

General Notes

A Publication of the Wooster High School Music Department

Wooster High School Hosts OMEA Adjudicated Event

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

On Friday and Saturday, March 14 & 15, 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 several 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 Termed "Contest" since its inception, the event has evolved into a performance festival where bands do not compete against

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one another, rather they are judged by a panel of experts and are held up against an accepted standard of excellence. Bands and Chorus who are judged "Superior" are eligible to participate in OMEA's State Band & Chorus Adjudicated Event in May.

District 6 is divided into two sites for large group events. Wooster will serve as the South site and Copley High School will host bands and choirs as the North site.

The layout of Wooster High School is ideal for the large numbers of performers that will inhabit our halls and performance stages. From classrooms, to the library, the gym, and the auditorium, 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 14 or 15!"

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, February 8. 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 this year. It was an extremely positive endeavor, and our students represented themselves and the school with the utmost class.

It's A Busy Time for WHS Choirs, Bands & Orchestra

Following a successful outing at Solo & Ensemble Adjudicated Event, it's now time for all of our ensembles to focus on several other performance opportunities.

The Orchestra is preparing for its concert with the Edgewood Orchestra on February 18. This serves as a chance for the High School Orchestra to perform the selections it will play for State Adjudicated Event on February 22 at Lakewood High School. Audiences are welcome.

During the same week, the Freshman Band and Concert Band will perform along side three guest schools at our own Concert Band Festival. This event is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 PM in the WHS Performing Arts Center. Again, audiences are welcome.

The Choirs are also preparing for their concert on March 6 in the Performing Arts Center. As part of this performance audience members will hear some of the selections the choir will perform at the upcoming Adjudicated Event held at Wooster High School.

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Take Note

What's happening in the Wooster High School Music Department

February 18	WHS Orchestra Concert
February 20	Concert Band Festival
February 22	State Orchestra Adjudicated Event
February 28	WHS Choir Concert
March 4	WHS Music Parents Meeting
March 11	WHS Symphonic Band Concert
March 14 & 15	District Band & Choir Adjudicated Event

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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