

# Band Booster News



from the desk of.....

**Rich Armstrong**

Things are Great! The students continue to increase their demonstration of EXCELLENCE! On Thursday, September 23, the band had the best rehearsal I have seen in the past nine years. Things were clicking from beginning to end and there were moments where everyone was hitting every set. Impressive! The band leaders and their guidance has been a major factor in this year's band achieving so much so quick. I want to thank them for going the extra distance.

By the time you read this the marching band will have finished learning the drill and music to "Remembrance in Blue". This show is really starting to take shape and we plan to continue to refine until the very end. Look for some color with new T-pole flags at the end of the Canyon and some added poses throughout the show opener.

We are very excited to feature Reed White (trumpet), Corey Simmell (horn), David Hale (trombone), and Victoria Guajardo (flute) in the second number entitled Canon. Their masterful instrumental skills really speak the melodic content and beautiful way. Check out the color guard during their feature and look for 32 sets of flags at the big hit.

The final number in this year's show is Blueshades. Watch for the awesome color guard's dance feature midway through the piece which will be staged front and center. This piece is fast, exciting, and moves everywhere. Listen closely as we reprise the melody from Canon in D towards the end of Blueshades and watch for large amounts of color towards the end.

We are extremely proud of all of our students and their work ethic to this point. This is the most challenging show we have attempted and the students have embraced hard work from day one. It is now time to go and compete. We have contests for the next three weeks and we invite everyone to attend and support the Spirit of Waxahachie Indian band.



## Congratulations to the Outstanding Marchers for the Month of September

- ★ Brass-Maria Baez, Justin Donelson, Max Mills, Reagan McMurray
- ★ Woodwind-Alex Meade, Melissa Martinez, Toni Madrid, Elena Cofas
- ★ Guard-Lydia Parris, Michelle Boggs, Lacy Rangel, Felicia Tunson
- ★ Percussion-Jerun Castillo, Logan Bowers, Draven Grimes, Kameron Ranson
- ★ Freshman-Corey Simmell, Hank Perkins, Natalie Powers, Caleb Neal
- ★ Section-Trumpets, Color Guard, Flutes, Saxophones



## JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Things are really **happening** in the program as more students are really showing an interest in jazz. We have added more students this year with the possibility of creating a second ensemble. On Saturday, September 17, the WHS Jazz Orchestra students auditioned for one of the All Region Jazz bands. Six students earned a position in the bands and one student was named an alternate. These students did a fantastic job of representing the Waxahachie jazz program and 4 students earned the privilege of recording for the all state jazz band. Results from the all state auditions will be posted Mid-November. We are very proud of all of our jazz students for their great efforts. Come hear the jazz band at their first performance on Saturday, October 23 at the Eight Country Festival in downtown Waxahachie.

### First Jazz Band


Reed White-Trumpet (taped for state)  
Jeremy Quintana- Trumpet (taped for state)  
Logan Bowers-Drum Set (taped for state)

### Second Jazz Band

Ryan Popp-Trumpet  
Scott Quintana- Trumpet (taped for state)  
Daniel Richardson-Alto Saxophone

### Alternate

Sam Vasquez-Baritone Saxophone

The color guard has  been working very hard this month. They have perfected both the opener and Canon portions of the show. They are currently working on the closer portion and it is looking great. The color guard is continuing to learn and grow in both their flag and dance techniques. They are bonding well as a team and together they are moving closer to excellence. Senior color guard captain, Karis McGrew is constantly motivating and pushing the girls to be the best that they can be. All of their hard work is evident in their wonderful performances on Friday nights.

..Jessica Ramirez

## WISD BAND STAFF

**Rich Armstrong**

*Director of Bands*

**Reggie Cook**

*Assistant Director of Bands*

**Johnnie Young**

*Percussion Instructor*

**Erica Pointer**

*Color Guard Coordinator*

**Dan Francis**

*Director, Howard Eighth Grade*

**Kendra Ray**

*Director, Finley Seventh Grade*

**Jonathan Hinton**

*Director, CMS*

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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.





## Hachie Cabana Night

Contact your favorite WHS Band student to get your tickets for a fajita dinner sponsored by Taco Cabana Catering. The WHS Marching Band will entertain you during their Tuesday night rehearsal while you enjoy your fajitas (take out available). All proceeds will go towards the WHS Band Spring Trip. Tickets are on sale now thru October 11th.

**Sponsors** - Taco Cabana Catering & Waxahachie High School Band  
**Proceeds benefiting** Spring 2011 Disney World Trip

**Tickets**  
- Advance Ticket Sales only  
- on sale through **Sunday, October 10th** (all ticket stubs and money must be turned in by **Monday, October 11th**) - price \$10

**Location** - Lumpkins Stadium (rain out location is Waxahachie 9th Grade Academy Cafeteria Drive Thru)

**Date & Time** - **Tuesday, October 19th** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm (dine in or take out)

**What** - Fajita Dinner Plate includes two (2) steak &/or chicken fajitas, rice, beans, chips, queso, guacamole, sour cream, shredded cheese, lettuce, salsa, pico de gallo & lemonade or tea.



## 8 Country Parade Saturday, Oct. 23

“Tentative Schedule”

- 9:00 Meet at Optimist Center
- 10:00 Parade Start
- 10:30 Parade End
- 11:00 Return Uniforms
- 11:30 Jazz Band to Main Stage for Gig

## UIL Contest

### Saturday, October 16

- “Tentative Schedule”
- 9:00 On Football Field
- 10:30 End Practice
- 11:15 Lunch (Chick-Fil-A)
- 12:00 Inspection
- 12:30 Load for Red Oak
- 12:45 Depart Red Oak
- 1:15 Arrive in Red Oak
- 1:40 Visual Warm-Up (half uniform)
- 2:15 Music Warm-up
- 2:45 Move to Stadium
- 3:00 Perform
- 4:00 Depart for Waxahachie after Ratings



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## Desoto Marching Contest Saturday, October 9

- 9:00 Practice
- 10:30 Lunch
- 11:45 Inspection
- 12:00 Load Busses
- 12:15 Depart for Desoto
- 12:45 Arrive DeSoto
- 1:35 Visual Warm-Up
- 2:10 Music Warm-up
- 2:50 Move to Stadium
- 3:00 Perform Prelims
- 4:00 Lunch in park
- 5:00 Announce Finalists



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## WHS Band News

Reggie Cooke,

# Finley Band News

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*From the desk of .....*

**Kendra Ray.....**

School started fast and furious. Students made their first sounds the second day of school and they were interesting to say the least. 😊

We are now preparing for our first performance October 1<sup>st</sup> with the HS marching band. The students are very excited to learn what the HS Band goes through Friday nights.

The week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, Miss Ray began individual listenings with students who are trying out for the All-Region Band in early November. The students are working hard to be successful.



*Upcoming Events:*

Finley/Howard Football Night - October 1

Finley/Howard Fall Festival Party – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

# Howard Band News

DanFrancis , Director (dfrabcus@wisd.org)

*From the desk of .....*

**Dan Francis.....**

The kids are hard at work preparing for All-Region Tryouts on November 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>. I am listening to kids individually before and after to school to help them in their preparation.

We're also going to play at the high school football game this Friday, October 1.

After that we will begin preparation for our Holiday Season Concert on December 16. This is a great group of kids and I'm looking forward to a very successful year.

This week is also the kick off for our fundraiser with Express Industries selling Christmas items.



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The Howard Band is really making progress.

# Clift News

Jonathan Hinton, CMS Director, (jhinton@wisd.org)

From the desk of .....

..... Jon Hinton

The year is off to a great start at Clift! The beginners are all doing well and starting to make some good sounds. We all have our equipment and our "Let the Music Begin" Clift Band shirts so we are officially underway! This month is the start of some big things for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: Practice records begin at the start of the second six weeks; weekly playing tests begin second six weeks; and our First Annual Practice-a-Thon fundraiser starts at the very end of October. More details about the Practice-a-Thon and how YOU can help will be in the next newsletter. Please keep encouraging our beginners – they are the future of the great Waxahachie Bands!

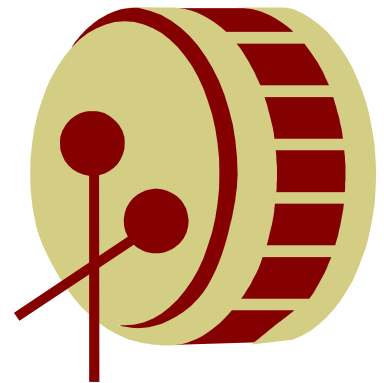


## BEALLS

*Percussion News.....*

*....from Reggie Cook*

The high school percussion section is currently gearing up for contest season. We are rehearsing and memorizing the show with the drill. We will need volunteer help with moving the front ensemble at contests and we will have a map that shows the placement of the instruments on the sideline. We will be practicing Tuesdays at 6:30 you must be a chaperone for the band to volunteer with us. The drumline has been ambassadors for the district for music. Coming up next week, our high school students are performing at Marvin Elementary Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> and at Northside Elementary on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> for the Right Choice Rally. The Clift Sixth grade percussion is also off to a great start. There are seventeen students in the beginning percussion class and they have progressed quickly. They are performing four two octave scales and also three scale exercises, as well as performing the first two rudiments in the snare drum book. They are also having a contest on note reading. They are excited about this and are competing for a set of mallets This the link to the program that they are using in class.



<http://www.vicfirth.com/education/keyboard/speednotereading.html>

# October Meetings

Executive Meetings  
Monday, October 25, 7 pm  
Booster Meeting  
Monday, October 4, 7pm



# November Meetings

Executive Meeting  
Monday, November 29, 7 pm  
Booster Meeting  
Monday, November 1, 7 pm

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# October 2010

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>Edward Jones</b> MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING				1	1 WHS vs. Forney Junior High Night	2 Midlothian Marching Showcase
3	4 Booster Mtg 7PM	5	6	7	8 WHS @ Corsicana	9 DeSoto Classic Marching Contest
10	11	12	13	14	15 WHS vs West Mesquite Homecoming	16 UIL Marching Contest -Red Oak
17	18	19 Hachie Cabana Night	20	21	22 WHS @ Lancaster	23 Country Reporter Parade
24	25 Executive Mtg 7PM	26 Trunk or Treat	27	28	29 WHS vs. Ennis Senior Night	30 Duncanville Invitational Marching Contest