

September  
2010

*Band Booster News*

Waxahachie High School  
100 North Highway 77  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

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

This year the band is off to an amazing start! The level of focus, intensity, and dedication from our students is where it needs to be to continue to pursue our goals. At the high school success has been defined as "consistently giving our best effort", and our students continue to apply that concept to every aspect of their band performance. I am extremely proud of our students and the great work that they have already demonstrated.

The marching show, "Remembrance in Blue", is coming together nicely. The band has already learned the opener and will finish learning Canon this week. The show starts with a great piece of minimalist music by the great American composer, Phillip Glass. Listen for the awesome power of the brass, the intricate rhythms of the percussion, and the difficult technical moments in the woodwinds. The second piece is Canon in D by Johan Pachelbel which will feature trumpet, French horn, trombone, and flute soloists. Watch for the beautiful color guard as they dance and spin with grace. The final piece of the show will showcase the entire band playing Blue Shades by Frank Ticheli. This piece is fast, loud, and extremely energetic. Listen for great percussion breaks, screamin' trumpet, and a low brass section that is second to none.

We invite the entire WISD Band Family to join us on our journey as we once again travel down the road to excellence. The first marching contest will be on October 2nd in Midlothian. The dates for all of our marching contests are posted online.

- *Rich Armstrong*

**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*



Just a reminder that the WHS 2010 Marching Show Shirts are available for sale for only \$16.25 (includes tax).

This is a terrific way to let everyone know "you're with the WHS Band" at football games and contests.

They will be available at all home football games so stop by and make sure you're "in uniform"!



# CAR WASH RESULTS

## ARE IN!

WHS Band students washed a LOT of cars and brought in almost \$2200 in donations alone. Tallies on the pledges are still coming in.

We would like to thank WHS Principal *David Nix* for allowing us to use the WHS parking lot for our annual car wash. The Waxahachie Daily Light was also very generous with their newspaper space, as they ran our article and ad several times during the week of the fundraiser - THANKS TO CHICK -FIL-A, KBEC RADIO and NEAL WHITE!

We also want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our parents and volunteers - BAND PARENTS ARE THE BEST!



# Ann's Health Food



## AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

For all students and parents - please mark our practice schedule on your calendars:

- Mondays 7 am to 8 am
- Tuesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Wednesdays 7 am to 8 am
- Thursday 4:15 to 6:15 pm
- Friday 7 am to 8 am

Slight differences will occur during certain weeks. BE SURE to review your WEEKLY SHEET to see any adjustments to practice schedules.

In order to achieve our goals, we must take advantage of every possible practice opportunity! Your cooperation is requested in scheduling appointments, lessons, etc. so that your WHS Band Student can be present for each of the above rehearsals.

Let's take our talent and our abilities and commit to putting the best show possible on the field every Friday night (plus contests!)



The Boosters are PROUD to Announce this years Community and Business Patrons

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## WHS Percussionist Becoming Envy of School

WHS Percussionists are continuing to add more to their contributions to the marching band. When I walk through the halls, faculty members and administrators comment on how entertaining the drum line is during pep rallies, games, and during the halftime show. This year our parade sequence is made up of three cadences, Bleu Readers, Funkzilla, and Spyder. Also, this year we have reintroduced the tag ending to the fight song by special request and will continue to add more cadences and coordinate cheers for the football games. During the ballad part of the show, we will be using some of our battery percussionists in the front ensemble as well as for spinning flags in the ballad to help add more general effect to the show.

— Reggie Cook

## September Football Schedule

Sept. 3	Dallas Carter
Sept. 10	Open
Sept. 17	Terrell
Sept. 24	at Red Oak



### Water, Snacks, and Chips.....

Last year we decided to ask for cases of water, chips, and baked goods from parents for away games. This worked out very well for the students and the band budget. If you have not dropped off your case of water, you may still do so at the concession stand at any home game or have your student deliver it to the band hall.

Baked goodies and chips are being accepted for sac meals after the away games, too. This is a great opportunity to help if you don't have much volunteer time. Please contact Lisa if you would like to help at

[lrichardson@dallasnews.com](mailto:lrichardson@dallasnews.com)



**Robert Morgan**

### LISTENING SIGN UPS

Sign ups for Region listening have started! Singles and pairs will be slotted. All slots will be for 15 minutes. Please check your personal schedules before signing up.

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Photography*  
972-223-9359

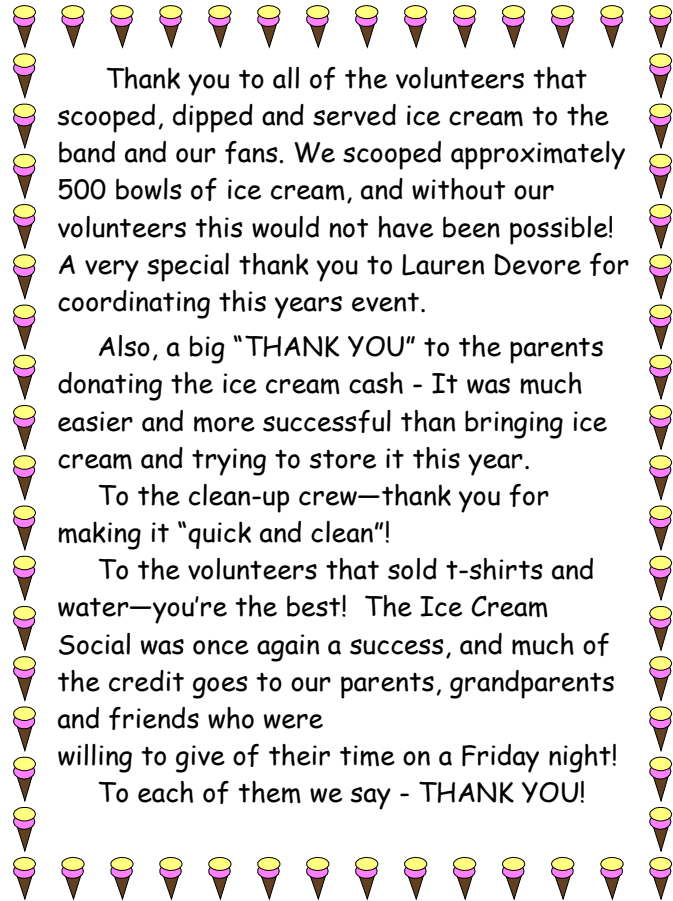


**Letter from the President....** The beginning of school is a busy time for the Waxahachie Band Boosters. Thanks for all of your help over the summer with the parade, picnic, luau, ice cream social, registration & car wash! As busy as it has been, it is time to crank it up a notch and really get busy! Much of our band's success over the next several months will depend on you and your willingness to sacrifice your time and energy to help bring it all together!

We need lots and lots of volunteers. There is a place for everyone that wants to help so don't be shy; jump in with both feet and let's get moving. The Band Boosters are critical in funding the WISD band program with currently 1/2 of the program revenue coming from the boosters. Our band program needs these funds to operate, and it is our job to make sure they have everything they need to be successful. We are continuously working with the school district to increase funding for the Waxahachie Band Program, and we are making progress in that area; however, these things don't change over night, and, while we continue to work to improve funding from the district side, it is our responsibility to fill the gap. Our students are the best and they deserve the best. One of our greatest resources is you, the band boosters. The tremendous successes of this band program would not be possible without our parents, directors and students all working together to continuously grow and improve the program.

Band Booster Meetings are the first Monday of each month at the WHS Band Hall at 7:00pm . Come be a part of new ideas, exchange of information, and planning of the various activities for this fall marching season. Just remember: Everything we do is for our kids - let's give them our full support!

Lisa Popp, WBB President



Thank you to all of the volunteers that scooped, dipped and served ice cream to the band and our fans. We scooped approximately 500 bowls of ice cream, and without our volunteers this would not have been possible! A very special thank you to Lauren Devore for coordinating this years event.

Also, a big "THANK YOU" to the parents donating the ice cream cash - It was much easier and more successful than bringing ice cream and trying to store it this year.

To the clean-up crew—thank you for making it "quick and clean"!

To the volunteers that sold t-shirts and water—you're the best! The Ice Cream Social was once again a success, and much of the credit goes to our parents, grandparents and friends who were willing to give of their time on a Friday night!

To each of them we say - THANK YOU!

*Did you know....*

If every band parent volunteered to work concessions for **ONE** home game each, no one would need to work more than one game?

## CONTEST FOOD

**Contest Food** – Dates by Class are still subject to change depending on menu and volunteers available. We are still looking for volunteers, ideas, locations, etc. We are also waiting to find out if we will have any \$\$\$ assistance from the district on these meals.

Tentatively, the meals will be sponsored by:

- o **Midlothian Contest – 10/2 – Juniors** – FBC Parking Lot; Menu Undecided; Chair—Open
- o **DeSoto Contest – 10/9 – Sophomores**– Zieger Park; Menu Undecided; Chair—Open
- o **UIL Contest (Red Oak) – 10/16 – Freshman** – WHS; Chic-Fil-A; Chair—Open
- o **Duncanville – 10/30 – Seniors** - DHS; Menu Undecided; Chairs—Quintanas, looking for co-chairs to help.



**Ray Porter, CPA**  
**972-923-2000**

## Jazz band Information

Before school practices will start on Tuesday August 24. Practice will be from 7:00-8:15 (Tuesday and Thursday). All Region Jazz auditions are Saturday, September 18. If you are interested in playing, please see Mr. Armstrong.



## Color guard

The color guard program is excited to announce the addition of Erica Pointer and Jessica Ramirez to the instructional team. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in the areas of dance and movement to the guard and band program. Their professional approach to teaching has helped the guard get off to a wonderful start, and both are very delighted to have the opportunity to work with the color guard this year!

The guard is currently working vigorously to clean and perfect the opener, in which their drill is more integrated into the winds and percussion. They have also learned some of the work for Canon and will be adding soloistic touches in the next several weeks. The girls have bonded and the color guard family is growing strong. This year the guard captain, Karis McGrew, is working diligently to help all of the girls achieve personal and group goals. The guard has accomplished many things since this summer and continues to strive for excellence every day.





### BOOSTER OFFICERS 2010-2011

President \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Popp  
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 AVP Concessions \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Clayton  
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 Clift Middle School Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Kay Bowers

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, at 7:00 P.M. in the WHS band hall.

### September Meetings

**Booster Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010

**Executive Meeting**  
Monday, September 27, 2010

### October Meetings

**Booster Meeting**  
Monday, October 4, 2010

**Executive Meeting**  
Monday, October 25, 2010



# September 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Booster Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> WHS VS. TERRELL	<b>18</b> All Region Jazz Auditions— WHS
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> WHS @ RED OAK	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		