

# General Notes

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## GRAMMY® Award For WHS and Its Music Program

The GRAMMY® Foundation has announced that Wooster High School has been named as a GRAMMY® Signature School. Determined on the basis of a scoring system applied and critiqued by a panel of top music educators and professionals, Wooster High School is one of 50 public high schools from across the country to receive a certificate of recognition based on its high level of commitment to music education and a \$1,000 grant to benefit its music program. The GRAMMY® Signature Schools program is presented by 7-UP.

“Our GRAMMY® Signature Schools have done an outstanding job of maintaining and developing their arts and music programs, despite a challenging economic climate,” said Neil Portnow, President of The GRAMMY® Foundation and the Recording Academy. We applaud them for their commitment to music education, which makes a positive difference in the lives of young people while ensuring these vital programs do not become cultural casualties in their districts.”

“As a sponsor of the GRAMMY® Awards and The GRAMMY® Foundation's Signature Schools program, 7 UP is proud to honor these outstanding high schools that have exhibited a true commitment to music education,” said Mike McGrath, President of Dr Pepper/Seven Up, Inc. “Music is an integral part of our culture, and we fully support the Recording Academy's mission to provide music and arts education to all young people.”

Responding to the notification that Wooster High School is one of only 50 schools to receive this prestigious honor, Dan Adams stated, “Wooster's music program has a long tradition of excellence. Our community has continued to express its support for the arts in education, and students are encouraged to become a part of our arts oriented community both during school and after graduation. This award is truly a testament to the talents of our students as well as their commitment — a commitment shared and fostered by their parents and teachers.”

To begin the selection process, last September The GRAMMY® Foundation mailed applications to more than 20,000 public high schools from districts large and small, urban and rural, performing arts magnets and those with limited music budgets, requesting information about each school's music program. These applications then were submitted to an independent data compilation firm for processing. Upon request, 100 finalists were asked to submit additional documentation such as recordings of school concerts, sample concert programs, and repertoire that was then reviewed by an independent screening committee to determine the school's meriting Signature School status. For a complete list of 2003 GRAMMY® Signature Schools, please visit: [www.grammy.com/foundation/signature\\_schools.html](http://www.grammy.com/foundation/signature_schools.html).

## Parents and Students, Please Look Over The Enclosed 2003-04 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 Chaperone and Concessions help letter. Please look these over carefully too. We look forward to a fantastic school year. Until then, please enjoy a nice, relaxing summer.



## WHS Band Students To Tour Europe This Summer

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and more than twenty Wooster High School band students will travel to Europe this summer as part of the *American Music Abroad* program. From June 19 to July 5, WHS instrumentalists will perform throughout Europe with a concert band and choir made up of musicians from throughout Ohio.

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

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

## Hey, WHS Band Alumni, Dust Off Those Instruments!

On October 9th and 10th, 2003 the second-ever WHS Alumni Band and Reunion will take place at Wooster High School as part of Homecoming weekend. Back in 1993 the first Band Reunion took place at the old Wooster High School and Maurer Field. It was an exciting and nostalgic event that gave alumni a chance to meet again and play their instruments on the football field one more time.

The event planned for Homecoming 2003 is the 10th anniversary of the last get-together. Many of the same events are being planned, and we are hoping for another big turnout. One hundred and eighty ex-band members came back for the 1993 reunion. It made for an incredible sounding band and lots of fun. We are hoping for even more to join us for what promises to be the event of the decade!

• If you would like to help with uniform distributing in August, contact Val Buehler at 330-264-1985 •

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