

General Notes



Fantastic Trip to Disney World

Band & Orchestra Students Represent Wooster With Style

There is just something special about Disney. Two hundred Wooster High School music students saw this first hand as they performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida this past Spring Break.

The long bus ride was quickly forgotten after arriving in the gorgeous Florida weather. Yes, there were incredible sights to see, great moments with friends and staff, and loads of fun. But the highlight for many was a Marching Band performance down Main Street USA in the Magic Kingdom.

String Orchestra members were treated to a special clinic given by the Disney staff. The "You're Instrumental" workshop thrust the students into a recording studio where they learned the importance of "getting it right the first time." With microphones perched clearly in front of them, they found themselves laying down a soundtrack to an animated Disney feature, complete with mood changes and timelines.

The students and staff would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all the parents and community members who made this trip possible. Your kind donations made this unforgettable experience a reality.

A trip such as this is not measured in dollars and cents but in the stories shared by students and the memories that will last forever.

Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2008-09 Instrumental Music Calendar



We need your help in making sure students are well informed of all their responsibilities over the coming year. In an attempt to make this as easy as possible, we have included with this newsletter the entire year's events in the Instrumental Music Department. Please go over this calendar with your son or daughter and check this with their other school activities and your family's activities. Please let us know of any concerns that you may have **as soon as possible**. This will make it much easier for us to resolve potential conflicts. Keeping open the lines of communication is what makes everything work smoothly. We've also included the Band Camp letter along with this mailing as well as a Concessions help letter and Orchestra Concessions letter. Please look these over carefully too. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a relaxing summer.

Wooster High School's choirs had a musically challenging and rewarding year. Concert Choir presented three public concerts and sang at our annual Quarter-an-Order dinner, Homecoming, and holiday programs for the school and the Rotary senior citizens dinner. Jazz Choir performed at seniors' residences, schools, community events and Jazz Night. Individual singers participated in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Event and sang the national anthem at various community and athletic events. Concert Choir made phone calls to sing "Happy Birthday" in a cappella four-part harmony to dozens of

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friends and relatives. Our vocal music program continues to be supported by the community. Area arts patrons have donated generously to our Sponsor-a-Song campaign. Music Parents have donated their time and talents to fundraising and organizing events.

Next year promises to challenge and delight our singers as they prepare, in addition to their normal performance schedule, for an exciting trip to Chicago in April. Women's Chorus will join Concert Choir on the course schedule for next year. Our singers will share inspiring words and tuneful harmonies with each other and their audiences. As they rise to new levels of musicianship, Wooster High School's Choirs can take pride in presenting the best of themselves and their school to the community and beyond.

Amy Gilbert, Director of Choirs



Pay-To-Participate... Financial Assistance Available

Recent budget cuts have resulted in many undesirable situations across the Wooster City School District. The addition of a \$100 Pay-To-Participate fee for Band, Orchestra, and Choir has created additional burdens for all families and hardships for many.

The WHS Music Parents Association is committed to helping all families needing assistance. They are determined to see that no WHS or EWMS student is excluded from a music class due to financial concerns.

Through the Wayne County Community Foundation, funds have been established to offer scholarships to those who need help. Don't let the fee keep you from signing up for a music class.



The 3rd Wooster High School Alumni Band & Reunion will be:
September 18th & 19th, 2008!

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Take Note

June 16 - 18 Flag/Majorette Camp	August 2 Squad Leader Workshop	August 6 Uniform Distribution	August 4-8 Rookie Band Camp	August 4-8 Percussion Camp	August 11-21 Full Band Camp Begins	September 5 First Home Football Game
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