

General Notes Online!

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New York City & Toronto Trips Draw Near

Plans are beginning to take shape for the two music trips planned for April 11th through 14th. The band recently learned of their invitation to perform the United States and Canadian national anthems for the Mets vs. Expos baseball game at Shea Stadium on April 12th.

The choir is firming up plans for their trip as well. The Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, and Jazz Choir will

all perform at the Toronto International Music Festival with choral expert Brainerd Blyden-Taylor as their clinician.

Please make plans for the final payment which is fast approaching. With profits from the recent Citrus Sale, students have added to their accounts. After profits have been figured, they will receive a reminder that includes their final amount.

The final NYC payment is due by February 20
The final Toronto payment is due by March 1

Wooster High School Hosts OMEA Adjudicated Event

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

On Friday and Saturday, March 8 & 9, 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 8 or 9!"

Let us know of your interest - we'll contact you with more info.

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event A Success

The Ohio Music Education Association Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event was held this year at Springfield High School on Saturday, January 26. Many of our band, orchestra, and chorus students participated. Students may participate in several ways at Solo & Ensemble. 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 gains from this activity are unmatched.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in this year's event. It was an extremely positive endeavor, and our students represented themselves and the school with the utmost class.

Symphonic Band Set To Perform At State Music Convention

The Wooster High School Symphonic Band has been honored with a special invitation to perform and represent Wooster High School and Wooster, Ohio. A distinguished panel of judges reviewed an audition tape from last year's Symphonic Band and selected the group (*along with only three other high school bands*) to perform at the **2002 Ohio Music Education Association State Professional Conference**. This is an annual three-day convention of music educators from throughout the state and will be held this year at the Cincinnati Convention Center.

The invitation to perform at the conference is truly a testament to the high level of music making our students are displaying, and also a comment on the quality of music education in the Wooster City Schools. If you are free on February 7th at 2:00 PM, please feel free to attend the performance - parents, friends, and guests are all invited to join the audience. Directions are available by contacting the Music Office.

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Take Note



What's happening in the Wooster High School Music Department

February 5 & 6	Citrus Pick-up
February 6 & 7	Symphonic Band at OMEA Conference
February 19	Orchestra Concert
February 21	Concert Band Festival
February 23	State Orchestra Adjudicated Event
February 28	WHS Choir Concert
March 8 & 9	District 6 Band & Choir Adjudicated Event
March 12	WHS Music Parents Meeting

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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