

# General Notes Online!

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## Orchestra Tunes Up For State Event in Toledo

On Saturday, February 24 the Wooster High School Orchestra will travel to Toledo Whitmer 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 the event day.

We wish the very best to the Wooster High School Orchestra will present a Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, February 20 with the Edgewood Orchestra. Please try to attend.



chestra for a fine performance. The concert prior to the event in the Wooster High School Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, February 20 with the Edgewood Orchestra.

## Wooster High School Hosts OMEA Adjudicated Event

Students, Parents, Teachers Prepare For Thousands At Two-Day Music Event

On Friday and Saturday, March 16 & 17, Wooster High School will host the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District 6 Band & Chorus Adjudicated Event. An estimated 3000 students will take part in the two-day event.

Known to many as OMEA Band and Chorus “Contest”, the term was dropped a few years ago in favor of “Adjudicated Events”, a label designed to emphasize the non-competitive spirit of the festival. The structure of the event did not change 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 in May.

The layout of Wooster High School is 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 benefit of profits for our Music Department from concessions throughout the event.

And, of course, our band and choir students will be participating, and we hope that a large audience will be on hand for all our performances. The Concert Choir will sing in class “A”, the Freshman Band will play in class “C”, the Concert Band in class “B”, and the Symphonic Band in class “AA”. 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 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. Additionally, the form below is a great way for you to let us know that you would like to help. Hosting an OMEA sanctioned event is a large undertaking with much responsibility. Your help is needed to make it a success.

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 **Parents, We Need Your Help!**

Please return this form with your son or daughter to the Music Office. Thank You!

**“Yes, I would like to help at the OMEA Band & Choir Adjudicated Event on Friday or Saturday March 16 or 17!”**

Let us know of your interest – we’ll contact you with more info.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event Draws Near

The Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event will be held this year at Cloverleaf High School on Saturday, February 17. 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 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 by Cloverleaf High School and be an audience for these fine student musicians. Nothing helps more on performance day than an audience of supportive parents, friends and peers. Please plan to hear several solos and ensembles from Wooster High School as well as from other schools from within our district. You may just hear the next Yo Yo Ma!



## Annual Concert Band Festival In WHS Performing Arts Center

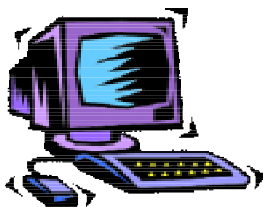
The Concert Band Festival, hosted by Doug Bennett and the Wooster High School Concert Band is set for Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM.

Brunswick High School Symphonic Winds and Concert Band, Fairless High School Wind Ensemble, and the Wooster High School Freshman Band will join Wooster's Concert Band in receiving comments from three guest adjudicators: Dr. William Guegold, of the University of Akron, Nancy Ditmer of the College of Wooster, and Bill Rasey of Frank Ohl Middle School in Austintown.

The event will serve as a warm-up to the OMEA district Adjudicated event in March. It is free and open to the public.

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## Take Note



What's happening in the Wooster High School Music Department

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| February 17   | <i>Solo &amp; Ensemble Adjudicated Event</i>         |
| February 20   | <i>Orchestra Concert</i>                             |
| February 22   | <i>Concert Band Festival</i>                         |
| February 24   | <i>State Orchestra Adjudicated Event</i>             |
| March 6       | <i>WHS Music Parents Meeting</i>                     |
| March 13      | <i>WHS Symphonic Band Concert</i>                    |
| March 14      | <i>WHS Choir Concert</i>                             |
| March 16 & 17 | <i>District 6 Band &amp; Choir Adjudicated Event</i> |

Thank you for your participation in the above events. Your involvement in our music program is what makes it so great!



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