosters for the May 8th car wash IS tax deductible.

See you Saturday!

## WHS BAND BANQUET

Friday, May 14  
Midlothian Conference  
Center

All WHS Band students are invited to the WHS Band Banquet on Friday, May 14, at the Midlothian Civic Center. There will be no charge for any WHS Band student; however, date or guest 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 7!

This is a terrific night of celebrating an extraordinary year...awards presented, and the now-infamous video reviewing the year and honoring the 2010 Seniors - not to mention a great night to celebrate the Band's accomplishments during 2009-2010. If you have any questions regarding the banquet, please see Mr. Armstrong.

Waxahachie keeps the tradition alive with all of the bands earning Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest, along with Clift Middle School Band bringing the Sandy Lake Grand Champion award back to Waxahachie twice.

All of the directors are extremely proud of the exemplary performances of all of the bands during this 2010 Concert Season. From the beginning band at Clift to the High School Wind Ensemble it has been another year of tremendous successes.

Just a few weeks of school remain, and it has been my experience that these last days of the school are some of the best days of the year as we celebrate scholarships, awards and prepare for our final Spring Concerts. 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. As we say farewell to our graduating Seniors, we welcome the fifth graders that will be joining our program next year.

Please make plans to join us at all of the concerts as we celebrate the years accomplishments and say goodbye to our graduating Seniors.

Due to scheduling conflicts we will not be hosting our annual Jazz Scholarship Concert in May, Instead we will be asking for donations at all of the Spring Concerts with all donations going towards future scholarships.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Rich Armstrong**



#### 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.

All returning guard members from last year 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. Mrs. Pointer and Mrs. Ramirez are currently serving as the Guard Instructors and are successfully developing a positive, enjoyable environment. All the girls are returning from a successful season last year, so needless to say, with sharper skills and experience, the Fall 2010 Color Guard line will be back and better than ever.



#### SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

May 4	Percussion Concert
May 6	District Showcase
May 13	WHS Spring Concert
May 18	Finley/Howard Concert
May 20	CMS Spring Concert

**Mark your calendars!**

**FRESHMAN MARCHING CAMP**

**JUNE 30 8—NOON**

**JULY 29 8- NOON**



**WHS Band Playing  
Rehearsal**

**June 14 & 21 - 6 to 8 pm**

**July 19 - 6 to 8 pm**



# BAND

**Drumline Camp  
July 20-23**

**Linebarger Goggan  
Blair & Sampson, LLP**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**HILLTOP  
Travel Trailers**

# SUMMER



**Leadership Camp  
June 28-29**

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

**Color Guard Camp  
July 20-23**



# WHS BAND CAMP



August 2-6 - 7 to 11:30 am and 1-5 pm  
August 9-13 - 7 to 11:30 am and 1-5 pm  
August 16, 17, 18 - 5 to 9 pm

# SCHE DULE

W. GRIGGS DeHAY, D.D.S., F.A.G.D.

GENERAL DENTISTRY



WHS Band Car Wash  
August 14 - 8am to 2



Ice Cream Social  
August 13 - 8 pm  
Meet the Indians  
August 19 - 7:30 pm

Ice Cream  
at concession stand!

WHS vs Denton  
Guyer August 28  
Denton

I'M ONLY HERE  
FOR THE  
HALFTIME  
SHOW

July 1-2 Parade  
Practice  
9 am to 12 noon  
July 4 Parade



# Spring Concert

May 18th

7 pm

Fine Arts Center

Ensemble Contest

May 22

from the desk of... Dan Francis & Kendra Ray

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

Both bands have accomplished a great deal, and we were looking forward to further competition at Beach Within Reach Festival, followed by a trip to Siz Flags. Upon returning next week, we will concentrate our efforts on preparing for our Spring Concert scheduled for May 18, and our Solo and Ensemble Contest May 22nd.

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

As August 2009 approached, we anticipated an outstanding year for the Clift Middle School Band, but we had no idea just exactly how great this banner year would be! It has been filled with successful fund raising activities - a garage sale, Express Industries, World's Finest Chocolate (realizing a net sale of \$12,000.00) and the Jazz Café/Silent Auction (where the CMS band students' products were some of the best!); a "fun" trip to Celebration Station, a Holiday Season Concert that earned two standing ovations, and a solo and ensemble contest earning five One ++ ratings, 52 Division One + ratings, 140 Division One ratings and 28 Division Two ratings.

For the sixth consecutive year at the Pre-Sandy Lake Performance, Clift received Division One and One Plus ratings from five reputable judges in the categories of: Stage Presence, Warm-up, Concert Performance (three numbers) and Sight Reading. As one of the judges said, "These children know their fundamentals well, or they would not be able to perform the Junior High Second Band (non-varsity) music at a Division One and One Plus level."

Then, the "big day" finally arrived - Friday, April 23, with the band earning its seventh consecutive "Outstanding Band of the Contest" award, receiving ratings of 1+, 1+ and 1 from judges Don Hanna (retired Band Director of Hardin-Simmons University and member of the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame), Travis Almany (Associate Director of Texas A & M Bands/College Station), and Dr. Gary Barrow (Associate Professor of Music, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas). And, please, one moment for a little bragging - the judges comments included - "Great fundamentals - embouchures, air support, posture, hand positions, etc."; "Good precision, balance, matched articulations and note lengths"; "Wonderful ensemble and individual sounds. Terrific musicality!!"; "Great style, dynamics, crisp staccatos and smooth slurs"; "Very exciting playing. What wonderful sounds you make, and you perform with great stylistic treatment"; "This was a terrific rendition of 'Espana Cani'. Great solo playing - Great tone quality"; "Your performance level is astonishing and a real joy to hear -

Bravo!"; "Balance and blend are obviously an important part of your rehearsals; that effort brings a good deal of maturity to your sound"; "All of the basics, including posture, hand positions and embouchures seem to be in place; Clift musicians are off to a good start"; "The start of 'Aribian Dances' is a special musical moment"; "I appreciate both the tone quality and tuning. You not only met, but exceeded my expectations."

Now, we are down to three performances for the 2009-2010 CMS band: another appearance at the Sandy Lake Music Festival on Saturday, May 1, Beach Within Reach Festival on Friday, May 7, and our Spring Concert on May 19. We anticipate continuing our tradition of winning at both Sandy Lake and Beach Within Reach, where CMS bands have been awarded the "Most Outstanding Band" every year, and "Grand Champion" of the entire contest for two consecutive years prior to a rule change eliminating beginning bands from competition with seventh and eighth grade non-varsity groups.

As we wrap up this year and take a quick look back, we are so privileged to have been associated with some wonderful WISD band students. Over the past eight years, the Turner/Clift Bands have been awarded "Most Outstanding Band" in more than 300 entries in the Metroplex, Oklahoma and Arkansas - not bad for a beginning band program that starts each year with "squeaks and squawks"! It would be an understatement to say that we are extremely proud of all the students who have passed through the Turner/Clift Band program. What an honor for every student who began their band experience at Turner/Clift to be able to include on their resume the fact that they participated in "The Most Outstanding Band" at the Sandy Lake Band Festival, Beach Within Reach or Festival in the Sticks. Each and every Waxahachie bandsman has added to our lives, and we trust that we have, in turn, contributed something positive to their WISD experience. We wish each of them the best as we all move forward to the next chapter...



## THANK YOU!

... To all the **adult and student volunteers** who helped ensure that the UIL contests 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 the Executive Board members who will not be returning for 2010-2011: Carol Kimberlin, Joyce Shepherd, Tricia Peyrot & Perry Popp. They have all worked tirelessly during their terms to serve the band program, not only in the capacity of an officer, but as some of the band's biggest supporters, going above and beyond what was required of them. We appreciate the many hours and tremendous support which they have provided. Thank you for your unbelievable contributions!

### 2010-2011 BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

Please join us in congratulating the members of the 2010-2011 Band Booster Executive Board:

President .....	Lisa Popp
Vice President .....	Ronnie McMahan
Assistant Vice President Concessions .....	Aaron Clayton
Assistant Vice President Fundraising .....	OPEN
Assistant Vice President Special Projects .....	Lisa Richardson
Assistant Vice President Communications .....	Paige Gordon
Assistant Vice President Promotions/Advertising .....	Kathy Louque
Assistant Vice President Uniforms .....	Mary Schueler
Recording Secretary .....	Dina Rolan
Treasurer .....	Edward Quintana
Financial Secretary .....	Laura Kinton
Clift 6th Grade Representative .....	Kay Bowers
7th Grade Representative .....	Stephanie Bowman/Bobby Jo Jones
8th Grade Representative .....	Julie Merritt

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

# May 2009



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1
2	3 Band Booster Mtg. 7 pm	4  Percussion Concert	5 2nd Disney Payment Due	6 WHS District Showcase w/Percussion	7 Beach Within Reach Contest Clift/Howard/ Finley	8 WHS/Car Wash "Godspell"
9 "Godspell" 	10	11 New HS Student/ Parent Orientation HS Band hall	12	13 WHS Spring Concert	14 WHS Band Banquet	15
16	17 WISD Awards Night	18 Finley/ Howard Spring Concert	19	20 CMS Spring Concert 	21	22 
23 Memorial Day 	24	25	26	27 	28 State Solo and Ensemble Contest	29
30	31					

