

General Notes

Music Students Tour Five European Countries

An experience of a lifetime... A life-changing experience

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Wooster High School band and orchestra students will travel to Europe this summer as part of the American Music Abroad program. This month WHS instrumentalists will perform throughout Europe with a concert band and string orchestra comprised of musicians from throughout Ohio.

Selected by nomination and audition, students from Wooster combine with students from Cleveland and Columbus area schools to comprise a band and string ensemble that will perform as well as take in many historical and cultural experiences. "This is a life changing experience," says Adams. "Touring Europe is in itself a great opportunity. Traveling as a musician and sharing with people from another country is extraordinary."

Prior to the trip, they will have three days of intensive rehearsals at the College of Wooster followed by a farewell concert. The students will perform in public venues and historic concert halls as they travel through Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic.

We wish them all the very best. They will be fine ambassadors of American music and of Wooster, Ohio.



Parents and Students, Carefully Study The Enclosed 2015-16 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.

This past spring, the WHS Concert Choir and Women's Chorus traveled to New York City. The overnight bus ride brought them into NYC during a beautiful sunrise and they began their hike through the concrete jungle. Throughout their trip, 43 students and 8 chaperones enjoyed tours of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, and watching the filming of NBC's Today Show. They performed at the Central Park Bandshell Plaza and participated in the *Broadway Making Music* Clinic with professional Broadway performers.

Choir Year In Review



They also attended an electrifying performance of *Wicked* at the Gershwin Theatre. A waterfront day cruise and a night viewing on the Rockefeller Center Observation Deck rounded out the exciting trip. A number of students and chaperones had never visited the Big Apple, and it is safe to say that many of them would return to continue their thrilling adventure in the city that never sleeps.

The Vocal Music Department enjoyed a very exciting year! We reintroduced the Women's Chorus back into the department. With five ensembles, the choir program is looking to grow in numbers next year and after three regularly scheduled concerts, each ensemble excelled with hard work and dedication from its singers. Several singers performed at OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event in January, the Concert Choir performed at Tri-County Festival of Chors in February, and in March, the Women's Chorus and Concert Choir traveled to Revere High School for OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event. After the Concert Choir's Superior rating, they continued on to the State level and received an impressive Excellent rating. In May the choirs received a visit from Dr. Marie Bucoy-Calavan, the Director of Choral Studies at The University of Akron, and her singers. They performed for the choirs and in return, our choirs performed for them. It was a very full, but successful year for Vocal Music.

Private Study

The music department feels very strongly about the importance of private study as an integral part of developing the student's progress on their instrument. The one-on-one relationship available in a private lesson allows for more individual attention than is permitted in a large group rehearsal. Students can concentrate on their own unique playing problems, improving on areas in which they are weak, and progress at their own rate. This individualized instruction can provide a better chance to master your own instrument, as well as maintain the quality of our program. If interested in private lessons, please see the directors for assistance in locating a qualified teacher.

NOTE: The WHS Music Parents Association has a scholarship fund available to assist with private lesson costs. Ask a music teacher or visit the music department web site for an application.



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 22-25 Flag/Majorette Camp	July 25 Squad Leader Workshop	July 27-31 Rookie Band Camp	July 27-31 Percussion Camp	July 29 Uniform Distribution	August 3-14 Full Band Camp	August 28 First Football Game
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