



Band Booster News

Working Together,
Achieving More
November/December 2013

from the desk of.....

Rich Armstrong

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support of the band so far this year! The band is stronger than it has ever been, and our success this marching season is proof of that. After having an “undefeated” pre-State season, the Spirit of Waxahachie finished 8th at the UIL 4A State Marching Contest on November 5th. It was the sixth time for the band to advance to the state contest and the third time the band has made finals, and this was by far the most talented group of finalist bands ever in the 4A State Marching Contest. The band staff is extremely proud of our students’ hard work and fantastic success. If you haven’t yet seen the Finals performance, please [check it out on YouTube](#).

We would also like to recognize all of the parents who have spent years raising and supporting the students that we are privileged to teach every day. Without your devotion and hard work, the accomplishments that our students have achieved would be far more difficult to attain or even fathom. Thank you for all you do!

We also had a great deal of support from our teaching staff and administration at Waxahachie High School and the Ninth Grade Academy. Many of these people were willing to go the extra mile to ensure that our students learned what they needed to know in order to keep their grades up. Without them, we would have had no band to perform at halftime or at contests.

We would like to extend a special “Thank You” to...

All the parents who helped construct our tree props for the 2013 marching show. The trees turned out fantastic, and your countless hours and dedication to our students’ success is truly appreciated. The show would never have come together without your contribution.

Everyone who helped move pit equipment and our front sideline panels before each performance. You were willing to give up watching your students so we could have everything set up within the time limit. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Our logistics team, who gave up their weekends to travel with us to every away game and contest, picked up and dropped off the equipment trucks, arrived early to help load, and stayed late to unload. You made taking our show on the road a breeze throughout the entire season.

Our chaperones, who traveled with us to assist with anything and everything on all of our out-of-town trips, as well as being around to help out at home games.

All parents who were responsible for feeding the band, from those who helped make what the kids jokingly refer to as “bandwiches” for away games to the families who provided and helped serve the fantastic meals we had on our contest days. We’re definitely one of the best fed bands in Texas!

The Uniform Team, and everyone else who pitched in to help organize and iron/steam uniforms throughout our extremely busy marching season.

Everyone who worked in the concession stands at some point this season. That income is absolutely indispensable to what we do, especially filling the scholarship fund for individual private lessons. You are making a huge impact each time you volunteer!

WHS Band Students Place in Coveted Region 20 All Region Orchestra



Corey Simmel, Colin Dacy, Victor Baez, Coral Langston

On Thursday, November 14th almost 400 students auditioned for one of the coveted All Region Orchestra positions in Region 20.

Corey Simmel, a Senior at WHS, earned first chair in the horn section for the second year in a row. This is his third year to make the orchestra. Corey has earned a position in Region and Area band for 3 years, and he earned a prestigious 4A All-State position as a sophomore and a 5A All-State position as a junior. Corey plays with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra which is comprised of the best student musicians in the North Texas area.

Colin Dacy, a Senior at WHS, earned fourth chair in the trumpet section. This is his first time to make the orchestra. Colin has earned a position in Region Band, Region Jazz, and Area Band for 3 years, and he earned a prestigious All-State position last year as a junior.

Victor Baez, a Junior at WHS, earned fifth chair in the horn section. This is his first year to make the orchestra. Victor has earned a position in Region Band for 2 years and Area Band last year as a sophomore.

Coral Langston, a Junior at WHS, earned third chair in the oboe section. This is her first year to make the orchestra. Coral has earned a position in Region Band for 2 years and Area Band last year as a sophomore.

Corey, Colin, Victor, and Coral are extremely talented, focused young adults and Waxahachie ISD, Waxahachie High School, and band directors Rich Armstrong, Justin Bell, and Paul Jaso are extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations Corey, Colin, Victor, and Coral!

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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.

COLOR GUARD

Wow!! What a great marching season! The colorguard out did themselves this year. They learned to work with different types of equipment other than the traditional flag and rifle including those amazing trees. Thank you, Mrs. Langston for all your hard work on the forest. We danced more than we ever have. It was exciting to see them grow as individuals as well as a team as they created the images of the Enchanted Forest.



Other parents and friends to the guard to thank for creating props, storage compartments, doing hair and make-up, just being there when we needed them, etc. are:

Ginger Kelly, Liz Wallace, Dr. Peggy Linqvist, Bobbie Jones, Teresa McGee, Mr. Shamel, Marla Phillips, Mary Schueller, Sandi Kelso, Catrina Rogers and Micaiah Armstrong.

As the marching season has ended we are now beginning work on the winter season. Rehearsals began the week before Thanksgiving with several new faces. We will begin working on the show promptly.

The winterguard will have their first show February 1st with championships being March 29th. There will be several shows in between including a WGI regional in March. As always we will join the drill team for their spring show as well as a few basketball games along the way. Keep watch for the schedule.



We would love to fill the stands with our terrific parents and friends. Thank you in advance for the support!

...Denise Armstrong

Percussion News.....

Recently the Waxahachie HS Drumline competed in the Lonestar Classic Drumline Contest. It was held at Marcus HS and this was the group's first time to compete in this contest. The Drumline participated in the Silver Division 2 category, a division that consisted of 17 groups from all over the metroplex and the state. They finished in 7th place and received a trophy for their performance. Given the fact that this was the group's first time to compete at this contest, this was a very successful finish for the Waxahachie Drumline.



The group is now transitioning into concert band mode where they will begin to put together a percussion ensemble program in the spring. On May 17th the High School percussion program will be having their first Percussion Ensemble Concert. We will be performing all types of percussion literature; from orchestral literature to a Stomp-like piece; from chamber ensembles to rock charts. All percussionists in the cluster, 6th-12th graders, will be performing at this concert, and it will be a very entertaining performance. We will also be having Bill Bachman as our guest performer for the concert. In the world of percussion, Bill Bachman needs no introduction. He is not only a prolific author, world class performer, clinician and educator, but also an inventor and touring/recording drumset artist. We look forward to having him and we look forward to putting on an incredible performance.

.....Paul Jaso



Spirit of Waxahachie Indian Band

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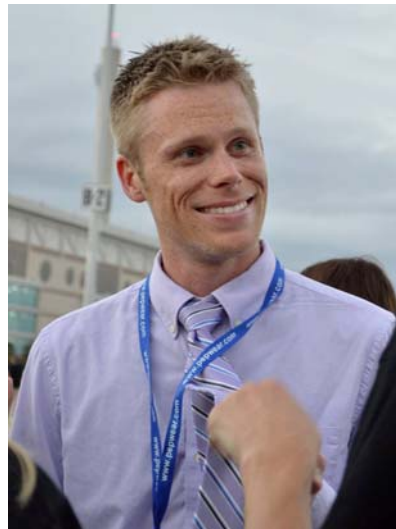
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FRIDAY



NIGHT?



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WHS Band News

From the desk of

Ryan DeLaGarza.....

Finley News for November

Thank you to those parents who helped chaperone the All-Region contest! The Finley Band was very successful at this event placing 25 students in the band. The following students placed in the TMEA Region 20 All-Region Band:

Sophia Arevaldo, Flute, 4th Chair Symphonic
Nayeli Cruz, Flute, 6th Chair, Concert
Olivia Elerson, Flute, 1st Chair Honors
Becky Garcia, Flute, 6th Chair Honors
Lilly Lawler, Flute, 1st Chair Alternate

Laura Sanchez, Flute, 6th Chair, Symphonic
Luise Hauptmann, Oboe, 1st Chair Symphonic
Victoria Alvarez, Bb Clarinet, 2nd Chair Symph
McKenna Sanders, Bb Clarinet, 1st Chair Concert
Emmeline Bearden, Bass Clarinet, 2nd Chair
Symph
Jakob Frye, Bassoon, 1st Chair Honors
Collin Cooper, Alto Sax, 1st Chair Honors

Jeremy Lee, Alto Sax, 1st Chair Alternate
Erica Morrow, Alto Sax, 5th Chair Symphonic
Roger Cloud, Trumpet, 4th Chair Honors
Pete Garcia, Trumpet, 7th Chair Concert
Gavyn Yarbrough, Trumpet, 4th Chair Concert
Jazmin Smallwood, French Horn, 3rd Chair
Symph

Austin Smithey, French Horn, 1st Chair Honors
Joseph Burk, Tenor Trombone, 2nd Chair Symph
Robert Geitzen, Tenor Trombone, 1st Ch Symph

Caleb Duke, Percussion, 8th Chair Concert
James Merritt, Percussion, 3rd Chair Honors
Joey Moon, Percussion, 7th Chair Concert
Lillian Salvador, Percussion, 1st Chair Alternate

Students who earned a chair in the Region Band will attend the clinic/concert which will take place on December 6-7 at Duncanville High School. We will provide pizza before we leave Finley on Friday and we will buy lunch for the students on Saturday. Bus transportation will be provided to and from Duncanville on Friday and to Duncanville on Saturday. **You will need to take your student home after the concert on Saturday Night.** We will provide lunch on Saturday for the All-Region players at Vera Cruz in Cedar Hill. Students will be able to choose from a menu before we get to the restaurant.

We will be checking out the tuxedos to the students in Symphonic I and II. The uniform parts consist of a dress shirt, tux pants, a cummerbund, and a bowtie. These uniforms have been provided by the band boosters and are property of the band and they are checked out to the students free of charge. We ask that all parts be dry-cleaned after each use and kept on a hanger in a clean dry place. Thanks for your help with this it helps keep the uniform cost down for parents.

Our Holiday Concert is on Tuesday, December 10th at the High School Fine Arts Center at 7:00PM and we will be featuring all the bands at Finley. The 7th and 8th graders will play first and the beginners will play last. There will be some after school rehearsals on Monday December 2nd and on Monday December 9th from 4-5PM for the beginners to prepare for this concert. Both rehearsals will be at the FJH Band Hall. The beginners will wear nice dress clothes for the concert. Please no athletic shoes, blue jeans, or t-shirts for this formal concert.

The Beginner Band has started taking their first chair tests! Make sure that you are listening to your child prepare their chair test line at home. Chair tests are assigned every Wednesday, and taken every Friday.

If you have any questions regarding this information please call the Finley Band Hall or e-mail the directors.

Thanks

Ryan DeLaGarza and Kendra Ray

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From the desk of

Dan Francis.....

Howard News for November

We have a new Howard Band website howardband.org with several new features. The website includes a page on Pinterest that has several clips of great instrumentalists as well as great information on instrumental pedagogy. The new website is blog-based making it easier for students to navigate at use. It has all the features of the old website including private lesson teacher contact information, links to professional organization websites, and our handout downloads page. On the download page students can find any hand-out in their binder a print it off. We also have a calendar on the website that parents and students can subscribe to by adding a subscribed calendar to their phone's calendar. This is a great feature because if there are updates to the calendar they are edited automatically. Instructions to sync your phone to the calendar are found here: <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsyncinst.asp>

The Symphonic I and II bands just finished the All-Region Try-Outs which occurred on November 15-16 at Kennemer Middle School in Duncanville. Howard has 31 Region Band members this year. We are very proud of our results this year **almost tripling the number we had last year**. Region 20 is a very large musically competitive group of schools. Each Student has a one hour section rehearsal and a twenty minute listening every week since August in preparation for this event. Our student who made the All-Region Band are as follows:

Cheyenne Mc Clung, Flute 5 th Chair Concert	Makayla Davis, Horn, 7 th Chair Honors
Blayke Deere, Bassoon, Alternate	Callie Morgan, Horn, Alternate
Natali Arvizu, Clarinet 16 th Chair Concert	Madison Nesmith, Horn, 6 th Chair Symphonic
Darius Bowen, Clarinet 7 th Chair Concert	Megan Lambert, Trombone, 4 th Chair Honors
Dominique Guerrero, Clarinet 7 th Chair Concert	Justin McBride, Trombone, 7 th Chair Symphonic
Aleyna Lehew, Clarinet 13 th Chair Honors	Brayden Moore, Trombone, 5 th Chair Honors
Alexandra Lopez, Clarinet 4 th Chair Concert	Felipe Gonzalez, Tuba, 5 th Chair Symphonic
Stephanie Otero, Clarinet 7 th Chair Honors	Austin Haynes, Tuba, 5 th Chair Concert
Caitlin Johnson, Bass Clarinet Concert	James Mechelay, Tuba, 3 rd Chair Concert
Braxton Moon, Bass Clarinet Concert	Elijah Armstrong, Percussion, Alternate
Nour Muwaquet, Tenor Sax, 2nd Chair Concert	Audrey Holder, Percussion, 4 th Chair Concert
Brady Moon, Baritone Saxophone, Alternate	Reed Laviolette, Percussion, 1 st Chair Honors
Emma Cook, Trumpet, 7 th Chair Honors	Joshua Manning, Percussion, Alternate
Jaron Curry, Trumpet, 8 th Chair Concert	Meredith Pelt, Percussion, 6 th Chair Symphonic
Abigail Ensinia, Trumpet, 6 th Chair Symphonic	Colton Vowell, Percussion, 2 nd Chair Concert
Amanda Siple, Trumpet, Alternate	

Beginning band students are working on mastering the music alphabet letters A-G. They are memorizing the music letter names forward and backwards sequentially and starting on different letters. We are also working on music theory and learning how to put together instruments properly. Parents need to supervise the maintenance process at the beginning so that they do not damage to their instruments. Clarinets and Oboes need to use cork grease to prevent wear to brand new corks. Brass players need to use valve oil and slide grease to help prevent wear to the valves. Their first concert together as a band will be the Holiday Concert on December 17th. There will be more information to follow regarding extra rehearsals for this concert later.

WHS Mock Audition Schedule

Monday-Dec. 2

4:00-6:30	Trumpets
6:30-7:00	Oboes
7:00-7:45	Bass Clarinets

Tuesday-Dec. 3

4:00-5:30	Flutes
5:30-7:00	Clarinets

Wednesday-Dec. 4

4:00-5:15	Saxes
5:15-6:00	Bassoons

Thursday-Dec. 5

4:00-6:00	Percussion
6:00-7:00	Trombone

Monday-Dec. 9

4:00-5:00	Baritone
5:00-6:00	Tuba
6:00-7:00	Horn
7:00-7:30	Bass Trombones

Upcoming Events

WHS Jazz Concert – Thursday, November 21 @ 7:00 pm in the WHS PAC

\$7 at the door or \$5 for students

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band Auditions – December 2-9, after school @ WHS

This event will serve as a mock audition for Region Band as well as a partial indicator of band placement for the spring semester. Students who want to be in the Wind Ensemble or the Symphonic Band in the spring semester are required to audition but are not guaranteed a position in either of the top two ensembles.

All-Region Band Auditions – Friday & Saturday, December 13 & 14 @ Duncanville HS

A HUGE thank you to every parent that has volunteered their time as a chaperone this season! You've given up almost your entire weekend to ride buses and walk miles. You've moved panels/wagons/flags/instruments in all sorts of weather; bandaged, iced, consoled, hydrated, and cheered wildly as our amazing band kids have marched their way to state. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for supporting the band.

—Jeni Obel, Head Chaperone

Ginger Kelley
 Catrina Rogers
 Mary Schueler
 Liz Wallace
 Lori McGlothlin
 Chris Speigner
 Nena Speigner
 Marla Phillips
 David Allelo
 Jennifer Dacy
 Jennifer Summers
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A HUGE Thank You to all who helped with Jr. High Concessions

....special thanks to Donnie & Tina Fisher

.....Bobbie Jones, Jr High

Concession Manager
 AVP Fundraising

November Meetings

Booster Meeting

November 11

WHS Band Hall

December Meetings

Booster Meeting

December 2

WHS Band Hall

Promotions and Advertising:

The 2013 band member poster list is up in the band hall and will be attached to the link on the Spirit of Waxahachie web page soon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, some band member posters were not ready to be displayed and have an asterisk instead of a poster location. I will update the list as soon as possible. Please remember, the posters are displayed where the business allows so some may not be in a front window. Also, if you visit the business where your poster is and you do not see it please let me know. At the end of marching season (approximately Nov 11th) the poster is yours to keep. Many thanks to Sue Allelo, Sandy Hernandez, Lori McGlothlin, Mary Schueller, and Liz Wallace for their help with the posters.

.....Allison Hugdahl AVP Promotions and Advertising

All Region Audition Schedule

Friday Night: Oboe, E. Horn, Bassoon, All clarinets EXCEPT




Soprano, All Saxophones, Tenor and Bass Trombones, Euphonium, Tuba

Saturday: Flute, Soprano Clarinet, Trumpets, Horn, Percussion



November 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Red Oak 	2
3	4	5	6 	7 Bonfire	8 Ennis—Senior Night 	9 Lone Star Drumline -Marcus HS
10	11 Booster Mtg 7PM	12	13	14 Region Orchestra	15 Band Party	16
17	18 City Council Mtg	19 Orchestra Rehearsal	20	21 Jazz Concert—FAC	22 Jazz Band @ Festival of Trees PLAYOFF GAME	23 Orchestra Clinic and Concert
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
- - - - - Thanksgiving Break - - - - -						

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Waxahachie Christmas Parade

December 7, 2013

- * 9:00 Meet at Cleaners (full Uniform w/hat)
- * 10:00 Parade Start
- * 11:00 Parade End



....From Communications AVP, Paige Gordon

And a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to **Scott Dorsett** and the **Waxahachie Daily Light** for their faithful coverage and promotion of the Spirit of Waxahachie Band this and every Marching Season. After sending Mr. Dorsett a personal thank you for all he did to help promote and cover the band this year, the following was his note to me and to ALL of the Band, Directors and Parents.....

"The community needs to know just how much effort goes into making it this far in the state competition, and the kids and parents need to be reminded that it's the journey that defines you, not the destination.

I couldn't be more proud of a group of kids, parents and leaders than I have been with the Spirit of Waxahachie Marching Band. I sort of backed into covering them because they were part of the football program, but it became quiet obvious, even to my untrained eye, that these kids were setting the bar for respect and success, more so than any other group I've covered. As I've gotten older, its become easier for me to define the groups I cover with one word. Often times, it takes many words to appropriately define each of these groups of kids, and rightfully so, but for the Spirit of Waxahachie Band, that one word was 'grace'.

Everything they did, and all who were associated with them, seemed to be defined by that word. That comes from two things, outstanding parenting and unquestionable leadership.

Many thanks to you and to the other selfless parents who gave so 'gracefully', and let me tag along. It was a wonderful story, and one that will be repeated for many years." - Scott Dorsett

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Jr High Region Clinic/Concert
8	9	10 Finley Holiday Concert	11	12 5th Grade Band Visits	13	14 HS All Region Auditions
15	16	17 Howard Holiday Concert	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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