

General Notes

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Marching Band Season Ends On High Note

The Wooster High School Marching Band concluded another successful season on November 1 at the Orrville football game.

Highlights of the year included performances in the Bicentennial Parade, Fair Day, the Tiger Swing Band Review and 10 halftime shows at weekly football games.

The annual Marching Band Concert was held in the final week of practice and was well attended. The appreciative audience enjoyed music of the entire football season. Selections included jazz, disco, music of John Williams, and James Bond movie music.

Special recognition goes to Senior members in the band who performed for the last time at Follis Field. The Orrville game featured music selected by the Seniors as well as marching routines charted by several members of the band.

Now students look ahead to a busy concert season that will challenge them in new ways, however, they carry with them many fond memories of the Marching Band and the rewards of hard work and long hours.



Solo and Ensemble

Students, now is the time to begin thinking of what solo you plan to take to the 1997 Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event.

This year's event will be held at nearby Northwestern High School on Saturday, February 15.

While ensembles will begin forming surrounding the holiday break, students should begin planning now for what solo they would like to take to this highly beneficial event. If a student is studying privately, a solo at Solo & Ensemble is a natural outgrowth of lessons. Students should inquire with their private teachers as to what music is available at their current level.

In addition, students should contact one of the High School directors to verify that a given solo is actually "on the list". OMEA publishes a list of pieces from which students must select. Pieces that do not appear on the list are not an option for Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event.

It should be noted that the music staff at Wooster High School feels very strongly about the rewards that participation – as a soloist or ensemble member – can bring to all young musicians. We want to be of any assistance in making it possible for every student to participate.

Enrollment Rises Again This Year ~ So Does Need For Additional Band

We are very excited that this year Freshman Band is now offered at Wooster High School.

With an increase in enrollment in the band program over the past 6 years, it has become necessary to split our students three ways rather than into the traditional two bands.

All 220 students met 5th periods for band in the fall (for marching season). After football was over, the process of dividing the students into the three groups began. Freshman students now meet 2nd period each day. The 10-12 Graders all still meet 5th period but will soon be split into the traditional Concert and Symphonic Bands following results of auditions.

Freshman Band members are also required to perform an audition, however, theirs is merely for seating assignments within the group. In addition, 9th Graders may perform a second audition for acceptance into Symphonic Band. This is designed so that students with accelerated levels of ability may be placed in an ensemble that better meets their needs.

The instrumental music staff put much thought into how we may best serve the needs of our program through the addition of a third group. The enrollment in the ensembles became too large to continue as in the past. Consideration was given to three bands with open auditions into any group. However, this idea posed many problems with ensemble balance, scheduling, and facility constraints. In addition – and even more importantly – it would have resulted in a "Good Band, Bad Band, Worse Band" scenario; a situation that benefits no one.

The need for three bands this year has added some challenges to our "traditional" ways of thinking. However, the growing numbers of students becoming involved with our music program is indeed worth any growing pains we may encounter.

Big Plans For Vocal Music Students

The Wooster High School Vocal Music Department has some big plans for this year. With increased numbers, there is a need to outfit the students with additional choir robes. Fund-raisers are underway for the purchase of the robes. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Not only do the students have new robes on their minds, but they also have their sights set on an educational trip to Washington, D.C. this spring. Your assistance with these worthy endeavors is what helps to make our music program roll along so smoothly. We thank you for your continued support.



Rental Fees



**Don't
Be Late!**

Please remember that all students who use a school instrument are responsible for a rental fee of \$3.00 per month. This fee needs to be paid by the end of the school year, however, it may be paid at any time throughout the year. Please make checks payable to Wooster City Schools. All money may be given to Mrs. Kunkler in the music office for proper forwarding. Thank you.



Take Note



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

December 1	5:00 PM	Carol Sing/Tree Lighting
December 4, 5	6:00-8:00 PM	Uniform Distribution
December 10	7:30 PM	HS/Edgewood Chorus Concert
December 16	7:30 PM	HS/Edgewood Orchestra Concert
January 8-9		Jazz Band Auditions
January 15	7:30 PM	Winter Band Concert
January 16		Citrus Sale Begins
February 4	8:00 PM	Music Parents Meeting
February 15		OMEA Solo & Ensemble
February 21-23		Production of "Brigadoon"

For more information concerning any of the above events, please call the High School Music Office at 216-345-8602.

WHS Orchestra Student Excels In Region Orchestra

Daryl Jentes, principal bassist with the Wooster High School Orchestra, was selected as 1st chair string bass for the Ohio Music Education Northeast Region Orchestra. His outstanding participation in this honor group will allow him to take part in the OMEA State Orchestra as well. Congratulations, Daryl!



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