

General Notes

What Does A New Year Have In Store For Us?

Among other things... an exciting trip to perform at Disney World!

Next spring break, over 200 WHS music students and parents will pack into buses for the journey to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Students will take part in such events as marching in a parade down Main Street, USA in Disney's Magic Kingdom; performing on a soundstage at the "You're Instrumental" Workshop; enjoying Blizzard Beach; taking in the sights at Disney's Animal Kingdom and Disney-MGM Studios; and much more.

Band and Orchestra students will receive information in August about the details of the trip, itinerary, costs, and all associated fundraisers. So, make sure to look for an important letter sent home. What an exciting experience awaits us!



Physical Education Waiver Information...

From Mrs. Jorney-Gifford: "Wooster students who complete two seasons of district-sponsored and approved interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading have the option of waiving the physical education requirement for graduation. Students will not receive credit for these activities; they still need all the required credits for graduation, including their elective credits. With this option, however, students may take other electives in the place of physical education. Any student committed to completing two seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading and would like to drop physical education from his/her schedule should register using the link titled PE Waiver under the Academics drop down menu at the WHS web page or contact Secretary Diane Lepley (330-988-1111 ext. 3400)."

Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2011-12 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 Chaperone assistance letter. Please look these over carefully too. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a relaxing summer.

Choir Year In Review

performed for the Rotary Seniors Holiday Dinner, and all three Choirs performed in their annual Holiday Concert with the Edgewood Choir in the PAC. January saw us continuing to build sight-singing skills, working on ambitious repertoire for our March OMEA Large Group Event and continuing with fundraising events for the D.C. trip. A few of our singers performed for the Solo and Ensemble Event in February and many of them performed solos and duets for the Fine Arts Festival in March. Thirty-eight students and parents traveled to D.C. and Baltimore in mid-April, performing at Union Station, the WWII Memorial and Eastern Market, seeing *West Side Story*, and learning from renowned conductor Thea Kano in a morning clinic. Jazz Choir performed at five elementary schools in the spring. Our Spring Sing featured love songs and lots of groovin' to the beat on stage. Students ended the year by individually composing and performing mini-songs to show off the vocal techniques, music theory and performing skills they accumulated during a full and fun year of singing.

Wooster's Choirs had an exciting year. Performances at Homecoming and our annual Quarter-an-Order Dinner got us off to an early start, then things got really busy as many of our singers rehearsed and performed *Bye Bye Birdie* in November. The Jazz Choir performed for various holiday events throughout the community. Concert Choir



Amy Gilbert, Director of Choirs

Pay-To-Participate... Financial Assistance Available

Past 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 Fund, 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.



Parents, we'll need your help with football concessions and also chaperoning band trips this fall. Send in the enclosed forms!

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 www.whsmusic.nvi.net

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Take Note 

July 30 Squad Leader Workshop	August 3 Uniform Distribution	August 1-5 Rookie Band Camp	August 1-5 Percussion Camp	August 8-19 Full Band Camp	August 22 First Day of School	August 26 First Football Game
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