

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 overhead, 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 2012-13 Instrumental Music Calendar



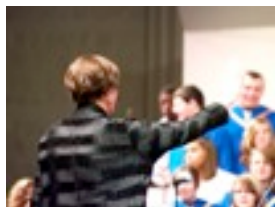
We need your help in making sure students are well informed of all their responsibilities over the coming year. In an attempt to make this as easy as possible, we have included with this newsletter the entire year's events in the Instrumental Music Department. Please go over this calendar with your son 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 form and Chaperone Assistance form. Please look these over carefully and consider ways in which you can help. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a relaxing summer.

Wooster High School's choirs enjoyed a full year of learning, performing, and team-building. Performances included Homecoming, the Quarter-an-Order Dinner, the Rotary Seniors' Holiday Event, our own Holiday Concert, clinics with Dr. Lisa Wong of the COW and Charles Snyder from the All-Ohio State Fair Youth Choir, the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event, Jazz Night, a joint production with our video class and science club for an Earth Day video, Jazz Choir performances at Nick Amster workshop and several community events, our Spring Sing in the PAC and the finale by our senior members performed at Commencement. Next year promises to be an exciting one, with a new vocal conductor coming on board, ready and willing to work with our wonderful singers.

Choir Year In Review

On a personal note, this is one more opportunity for me to thank all of the generous volunteers who have donated so generously of their time to keep our program running smoothly. Terri Lynn Brosseau was our Vocal Vice President on the Music Parents Assn. Board. Carole Labuza co-chaired the Pancake Breakfast and chaired, all by herself, our Quarter-an-Order Dinner and the care and assignment of our choir robes. Cally King helped produce our very effective Sponsor-a-Song brochure, which raised this year, thanks to our many large and small donors, an all-time record amount of over \$3000. That money helps us provide scholarships for private lessons, to hire clinicians, and to buy new equipment and repertoire. Sue Chapman organized and hosted two beautiful after-concert receptions. Many of you helped out with refreshments for those receptions and acted as chaperones during our events. Many of you, including band and orchestra parents, who sat on the Music Parents Board and volunteered at football games and at fundraisers to make our trips possible.

This Choir Director will be moving on to new challenges and joys, grand-parenting in Chicago and in Bogotá, Colombia, learning Spanish, making music of one kind or another, volunteering in my new communities, continuing to stay in touch with old friends and, hopefully, former students and colleagues. I have been blessed for twelve years with talented and hard-working singers, with generous parents, administration and community members, and with colleagues whose merits are many and whose support has been constant. It has been a joy to make music and to teach here in Wooster. I look forward to hearing great things about the future development of the choral program and I hope to be back here, sitting in the PAC for the occasional performance, enjoying the present moment and many, many past ones, moments of artistic accomplishment and exquisite beauty created by our amazing students. Thank you, each and every one of you. May you go from strength to strength.



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.



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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Take Note

June 11 - 14 Flag/Majorette Camp	July 28 Squad Leader Workshop	July 30-Aug 3 Rookie Band Camp	July 30-Aug 3 Percussion Camp	August 1 Uniform Distribution	August 6-17 Full Band Camp	August 24 First Football Game
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