

General Notes

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WHS To Host OMEA Event

School Prepares For Thousands of Band & Choir Students At Two-Day Event

On Friday and Saturday, March 17 & 18, Wooster High School will host the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District 6 Band & Chorus Adjudicated Event. An estimated 3000-plus students will take part in the two-day event.

You may be familiar with the term OMEA Band and Chorus "Contest", however, the term has been dropped this year in favor of "Adjudicated Events", a label designed to emphasize the non-competitive spirit of the festival. The structure of the event has not changed with the change in name. Termed "Contest" since its inception, the event has evolved into a performance festival where bands do not compete *against* one another, rather they are judged by a panel of experts and are held up against an accepted standard of excellence. Bands and Choirs who are judged "Superior" are eligible to participate in OMEA's State Band & Chorus Adjudicated Event.

The move to our new facility on Oldman Road made the idea of hosting an event such as this a reality. The layout of our building will be ideal for the large numbers of performers that will inhabit our halls and performance stages. Almost the entire school will be utilized immediately following school on Friday until late in the evening and all day on Saturday.

In addition to the chance to show what gracious hosts we can be, we will also reap the benefits of profits for our Music Department from concessions throughout the event. And, of course, our bands and choirs will be participating, and we hope that a large audience will be on hand for all our performances. This is also an excellent opportunity for music lovers to stop in throughout the two-day event and listen to fine musicians from schools in our area and surrounding counties.

Parents and students will be asked to volunteer much of their time for the successful operation of this event. If you are contacted, please consider making an effort to contribute to this worthwhile educational experience. Hosting an OMEA sanctioned event is a large undertaking with much responsibility. Your help will be needed in making it a success.

Wooster High School Musicians Prepare For Annual OMEA Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Events

The Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event will be held this year at Smithville High School on Saturday, February 18. Many of our band, orchestra, and chorus students will be participating.

Students may participate in several ways. They may prepare a solo on their instrument or voice, or they may participate in any number of ensembles – from duets to large choirs of instruments or voices – all for critique and a rating.

The music department feels strongly that this is a very valuable learning experience for any music student, and we encourage every student to participate. The technical and musical gains from this activity are unmatched.

We wish the very best to all performing, and we strongly encourage everyone to stop over to Smithville High School and be an audience for these fine student musicians.



Bye Bye Birdie!

Auditions for the Spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie* are being held January 31 - February 3. At the time of this article, the pit orchestra was being selected.

Slated for April 28, 29, & 30, the hit Broadway musical is one of the most performed of all musical stage productions. Its lively music & dance selections, charming story and engaging comic dialogue make it a must-see.

Under the direction of Todd Patterson and Rick Stork, with musical directors Dan Adams and Joyce Mason, and choreographer Stephanie Musselman, *Bye Bye Birdie* will be presented as the first musical in the perfect setting of the new Wooster High School Performing Arts Center.

WHS Orchestra Prepares For State OMEA Event

On February 24 or 25 the Wooster High School Orchestra will travel to Port Clinton High School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association State Orchestra Adjudicated Event.

String students are currently preparing for the event during their 1st period Orchestra class. They will perform three selections for three judges and also sight-read a piece of music for a third judge. A rating is given by each adjudicator which goes together to supply the final rating. The orchestra will play one piece for string orchestra, however, the other two pieces will be for full orchestra – including winds and percussion. Wind and percussion players are selected from the Symphonic Band and rehearse with the strings at after-school practices prior to the event day.

We wish the very best to the Orchestra for a fine performance. The High School Orchestra will present a concert prior to the event in the WHS Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, February 22 with the Edgewood Orchestra. Please try to attend.

Annual Concert Band Festival

The Concert Band Festival, hosted by Doug Bennett and the Wooster High School Concert Band is set for Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 PM. The annual event will take on a slightly different shape this year. Rather than performing in the Gymnasium, the invited bands will play on stage in the Performing Arts Center.

Triway High School Symphonic Band and Washington High School Symphonic Band will join Wooster's ensemble in receiving comments from three guest adjudicators: Elaine Ostrander of Danville, Nancy Ditmer of the College of Wooster, and R. Chris Hall from Perry Local Schools. The event will serve as a warm-up to the OMEA district Adjudicated event in March.



Fruit Pick-Up

All orders from the Music Department Citrus Sale must be picked up at Buehlers Warehouse on Old Mansfield Road on either of these two nights:

Feb. 13

5:00-9:00 PM

Feb. 14

4:00-6:30 PM

C.O.W.~HS Concert

February 27 at 7:30 PM in the Wooster High School Performing Arts Center, the Wooster High School Symphonic Band will perform a concert with the College of Wooster Scot Symphonic Band, Nancy Ditmer, director.

The High School will present selections from its forthcoming performance at the OMEA District Band Adjudicated Event to be held at Wooster High School. The College ensemble will play for half of the concert, and the ensembles will combine for the finale.

Ditmer gladly accepted the invitation from High School director Dan Adams and is looking forward to performing in the fine acoustical surroundings of the new Performing Arts Center. Please do not miss this exceptional musical opportunity on February 27.

Faculty Recital

The Music Faculty of the Wooster City Schools will present its first ever Faculty Recital on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 PM in the WHS Performing Arts Center.

Highlighted will be performances from faculty members including Daniel Adams, Dennis and Jenny Bartelheim, Douglas Bennett, Tom and Kim Long, Joyce Mason, Cindy Shipman, and James Weiser.

We strongly encourage all students to be present at this concert as well as parents and community.

Pancake Breakfast

February 26

8:30 AM ~ 1:30 PM

WHS Commons



Take Note



Here's what's happening in the Wooster High School Music Department

February 7	7:30 PM	Music Parents Meeting
February 8	6:30 PM	WHS Concert Band Festival
February 13, 14	See above	Citrus Sale Order Pick-Up
February 18	All Day	Solo & Ensemble at Smithville H.S.
February 22	7:30 PM	WHS/Edgewood Orchestra Concert
February 24/25	TBA	OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event
February 26	8:30-2:00 PM	Music Parents Pancake Breakfast
February 27	7:30 PM	WHS & Scot Symphonic Bands In Concert
March 14	7:30 PM	WHS/Edgewood Chorus Concert
March 17, 18	All Day	WHS Hosts OMEA District Bands & Choirs
March 28	7:30 PM	Wooster City Schools Music Faculty Recital

We hope that you'll find the time in your busy schedule to help support music in the Wooster City Schools by attending as many of these events as possible. For more information concerning any of the above events, please call the High School Music Office at 216-345-8602.



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Thank you for your continued support of music education in our schools!